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Local MRC Desperate for Citizen Volunteers
By Jean Perry

Climate change-driven storms, floods, natural disasters, disease, terrorism, bioterrorism... Indeed, we are living during times of uncertainty. When disaster strikes, two things are certain: people will need help, and people will want to help.

When we think of emergency response to disaster, we often think of some Hollywood depiction of rescuers pulling people to safety, medical professionals tending to the wounded, and police keeping order during potential chaos while we, the masses of civilians, run for our lives and look to those emergency responders for help. On the news, we see ubiquitous outside groups arrive seemingly from out of nowhere to hand out food and water in an orderly fashion with disaster victims finding shelter and warmth on the cots and in blankets made available to them. However, whether the magnitude of the emergency ranges in degree from winter storm with power outages to nuclear fallout, an organized and effective response will depend on the number of ordinary citizens that pledge to plant their boots on the ground when the you-know-what hits the proverbial fan.

After September 11, 2001, President George W. Bush in his 2002 State of the Union Address asked all Americans to serve as volunteers in support of the country. Soon after, the Medical Response Corps (MRC) was established.

Local MRC units operate at the community level with the purpose of recruiting and organizing citizen volunteers for reserve in the event of a disaster or emergency. Both medical and non-medical volunteers are essential, says Marion Public Health Nurse Kathleen Downey, one of the contact people for the Marion-Rochester unit of the Medical Reserve Corps.

“[The MRC] really is a community that’s taking care of its own community, so we need a wide variety of skills,” said Downey. “We need people who know logistics, people to direct traffic, greeters – we need people who can just treat other human beings with respect and help calm a difficult situation.”

When emergency shelters open up, the operation will need volunteers to provide child care, said Downey, “Because volunteers won’t come if they have to leave their children at home.”

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There is a role for anyone in an emergency. You don’t have to be a professional in any one field; however, there is a need for professionals in certain critical areas. The MRC needs practicing and retired health professionals like doctors, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, nursing assistants, veterinarians, and therapists of all kinds. Even students of medicine, nursing, and public health are essential to the functioning of the MRC. They also need health educators, epidemiologists, and other public health professionals.

There are other areas needing volunteers, too, the keep records, help with crowd control...

“It’s just a wide variety of needs,” said Downey.

The MRC welcomes the help of chaplains, interpreters, administrative assistants, and others who can help in the many other areas like assisting in recruiting and training, or participating in disaster drills in the community. Everyone has a role to play.

Volunteering is, of course, an act of generosity and selflessness, but there are indeed a number of personal benefits to signing up as an MRC volunteer. Say there is an outbreak of a deadly disease making its way across the region. As an MRC volunteer, you and your immediate family would be the first to receive a vaccine if there is one available. If someone in your family is injured, they will receive immediate attention. Furthermore, volunteers also receive opportunities for free training in CPR, basic first aid, incident command, risk communication, and some additional emergency preparedness courses are also available.

Volunteers are matched to specific tasks according to their ability or skill and given an identification badge that will clearly ID them as a volunteer. When an emergency does eventually strike, there is a plan already in place and ready for execution. Everyone knows where they need to be and what they need to do.

“If you can just think of a talent or a gift that you have that the community could benefit from, it’s highly likely that we need it,” said Downey. “Everybody’s got gifts to share.”

Those in Marion interested in hearing more about volunteering on the Marion-Rochester Medical Reserve
Corps may contact Public Health Nurse Kathleen Downey at 508-748-3530 or kdowney@marionma.gov. In Rochester, contact Marion-Rochester Regional Health Director Karen Walega at 508-763-5421 or kwalega@marionma.gov.

**Viewers Find Familiar Places in New Short Film**

**By Jean Perry**

There’s a new short film premiering this month by local University of Rhode Island film major Alyssa Botelho, and Tri-Town residents will recognize one particular local landmark that serves as the setting for the introduction of a short film that appears as to be as poignant as it is relevant to the times.

Based on a true story, *Junkie* is a short film about the struggles of addiction and the role of law enforcement in a community of broken people.

Botelho wrote and directed the film that she says is about addiction and one addict who “finds inspiration to change his lifestyle in the most unexpected of places.”

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Some time ago, Botelho’s family member who works in law enforcement told her a story that touched her deeply, prompting her to take the story and turn it into her first large-scale production.

“He was telling me about someone he had to arrest and that person opened up to him about his struggles with drug addiction on such an honest level,” Botelho told The Wanderer during a January 7 phone interview. “And I just thought that that was super cool and I wanted to make a film based on that.”

The title, Junkie, was chosen intentionally for its disparaging connotation.

“Choosing the derogatory term ‘junkie’ was actually a very particular choice on my part,” Botelho said. “It kind of goes in line with what the main message of the film is, and that message is that, in our everyday lives – even if we don’t consciously realize it – people struggling with drug addiction are seen as ‘junkies’. That’s how people view those struggling, as junkies – even if they don’t explicitly call them junkies.

“So my goal is to show that there is an actual human person behind that label and that maybe in our everyday lives we need to start thinking about and treating them as people who aren’t just that label,” said Botelho.

Mattapoisett is where the film begins; specifically, the well-known Mattapoisett Diner on Route 6, both inside and outside in the diner’s parking lot.
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“That’s where we really get to meet the characters, and the character dynamics really start there,” said Botelho.

The film, says Botelho, is a journey – one that the viewer will go through from beginning to end – that results in what she believes will be an eventual paradigm shift of how people view drug addiction and those that fall victim to it.

“At face value it’s so easy to say, oh, look at this worthless person… But the truth is, none of us really know what that person has gone through or who they are,” she said.

Junkie is by far, Botelho said, her biggest project so far. A graduate of Fairhaven High School and slated to graduate from URI this spring as a double major in film and business management, Botelho says Junkie is only the first of a succession of future projects. She’s got a taste for it now.

“This is definitely my biggest project so far,” she
said. “In terms of short films, this is the first legitimate one. It was crazy; it was so intense.”

Botelho undertook the whole process from start to finish, starting with screening and casting actors in New York to screening the film this upcoming Friday.

Fairhaven TV is sponsoring a free public screening of Junkie this Friday, January 10, at 7:00 pm in the auditorium of the Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven.

Botelho got herself a list of all the film festivals – domestic and international – and plans to submit Junkie to many of them that will take her efforts well into 2021. She said she would post the short film online as well later this year.

Hundreds ‘Plunge’ into the New Year
By Marilou Newell

The music was pumping, people were decked out in everything from a baby shark head to Captain America costumes, as well as a variety of holiday get-ups (think sparkling antlers and Santa hats) It was the 8th annual Freezin’ for a Reason New Year’s Day Polar Plunge.

The event has become the annual kick-off of a new year at Mattapoisett Town Beach. It is also an event that reveals the essence of what happens when a community comes together to help one another.

The crowd was one of the largest yet, and were coming out to support what organizers Will and Michelle
Michelle Huggins explained that the core reason for this fundraising event is to raise money for the unexpected costs associated with a cancer diagnosis. The event was born from their personal experience. After Will was diagnosed with cancer, and once the couple reconciled all that had taken place in their own lives, they reached out to the community for the benefit of others.

Huggins noted that everything from parking expenses at Boston medical facilities to grabbing a bite of lunch while in the city adds up after a while. People may struggle to make ends meet or simply to fill a gas tank for the trips to medical appointments.

“There are so many unexpected expenses,” she said. “We’ve been able to help about thirty families over the past eight years,” added Huggins.

Each year, however, they are never quite sure whether the New Year polar plunge will even take place. “Everything is donated from the music to the tent,” said Huggins. “Our friends and volunteers handle everything,” she explained. And for eight consecutive years, luckily everything has come together; families struggling to cover costs even for basic needs are helped.

The event has become a social media and word-of-mouth success. Huggins also thanked the local press for helping to get the word out.

With air and water temperatures both hovering around 40 degrees, the crowd was in full party mode as organizers announced, “Ready, set, go!” The young and the not-so-young shuffled forward from the water’s edge to take a quick dip or, for some, testing how long they could stay in the freezing saltwater. Joyous screams and laughter filled the air as prayer flags floated along strings hung from the lifeguard stand to the tent.

Inside the tent, everyone was welcomed to enjoy...
a free cup of coffee or hot chocolate, toss a donation in a bucket, or buy some homemade goodies. There were also “I Will” team t-shirts for sale. All the proceeds go into the kitty for the families that will be served.

As for the participants crowding around the bonfire or gathered in thick clusters all along the shore, the party atmosphere buoyed spirits battered by a cancer diagnosis.

One group of plungers was there in memory of a two-year-old family member; another for a mother, father, friend – most had been touched by cancer in some way, and all wanted to give their support.

Huggins said fundraising is a year-round activity for her and her team.

“We depend on word of mouth and our volunteers,” she said, and each year it grows. A Go-Fund-Me page is set up weeks before the event date, and participation in the plunge is not dependent on a set registration fee, but instead by whatever amount an individual wishes to give.

“We’re up to about $12,000,” Huggins said in a follow-up a few days after the 2020 event. And if everything works out, the 2021 event will be even bigger. The goal is to get as much cash as possible into the wallets of those facing the ultimate health challenge. Huggins emphasized, “One-hundred percent of all money donated goes directly to the families.”

Marion Reviews Route 6 Corridor Study
By Andrea Ray
Marion residents got their first glimpse of possible alterations to Route 6 on January 6, when the Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) brought the results of a long-term study to the public eye.

SRPEDD planner Jed Cornock began by explaining some of the biggest concerns that SRPEDD planners found within the Route 6 corridor, specifically the section of Route 6 which travels from Fairhaven through Mattapoisett to Marion and into Wareham.

According to SRPEDD estimations, 10,000 to 15,000 vehicles travel Route 6 every day, at an average...
Amongst the biggest safety concerns, Cornock noted, were narrow travel lanes, equally narrow shoulders, and unsafe roadway curves, as well as several intersections that lacked visibility. Cornock added that in Marion especially, Route 6 is only partially edged by sidewalks, making it difficult for bikers and pedestrians to traverse the corridor safely.

Cornock explained four different options that SRPEDD had devised to update Route 6. The first was to keep the four-lane road as it remained, but add a consistent sidewalk on both sides of the road throughout the entire Route 6 corridor from Wareham to Fairhaven. The sidewalk would be narrow, which means that more often than not, bicyclists would need to cycle on the main road alongside traffic.

The second would also keep a four-lane configuration, but would provide widened sidewalks on each side to accommodate both bicyclists and pedestrians as a shared-use path.

Alternative three, Cornock continued, would reduce Route 6 (or certain sections of Route 6) to two lanes, which would add space for both a pedestrian and a separate bike lane with a buffer between the two.

Alternative four would be identical, but without the buffers between the bicyclists and pedestrians.

For those in the audience who wondered why the alternatives all included bicycle and pedestrian speed of 45-50 miles per hour.
considerations, Cornock explained the reasoning.

“When taking money from MassDOT for road improvements, the plans require bicycle and pedestrian planning,” he said. “We can’t get the money without plans that provide for pedestrians and bicyclists.”

No matter which plan residents ultimately agree on, (and Cornock stressed that the plans could be customized if needed), there are certain changes that will come along, regardless.

“We’d like to change several intersections along Route 6 into T-shaped geometric intersections,” Cornock said, citing intersections like Spring Street and Converse Road in Marion. “We’d remove the islands and make them straight intersections to improve visibility and
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Marion Police Investigate Armed Home Invasion

Police Chief John Garcia reports that the Marion Police Department is investigating an armed home invasion in which the victims appeared to be targeted by a group of suspects.

Police do not believe there is a general danger to the public.

On Friday, January 3, at 11:48 pm, Marion Police received a 911 call requesting a police response to an apartment unit on Wareham Road. Upon arrival, officers located two adult males with visible injuries and wounds to their faces.

Emergency Medical Services were dispatched to the scene.

Officers began an investigation and determined that several armed masked men allegedly pushed their way into the apartment and ‘pistol whipped’ both men.

The victims reported four or five men were involved, and all the suspects were armed with handguns and were wearing gloves.

Once inside the apartment, the intruders seemed to be looking for something “specific,” the victims stated.

Police began a search, which included the assistance of a Plymouth County Sheriff K-9 unit, but no one was found.

One of the victims was transported to Tobey Hospital in Wareham with injuries that were not believed to be life-threatening. The other was treated at the scene but declined to be transported.

The incident is being investigated by the Marion Police Department and Plymouth County Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

Chief Garcia urges anyone with information about this incident to contact the department at 508-748-1212.
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Marion Hires New Student Officer
Marion Board of Selectmen
By Jean Perry

If you ask any police chief from any municipality across the nation if their police department is having increased difficulty recruiting and retaining police officers, they will likely echo the same emphatic response of Marion Police Chief John Garcia: “Oh yeah.”

The Marion Board of Selectmen held a special meeting on January 3 to allow Chief Garcia to secure himself a new student police officer to fill the patrol officer position left vacant by Scott Cowan, who resigned to join the Wareham Police Department.

Bourgault has been a special officer with the Marion Police Department since November 2018 and previously held a position in the Marion Harbormaster Department.

According to Garcia, Bourgault had to immediately schedule the pre-police academy fitness test the day after Christmas before he could be appointed in time for the January 6 start date for the academy. And with a 20-percent fitness test fail rate, they had to wait until after the exam to request the appointment.

“Pete had one shot at it,” said Garcia. If Cowan failed the test, it would have been a “no-go” for the academy, said Garcia.

Garcia said hiring student officers is a common practice for police departments, especially when they’ve already served as a part-time officer in the department.

“It’s nice when we promote from within because the person has worked with us and we know… who we’re getting,” Garcia said. “It’s going to help out a lot.”

Although Garcia is pleased to have filled the vacancy, he will again be looking to fill another position now that Officer Anthony DiCarlo resigned last Friday to start the police academy for the State Police.

“We’re trying something new,” said Garcia. Looking to cast his net more widely, Garcia is advertising the position on Policeapp.com in addition to the traditional posting of the position. “We’ve already seen… our applications double already.”

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was held on January 7 at 7:00 pm at the Marion Town House.

Marion Adds New Assistant TA Position
Marion Board of Selectmen
By Andrea Ray

Marion’s Finance Director Judy Mooney has earned a new title: assistant town administrator. Marion Town Administrator Jay McGrail announced the new position at the January 7 meeting of
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Mooney will not be giving up her position as finance director; her new title, according to McGrail, will be “finance director and assistant town administrator.”

“I want to thank Judy for everything she’s done,” McGrail said. “She’s been my right-hand person since I arrived here. When we started discussing the responsibilities of an assistant town administrator, I realized that the responsibilities are all things that she does already. Judy’s the person I want helping to run this town.”

His statement came just as Mooney arrived at the meeting, fresh from another meeting involving the search for a new school district superintendent. McGrail reported that he had initially put himself forward to serve on the search committee, but had come to realize that he had several meetings that conflicted with the search committee’s proposed meeting times.

“She put herself forward immediately, despite all of the other work that she does,” McGrail said. “As she always does.”

Mooney’s new title will be made official at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

The selectmen also discussed the proposal of a recreational marijuana retail store put forward at a previous meeting by Lighthouse Dispensary and Ericca Kennedy. While Kennedy had proposed that the retail marijuana facility take over the location of the former Christie’s gas station, Selectman Norm Hills pointed out that the location is not within the Limited Industrial District in town.

A bylaw passed by Marion voters in 2018 restricts any future recreational marijuana retailers to operate only within the Limited Industrial District.

“I think that would be a big problem,” Hills said. Fellow selectmen John Waterman and Randy Parker agreed with Hills.

In other matters, Marion residents will have the option of attending two public sessions, likely in mid-February, McGrail added.

The first, a “State of the Town Trash” session, would be held to update Marion residents on the current state of curbside pickup and trash collection. McGrail noted the myriad concerns of residents when Marion switched to curbside trash pickup.

“We’d like to let the public know how the curbside pickup is going, and listen to any concerns residents might have,” said McGrail. “I know some residents were concerned with how the Department of Public Works might be structured with the new trash pickup, and we can have [Department of Public Works Director] David Willett there to explain. We also know a lot more about the current situation and future of Benson Brook, and we can speak to that as well,” he added.

The second session involves a current affordable housing bylaw in Marion. The heads of the Marion Planning Board and Marion Affordable Housing Trust are planning to meet with all members of the Board of Selectmen, as well as Town Counsel Jon Witten, to discuss the future of the bylaw.

If a proposed 40B housing plan along Wareham Road is approved and constructed, Marion will have surpassed a state mandate requiring that 10 percent of housing in each town be classed as “affordable.”

Hills reported that Planning Board members are slightly concerned about continuing to require the bylaw if the affordable housing quota is met, as the town could miss out on valuable revenue; the taxes collected on regular-rate housing are much higher than the taxes levied on affordable housing.

The meeting is tentatively planned for January 30, at 6:30 pm, and will be open to the public.

The next regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen will be on January 21 at 7:00 pm at the Marion Town House.
their Special Permit granted a number of years ago and listed as permit condition number 11.

In the early days of the association and as part of the permitting process, the developer had been required to provide the town with a $50,000 cash surety against any damages that might occur from what was, at the time, a complex stormwater drainage system. The developer never followed through, leaving the condo owners with no choice but to ante-up the cash themselves. That was in 2004; now, the current board seeks the return of the money.

Association Chairman Steven Pickup on behalf of the association had previously come before the Planning Board seeking the money’s return. At that time, the board members requested proof that drainage system maintenance and reporting as required by permits had taken place. On this night, Pickup was unable to do so.

Pickup said that he had not found any evidence that reporting on the condition of the drainage system had taken place, but continued to assure the board members that annual maintenance had been completed. He said that a landscape contractor cut down weeds and other vegetation in a wet drainage pond and that there had been no evidence that the system, which also includes a four-bay detention system and associated trenches, was not functioning properly.

Planning Board member Nathan Ketchell, a professional engineer, explained why that was insufficient.

“So the infiltration trenches have to be inspected twice a year,” Ketchell said, referring to the written operation and maintenance agreement held with the town. Pickup said that the contractor did perform that service, but that no reports had been produced. “So, you don’t have a qualified drainage person checking on things?” Ketchell asked. Pickup responded, “We’ve never had a problem.”

Neighbors from the adjacent Pepper Bush Lane area explained that for years their street and yards had been flooded by water from both the condominium property and that of a funeral home also nearby.

Caty Fuerman, 7 Pepper Bush Lane, provided photographs that seemed to support her contention that stormwater was, in fact, coming from a defective drainage system. Ketchell pointed out that in one photo it looks like a bowl-shaped catch basin was filled with sediment. Looking at one of Fuerman’s photographs Ketchell pointed out, “That used to be a big bowl, but it’s building up with sediment.”

Pickup became somewhat frustrated, saying, “We’re getting off the point… The money is for emergency repairs, not maintenance.”

But the point that maintenance was critical in the overall plan to keep the system from creating an emergency was not lost on the board members.

Planning Board member Janice Robbins said, “My concern is that you are not aware of the operation and maintenance provision of your permit.”

“I didn’t know, but maintenance has been done,” Pickup confirmed.

“But it doesn’t sound like anyone is paying attention to these reports,” Robbins countered. She added, “I don’t have any problem giving the money back if the condo faithfully does the reporting… I’d like some assurance of inspections.”

After more than an hour of discussion, the board voted unanimously that the condominium association would engage the services of a qualified engineer to review the current state of the drainage system, produce a report, and solicit the services of a qualified system contractor that will also provide associated reports.
The hearing was continued until May 4 at 7:00 pm.

In other business, Chairman Tom Tucker asked that the board members begin studying solar bylaws from surrounding towns with the goal of writing a new bylaw for Mattapoisett. He also said that the board had received two letters of interest from residents for the Master Plan Committee: one adult and one high school student. Tucker was encouraged that a student was interested in participating in the process and reiterated that he believed the committee should be comprised of community members versus members of boards and committees in the town. He expressed his concern that “special interests” might impact a final plan.

“We need the feedback from the people who live here and pay taxes,” said Tucker.

Anyone interested in being considered for the Master Plan Committee can contact Mary Crain, Planning Board administrator, at 508-758-4100 ext. 215, or by email at planning@mattapoisett.net.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for February 10 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall conference room.

Board Considers Affordable Housing Bylaw Update
Marion Planning Board
By Andrea Ray

Looking at a possible uptick in affordable housing in Marion, Planning Board members are now examining the future of the town’s affordable housing bylaw.

The current bylaw requires developers to add affordable housing into their plans when building in Marion. While the bylaw has been effective in bringing affordable housing to Marion, some citizens and board members are concerned that continuing to enforce the bylaw after Marion meets its minimum affordable housing requirements will cost the town valuable revenue.

“Putting in affordable housing instead of regular-rate housing when we’re likely to go above the required amount of affordable housing and we don’t have a lot of land left – that worries me,” said resident Sherman Briggs during the January 6 Marion Planning Board meeting. “I don’t want this town to miss out on that revenue.”

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has mandated that at least 10 percent of all homes in each town within the Commonwealth be classified as “affordable.” Marion’s current affordable housing rate sits at 7.5 percent. However, a 40B housing development on Wareham Road has been proposed; the planned development includes 96 affordable housing units. Adding the proposed units would bring the total affordable housing percentage in Marion to 12.5 percent, if the development is approved and constructed.

“At that point, it would take 470 additional regular-rate houses being constructed to push us back below 10 percent affordable housing,” said Planning Board member Chris Collings. “Is there even that much space left in Marion? Would we even need that bylaw any more if this development goes through?”

Planning Board Chairman Will Saltonstall asked Marion Town Planner Gil Hilario if he had looked into what other towns had done with their bylaws after reaching the 10 percent requirement, and what Hilario thought might be the right course for Marion.

“I’ve found that many of the towns are using the affordable housing bylaw as a ‘density bonus,”’ Hilario explained. “The towns lower their maximum density of houses per acre and offer a waiver where developers can exceed that maximum if the units built are classed as affordable.”

The problem in Marion, he said, is that Marion’s maximum density per acre (12 units) is so high that developers do not need to take advantage of a density bonus. Hilario suggested that the affordable housing bylaw be retained even if the town meets the 10 percent requirement, but that it should no longer be required.

“This is my own personal opinion,” Hilario clarified. “But I think we should instead treat affordable housing as a density bonus. If we reach 10 percent affordable housing, we could no longer require that developers build affordable housing. Instead, we could lower the maximum density per acre in town and allow developers to exceed that maximum if they want to add
affordable units.”
Saltonstall noted that the discussion is still in its very earliest stages, and there is far more work to be done. He added that members of the Planning Board are still working to have a joint meeting with members of the Affordable Housing Trust, as well as other town government officials, to make sure everyone is on the same page regarding affordable housing in town.

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board will be on January 21, at 5:00 pm at the Marion Town House.

New Year, New Special Town Meeting
Mattapoisett Finance Committee
By Marilou Newell

“We’re getting off to a bumpy start,” Melody Pacheco, secretary to the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen, commented with a chuckle at the start of the January 2 meeting of the Finance Committee.

Earlier in the week, leaking pipes in Town Hall caused Town Administrator Michael Gagne to work from home while awaiting completion of remediation efforts in his office. For several members of the Finance Committee, this latest maintenance issue underscored the imminent need to consider the future usefulness of the Town Hall structure.

That aside, FinCom had convened to discuss and more fully understand the single warrant article of the
January 14 Special Town Meeting. Attending remotely, Gagne explained the need to call a Special Town Meeting. “In hindsight, we probably shouldn’t have grouped all the projects noted in Article 20 of the last Town Meeting,” Gagne began.

In the October Special Town Meeting warrant, Article 20 asked voters to approve spending that would be matched by two grants the town had applied for earlier in the year.

The projects proposed are: $375,000, the town’s share of the replacement cost of the bridge north of The Bogs on Acushnet Road, road and drainage improvements to Industrial Drive including improvement of North Street to create a pedestrian crossing to Industrial Drive, and the construction of a shared-use path from North Street to the Mattapoisett/Marion Town Line, including related engineering and construction costs.

The town’s share would be $1,665,000, but Article 20 included the caveat that the work shall only proceed if the Town is in receipt of a Mass Works Grant and a US Economic Development Grant, both totaling $1,470,000.

Although the town did receive the US Economic Development Grant in the amount of $750,000, the town did not receive the Mass Works Grant, making the article invalid.

The January Special Town Meeting article asks voters to approve new, more generic language that would allow the projects to advance in spite of the loss of the Mass Works Grant by amending the article to specify: “The Town’s share of the project cost $1,665,000 must be matched dollar for dollar from Federal and State Grant Funding sources to be used toward the project.”

Gagne assured the Finance Committee that the language change would not impact the amount of money the town would be spending; those sums would remain the same.

“Those projects should not have been bundled together,” said Gagne.

Finance Committee Chairman Pat Donoghue inquired, “This is going to represent a revenue enhancement for the town, right?”

“Yes,” replied Gagne. He said that several businesses in the Industrial Drive area are considering expansion of their footprints when municipal sewer becomes available.

In other matters, Gagne reported that he had spoken recently to outgoing Superintendent of Schools Doug White about including capital needs and other expenses in the Old Rochester Regional School District budget, and that a meeting should be arranged for further discussion of this issue. The committee concurred that such a meeting was critical for the towns and the school.

The Mattapoisett Special Town Meeting is scheduled for January 14 at 6:30 pm at Old Hammondtown Elementary School, with a regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen to follow. Visit www.wanderer.com to view the January 14 Special Town Meeting warrant.

BOH Sees Lid Put on Tobacco License cap

Marion Board of Health

By Jean Perry

The Marion Board of Health has for some time hoped to reduce the number of tobacco retail sales licenses in Marion for 2020; however, on January 7, the board learned that placing a cap on tobacco licenses is no longer that simple.

The board was optimistic that one tobacco retailer in Marion was going to forego reapplying for its tobacco retail license and planned to simply not issue any further...
ones and reduce the current number, six, to five, thinking it would be the perfect opportunity to reduce the venues in town where tobacco and nicotine could be sold.

However, Marion Health Director Karen Walega reported that the Kittansett Club has gone ahead and applied to renew its current tobacco retail license.

According to Walega, town counsel has informed her that the board could amend its tobacco bylaw to restrict tobacco retail licenses to a maximum number, but the board could not just take away any of the licenses it has already issued in order to meet that maximum.

Furthermore, as it stands now, the tobacco bylaw does not specify a maximum number of licenses, prompting Board of Health member Edward Hoffer to point out, “If a seventh came in we’d have no reason to deny it.”

Walega said the board could change the language of the bylaw to cap the number of licenses at six, and then lower it over time if possible as retailers’ licenses are surrendered or revoked.

“If we do not have a cap then we certainly should cap it at a certain number,” said Hoffer.

Amending the bylaw to place a cap on the number of licenses will require a public hearing.

“The minute it’s written let us know and we’ll schedule a public hearing,” said Board of Health Chairman John Howard.

Also during the meeting, Walega described the
frustrating circumstances surrounding the attempts to deliver Lauren Fisher an official letter ordering her to vacate her Front Street property and her rights in regard to the matter. Fisher’s house and trailer had been condemned as a result of the findings of a December 11 police search.

Walega was present at Fisher’s property that day along with the police, animal control officer, representatives from the Animal Rescue League, and the building commissioner, and told the Board of Health on December 12 how she witnessed unsafe and unsanitary conditions within the house, including animal feces and an insect infestation, just before the board formally voted to condemn the home.

Walega said her first attempt to deliver the letter was on Friday, December 19. When that failed, she went to police station and left the letter with police. According to Walega, an officer was to contact Fisher and make an attempt to hand-deliver the letter.

“Well, that didn’t happen,” said Walega, who did not return to make a second attempt until January 3 after her vacation.

According to Walega, Fisher was aware of the attempt to deliver her the letter but refused to accept it. Walega said that on January 6 she wrote a cover letter to accompany the original letter and sent it to Fisher via certified mail; however, Fisher again refused to accept it.

“In the meantime, [Chief Garcia] gave
documentation that he had tried to give that letter several times and it didn’t happen,” said Walega. “She did not receive the letter – and she refused to come in [to the police station] and receive the letter.”

Walega reported that Fisher did finally receive the original letter, but not without further difficulty.

“Mrs. Fisher said that she would not sign it, she didn’t want it – her attorney told her not to take it,” said Walega. She said the officer attempting to hand-deliver the letter had placed the letter on the ground in Fisher’s presence and left.

“According to the police officer, they did pick it up?” asked Board of Health member Edward Hoffer. “So we have documentation that this letter was physically placed, if not in her hand, but in her plain sight?”

“We definitely have that information, yes,” Walega said.

Walega reported that some cleaning has begun at the property, but she had no further updates to provide.

“The question that people keep asking me is, is there anything in any of the documentation about not being allowed animals [in her possession]?” asked Board of Health member Dot Brown.

“That is animal control,” said Walega. “I have nothing to do with that.”

Fisher was charged with two counts of animal cruelty, one count of interfering with an investigation, and a count of resisting arrest. She pleaded not guilty to those
charges during her arraignment on December 13 at the Wareham District Court.

In other matters, Public Health Nurse Kathleen Downey reported that in 2019 there were 19 confirmed cases of influenza in Marion; 10 of those confirmed cases were in December alone.

“That may be an indication of the way things are going (for this flu season),” said Downey.

Hoffer suggested that this flu season could potentially be one of the most severe in some time.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health will be on January 21 at 3:00 pm at the Marion Town House.

Superintendent Search Committee Begins Process
By Marilou Newell

There have been focus groups and surveys in advance of the creation of a search committee that on January 7 received its marching orders from James Hardy, field director of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, to find a new Old Rochester Regional superintendent of schools.

Hardy had conducted focus groups and surveys, which he said aided in the development of questions or types of questions the committee would be asking candidates in the coming weeks.

But the Search Committee meeting also put in motion how the evaluation process and interviews will be conducted, with conflict of interest and Open Meeting Law concerns rising to the top of how the committee members will be expected to conduct the process.

The committee is comprised of 15 Tri-Town residents who represent parents, school committees, educators, administrators, and local government: Mattapoisett Principal Rosemary Bowman, Marion Director of Finance and Mattapoisett resident Judy Mooney, Rochester Board of Selectmen member Greenwood “Woody” Hartley, educator Marissa Hughes, Rochester School Committee member Anne Fernandes, Marion School Committee member April Rios, educator Jamie Alves, Rochester Memorial School Principal Derek Medeiros, ORR School Committee member Paul Goulet, Mattapoisett School Committee member Jim Muse, Mattapoisett resident Shannon Finning, educator Elizabeth Milde, educator Carla Cafarella, Rochester resident Kevin Thompson, and ORRHS Principal Michael Devoll.

Hardy cautioned the group that the Open Meeting Law allows personnel matters of confidentiality to be held in executive session and then explained how going into executive session would proceed. He also discussed in detail the importance of ensuring that conflicts of interest are avoided and gave examples of when such issues should be brought to his attention for immediate attention. On that matter, Hardy talked about what constitutes a family member or when a previous relationship with a candidate had to be disclosed to dismiss or otherwise handle a potential conflict of interest.

The committee members signed confidentiality agreements, then Hardy asked that they, “as homework”, review a list of questions developed from the public sessions that had taken place – questions that the committee will use during the interviewing process. He noted that each interview would last 75 minutes.

Hardy also asked that the committee members review all the applications by January 15, after which his office would arrange the process of setting up interviews.

In October and November, the MASC conducted surveys and held focus group meetings in the Tri-Town

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followed in November by recruiting candidates for the Search Committee. In December, the superintendent position was advertised leading into the January 7 meeting, the first of which will be at least 10 meetings between January 14 and March. The application deadline is January 13 at 3:00 pm.

The timeline indicates that on January 21, the first interviews will begin, followed by others that will be scheduled for January 22, 23, 25, and 27. On January 29, the committee is expected to present a list of finalists to the ORR School District School Committee and Superintendency Union #55, at which time they will also be discharged from further service.

**ORR Basketball Starts 2020 on the Right Foot**

*High School Sports*

**By Nick Friar**

Old Rochester Regional boys and girls basketball started 2020 in a similar fashion, with sizable wins over Case, in which they each scored 60-plus points.

For ORR girls basketball, their first win of the new year was par for the course. They’ve only lost one of their first four contests this season.

In the win over Case, they made sure there was no room for doubt regarding the outcome. The Bulldogs knocked off their South Coast Conference opponent 64-11. Logan Fernandes outscores ORR’s opposition on her own, finishing with 14 points. Cadence Johnson almost did the same, scoring 10 in the Bulldogs’ win.

For the boys’ team, this win was a bit more impactful for their standing. ORR improved to 3-3 on the season and has now won back-to-back games. The Bulldogs knocked off Norton 63-47 to close out 2019 and won 65-39 in their first contest in 2020.

ORR was led by Nick Johnson and Luke Burke in the win over Norton, scoring 17 and 11 points, respectively. Burke helped lead the Bulldogs past Case, as well. He drilled five 3-pointers in his team-high 17-point performance. He had five rebounds, as did Jonah DePina (eight points) and Johnson (five assists).

ORR girls hockey opened the 2020 portion of their schedule with a 1-1 tie against Plymouth. Isabelle Stone
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was the Bulldogs’ lone goal-scorer in the tie. The Bulldogs are now 3-2-2 on the season, 2-0-1 in the Southeast Massachusetts Girls Hockey League.

Old Colony

Hunter Soares scored a career-high 27 points in Old Colony boys basketball’s latest win, in which the Cougars knocked off St. John Paul II 69-35.

Jojo Cortes was second on the team in scoring, finishing with 12 points. He also had three steals in what was a strong defensive effort for Old Colony.

“The [guys] forced numerous turnovers and also rebounded extremely well.”

Caden Letendre, a freshman, also logged a career-high, scoring 10 points against St. John Paul II.

Old Colony is now 5-1 on the season.

Old Colony girls basketball has not had the same fortune as the boys team so far in 2019-20. The Cougars dropped to 2-3 on the season following their 41-22 loss to St. John Paul II, whose size was an issue for Old Colony in the loss, a problem the Cougars have dealt with in years past.

Olivia Perry was the only Cougar to finish in double figures. She scored 10 points. The only other players who scored for Old Colony in the loss were Savanna Halle (seven points), Kat Kirby (three points), and Hailey Hathaway (two points).

Tabor Academy

Tabor Academy boys hockey is in the middle of a rough stretch, having lost five of its last six games. The Seawolves’ lone win during the six-game span came in a 2-0 finish against Kents Hill. In each of the five losses, Tabor has lost by four or more goals. The Seawolves are now 4-7 in 2019-20.

Tri-Town to Receive Extra Road Work Funding

The Baker-Polito Administration is announcing that $20 million in additional funding will be provided to cities and towns in Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) for road construction and transportation improvement projects.

This funding was included in a supplemental budget signed by Governor Charlie Baker on Friday, December
13, bringing total funding for FY20 awarded through the Chapter 90 formula to $220 million. With this additional $20 million, the total funding to date provided through the Chapter 90 program during the Baker-Polito Administration is now $1.36 billion.

“This funding represents our continued commitment to supporting communities as they address the maintenance and modernization of local infrastructure, which are a critical part of the Commonwealth’s transportation network,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “We are pleased to provide this additional transportation funding for local projects in cities and towns across the Commonwealth.”

“Municipal officials count on Chapter 90 funding each year for essential projects, and we appreciate the Legislature adopting our proposal for additional funding in the supplemental budget,” said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. “This support will allow community leaders to take action immediately so that projects are ‘shovel ready’ for the spring construction season.”

“The Commonwealth is focused on improving the core transportation infrastructure in the state by advocating for Chapter 90 funding and with initiatives such as the Complete Streets Funding Program. The Chapter 90 funding program is one of several examples of the Administration working with municipal leaders to help meet capital needs that the communities identify as critical,” said Transportation Secretary and CEO Stephanie

11 Critical Home Inspection Traps to be Aware of Weeks Before Listing Your Mattapoisett Home for Sale

Mattapoisett - According to industry experts, there are over 33 physical problems that will come under scrutiny during a home inspection when your home is for sale. A new report has been prepared which identifies the eleven most common of these problems, and what you should know about them before you list your home for sale.

Whether you own an old home or a brand new one, there are a number of things that can fall short of requirements during a home inspection. If not identified and dealt with, any of these 11 items could cost you dearly in terms of repair. That’s why it’s critical that you read this report before you list your home. If you wait until the building inspector flags these issues for you, you will almost certainly experience costly delays in the close of your home sale or, worse, turn prospective buyers away altogether. In most cases, you can make a reasonable pre-inspection yourself if you know what you’re looking for, and knowing what you’re looking for can help you prevent little problems from growing into costly and unmanageable ones.

To help homesellers deal with this issue before their homes are listed, a free report entitled “11 Things You Need to Know to Pass Your Home Inspection” has been compiled which explains the issues involved.

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Pollack. “The Administration realizes local leaders often know best what capital improvements are needed at the local level.”

Chapter 90 transportation funds support all 351 cities and towns throughout the Commonwealth. Funding for each municipality is predetermined by a formula that includes factors such as population, road miles, and employment.

Marion will receive an extra $17,097 for a grand total of $188,072. Mattapoisett is slated for an extra $23,029 for a total of $253,319. Rochester is getting an additional $30,126 for a total of $332,378.

**Enter the Wanderer Groundhog Day Cover Contest!**

Calling all aspiring artists! It’s time once again for the annual Groundhog Day Cover Contest!

Your original work of art might win you $100 cash and the front cover of the January 30 edition of your favorite weekly community newspaper, The Wanderer, for all to see!

Grab your paints, markers, pens, crayons, computer mice, cameras – whatever your preferred implement of creativity might be – and submit your best rendering of a Groundhog Day-themed work of art. You could be the winner of the 2020 Groundhog Day Cover Contest!

You can obtain a copy of the official entry form in person by visiting The Wanderer office at 55 County Road in Mattapoisett, or by visiting www.wanderer.com and downloading a copy to print.

All submissions must be original works of art (we check, so no cheating) and accompanied by a signed official entry form. Participants may enter just one original artwork into the contest.

Artwork that is formatted in a tall, portrait format will look best on the cover of The Wanderer.

Deadline for submissions is Friday, January 24 at 12:00 pm. Online voting will begin on Saturday, January 25, and will remain open until Tuesday, January 28.

The cover contest winner will be announced in the January 30 edition and will be contacted to retrieve their cash prize.

Full contest details can be found at www.wanderer.com.

Celebrate the midpoint of winter with The Wanderer on Groundhog Day and hope for an early spring! Now go, get those cover submissions ready and get them to us before it’s too late!

**News Submission Policy**

The Wanderer gladly accepts any and all news and press release items from local nonprofit organizations for publication on a weekly basis. The deadline for submission of news items is Monday at noon for publication in that week’s edition. Due to the increasing number of submissions, however, publication of press material is never guaranteed. The Wanderer will make every effort to publish timely news items and announcements as the subject warrants.
and as often as spacing allows. All press material must be submitted by email to news@wanderer.com, and must be either in a text or Word file. We are not able to retype, correct, or hunt down information to repair incomplete press releases, and we are not able to retype or reformat posters or bulleted lists that are not in readable paragraph form. We cannot accept any handwritten material or news items via telephone, no matter how brief.

Photographs of area events and newsmakers are also accepted and encouraged. The Wanderer accepts well-lit and clearly-defined photographs for publication provided that they include a brief summary of the event or subject. We cannot return photographs. Like news items, the deadline for photos is Monday at noon, and the publication of photographs is also subject to space constraints and cannot be guaranteed.

All submitted copy is subject to alterations and/or condensation as space allows at the editor’s discretion. All submissions become the property of The Wanderer and are assumed to be submitted for the purpose of publication. Submissions cannot be returned; therefore, please make sure to retain copies.

Ideas for features, breaking news tips, and other suggestions for the news department are welcome. Please call the News Editor with news tips and ideas at 508-758-9055. If it is after hours, please leave a message or email news@wanderer.com.

Letters to the Editor

The views expressed in the “Letters to the Editor” column are not necessarily those of The Wanderer, its staff or advertisers. The Wanderer will gladly accept any and all correspondence relating to timely and pertinent issues in the great Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester area, provided they include the author’s name, address and phone number for verification. We cannot publish anonymous, unsigned or unconfirmed submissions. The Wanderer reserves the right to edit, condense and otherwise alter submissions for purposes of clarity and/or spacing considerations. The Wanderer may choose to not run letters that thank businesses, and The Wanderer has the right to edit letters to omit business names. The Wanderer also reserves the right to deny publication of any submitted correspondence.

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Friday, January 10th

Joy Pereira
To the Editor;

Elizabeth Taber will light the way in Marion!

As we usher in the New Year, we make note of two important events in the Southcoast. Lighting the Way, a project centered at the New Bedford Whaling Museum and the brainchild of Marion’s Christina Bascom, is honoring over fifty women through past history who made significant contributions to their Southcoast towns and were never recognized for their efforts. This will tie in with the coming summer’s nationwide celebration of the 100th year of the Nineteenth Amendment which gave women the right to vote.

As we all know, Marion has commissioned a life-sized bronze statue of our own remarkable citizen, Elizabeth Sprague Pitcher Taber (1791-1888). Hence our statue project is coinciding with Lighting the Way and the 100th Celebration of the 19th Amendment.

Our chosen sculptor is Erik Durant, an accomplished artist from New Bedford. He has been creating Elizabeth now for almost a year, and will be sending the clay model off to a foundry in February to be cast in bronze. A committee is at work with landscapers to prepare the site for the statue immediately across from the Town Hall on the Bicentennial Park Corner. The statue unveiling will coincide with the Annual Town Party next August.

Elizabeth was an educator, philanthropist, visionary, and energetic activist. A true woman before her time.

Her legacy includes the Town Hall, Town Library, Music Hall, Union Hall, Tabor Hall, the Congregational Chapel, and her most expansive creation, Tabor Academy. Beyond this, Mrs. Taber left money for gardens, walkways, cemeteries, tree plantings, and endowment.
Happy Holidays from our Mattapoisett Animal Hospital family to yours!
funds for future maintenance of her creations. And all of this in her eighties!

The Statue Committee is raising the money for this project so that no tax dollars will be used. Citizens of Marion are encouraged to contribute to the cost of the statue by mailing a check to the Sippican Historical Society, PO Box 541, Marion, MA 02738 (and please write ET Statue in the note line of your check.) All donations are tax deductible.

From now until her unveiling, there are plans to work with school children, Scouts, the Library and the Art Center, to educate our community about this extraordinary woman.

Elizabeth Taber will indeed be Lighting our Way through decades and hopefully centuries to come from her bench in the park, a book and her pipe in her hands when she returns next summer, this time forever more!

We owe her an extreme debt of gratitude and eagerly await her unveiling in August!

Tinker Saltonstall, for the Celebrate Elizabeth Taber Statue Committee

Academic Achievements

Isabella King from Marion qualified for the fall 2019 Dean’s List at Belmont University. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

Sippican Historical Society

In 1998, the Sippican Historical Society commissioned an architectural survey of Marion’s historic homes and buildings. The survey was funded half by the Sippican Historical Society and half by the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Due to the limits of funding, not all of the historic buildings were surveyed, but over 100 were cataloged and photographed. The results of the survey are in digital form on the Massachusetts Historical Commission’s website and in four binders in the Sippican Historical Society’s office (and at the Marion Town Clerk’s office).

Marion (Old Rochester) is one of the oldest towns in the United States, and the Sippican Historical Society maintains an extensive collection of documentation on its historic buildings. The Sippican Historical Society will feature one building a week so that the residents of Marion can understand more about its unique historical

Groundhog Cover Contest

The Wanderer is once again holding our Groundhog Day Cover Contest. The winner’s artwork will appear on the cover of our January 30, 2020 issue. The winner will also receive a cash prize of $100!

Create an original work of art to be displayed on the cover of The Wanderer. Anything that can be displayed on the cover is acceptable, photos, drawings, paintings, etc.

Entries are due in The Wanderer office, 55 County Road, Mattapoisett by noon on January 24.

Remember, all artwork should be tall to best fit on our cover.

All entries must include a signed copy of the Official Entry Form which can be picked up at The Wanderer office, 55 County Road, Mattapoisett or downloaded at www.wanderer.com


The winner will be on the cover of our January 30, 2020 issue.
architecture.
This installment features 294 Wareham Road. Built between 1855 and 1879, the Greek Revival cottage at 294 Wareham Road was built as a retirement home for Captain Hale. After the whaling industry faded away due to competition from the 1859 discovery of oil in Pennsylvania, a number of those captains retired to Marion. Captain Hale was listed here in 1879, and his widow, Mrs. B.C. Hale, is listed as this house’s owner by the early 1900s. No Hales are listed here in later directories.

**New Hours and Programs at the MNHM**
The Marion Natural History Museum will be offering programs for adults and seniors starting in 2020! The museum will be open Wednesday mornings starting in 2020. Check our website and Facebook page for upcoming programs. Additionally, the museum’s virtual reality set is available during this time by appointment.

The museum is handicap accessible and has new more comfortable chairs for our programs courtesy of the Island Foundation. Program participants should contact us in advance so we know how many chairs to set up. The museum phone number is 508-748-2098 and our email is director@marionmuseum.org.

The museum will not be charging for these programs, however donations are always appreciated. The museum is located at 8 Spring Street, on the second floor of the building we share with the Elizabeth Taber Library.

Our first program of 2020 will be February 26 at 10:30 am. The “Butterfly Man”, Yarmouth resident Joe Dwelly, will be visiting the Marion Natural History Museum to share what he knows about our local species. Mr. Dwelly will give advice about where they can be
OBITUARIES

Mary E. (Molloy) Tapper, 91, of Mattapoisett, formerly of New Bedford, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 24, 2019 at Sippican Healthcare Center surrounded by her loving family. She was the wife of the late Robert F. Tapper.

Born in Torbay, Newfoundland, the daughter of the late William and Mary (Manning) Molloy, she lived in New Bedford for most of her life, before moving to Mattapoisett.

Mrs. Tapper was an active communicant of Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, where she had been a member of the Ladies Guild, the church choir, and the Parish Council.

She is survived by three sons, James Tapper, Robert Tapper, Jr., and Francis Tapper and his wife Patricia; three daughters, Angela Natho, Patricia Saunders and her husband Stephen, and Mary Quinn and her husband Charles; her siblings, John Molloy and his wife Kathleen, Catherine Coady, Theresa Parsons and her husband John, Sister Frances Molloy, Shirley Thorne, Joseph Molloy and his wife Sandy; her sisters-in-law, Pauline Molloy and Peachy Molloy; 18 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her daughter-in-law, Patsy Tapper; her son-in-law, Carl Natho; her siblings, Robert Molloy and his wife Mary, William Molloy, James Molloy, Patricia Grace and her husband John; and her brothers-in-law, Francis Thorne and James Coady.

Her family would like to thank Dr. Matthew Messina and the Staff of Sippican for the care received by their mother. Her Funeral was held on Saturday Dec. 28th from the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett, followed by her Funeral Mass at Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 121 Mount Pleasant St., New Bedford. Burial was in St. Mary’s Cemetery. Visiting hours were held on Friday Dec. 27th. For guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of Ray Edwin Pickles, 86, of Marion. Ray passed away on December 20, 2019 at home surrounded by his loving family. Born in Providence, Rhode Island December 18, 1933, son of the late Frank Pickles and Mildred Ray.

Ray had a passion for life and he embraced it fully. Ray was an avid skier, enjoyed the thrill and speed of car racing, and loved open water diving. Ray enjoyed many years of competitive sailboat racing including five Marion to Bermuda races. He also loved ocean cruising with his family along the Atlantic Coast. He was a loving and dedicated husband, father and friend.

Family and Friends are invited to attend Ray’s Memorial Service at St. Gabriel’s Church on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 11:00 am.

Roseanne Pittsley, 57 of Bourne formerly of Marion passed away on Monday December 16, 2019. Roseanne was born in Wareham the daughter of the late Robert and Rose Marie (Masterson), Pittsley, Sr. She was the loving companion of Stephen Lussier of Bourne.

She attended the Old Rochester Regional School District. She also enjoyed music, cats, birds and gaming. Rosanne was never afraid to get her hands dirty and was always ready to help repair any car.

She was the mother of Kevin Pittsley of East Wareham, Timothy Pittsley of Wareham and Travis Pittsley of Bourne. She was the sister of Robert Pittsley, Jr. of Maine, Russell Pittsley of Marion, Raymond Pittsley of Marion and Ramona Pittsley. She was the grandmother of Riley Pittsley and she was also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

A celebration of her life will be held at later date to be announced. To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit www.warehamvillagefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Wareham Village Funeral Home 5 Center Street Wareham, MA 02571.

Robert Niemi, 78, of Rochester, died peacefully Wednesday, January 1, 2020 surrounded by his family at St. Luke’s Hospital in New Bedford after a long illness. He was the beloved husband of Judith E. (Cusick) Niemi.

Born in Wareham, he was the son of the late Everett E. and Theresa L. (Mestieri) Niemi. Mr. Niemi received his Associate Degree in Electrical Engineering from Southeastern Massachusetts University, now UMass Dartmouth and owned and operated Niemi Electric for over 50 years.

He then graduated from Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston with a degree in Civil Engineering. Ray went on to have a long career in public service including 28 years as the Town Administrator for the Town of Marion, MA.

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found and how community members can attract them to their own backyards. Not only will he teach attendees about particular habitat and migration patterns, but Dwelly will also profile plant and butterfly “pairings,” which can run the gamut. And for the southeastern Massachusetts area, he will highlight a handful of his favorites, including Monarchs and milkweed; the Spicebush Swallowtail and sassafras; and the Mourning Cloak and hackberry. “We are limited up north because of our particular climate,” Dwelly says. “But by becoming familiar with the exceptional grasslands and plant habitats, we can support a diverse range of unique butterflies.”

Sippican Woman’s Club
This Friday, January 10, the Sippican Woman’s Club will have their first of year meeting. Russ Kushner, and ambassador from Road Scholar will give a presentation about travel with Road Scholar, a not-for-profit travel program designed to inspire adults to learn and discover new ideas and adventures. Russ and his wife have done extensive travel, which has included the duration of a day, to two weeks to 26 days with Road Scholar sponsored trips.

The program is preceded by a finger food luncheon at 12:30 pm at Handy’s Tavern, 152 Front Street, Marion. If you would like to attend as a guest or possible new member, call Jeanne Lake at 508-748-0619. Parking is at Island Wharf, across the street.

Mattapoisett Woman’s Club
The Mattapoisett Woman’s Club (MWC) is pleased to have Jennifer McIntire, President of the Mattapoisett Historical Society, as our guest speaker at our first meeting of 2020. Ms. McInture will talk about Mattapoisett’s rich history and the role of Mattapoisett women in the community.

Our meeting is on Thursday, January 16 and is held at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, beginning at 11:00 am and concluding around 2:00 pm. An informal luncheon is provided by our members. We welcome anyone who wishes to attend our meeting(s) and/or join our Club.

For more information, contact Christine Voss at 508-758-3348 or visit our website at mattapoisettwomansclub.org.

Elizabeth Taber Library Winter Children’s Programs
Winter Story Time for children between the ages of three and five began January 6 and runs through February 24. Children are invited to enjoy stories, finger-plays and crafts Monday mornings at 10:30 am.

Winter Lapsit, for children birth through 23 months and their caregivers, began January 7 and runs through February 25. Each Tuesday morning program begins at 10:30 am and includes a 20-minute “story time” followed by 20 minutes of socializing. One child per “lap”, please!

Winter Tales for Twos, for children 24-36 months, began January 8 and runs through February 26. Children must be 2 years old by January 1, 2020 to attend and must be accompanied by enthusiastic adult companions. The half-hour of stories, finger-plays and crafts take place at 10:30 am on Wednesday mornings.

Pre-registration is required for these programs; please sign up by stopping by the library, calling (508) 748-1252 or by e-mailing Ms. Grey, Children’s Librarian, at rgrey@sailsinc.org.

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Mr. Niemi was a member of the Redmen Cromesett Tribe # 156 and the Wareham / New Bedford Lodge of Elks # 73. He was an avid hunter, enjoyed golf, fishing and spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Judith of Rochester; his children, Sally Niemi-Farhoody and her wife Nassrine of Wareham, Stephen Niemi and his fiancée Trisha Osborne of Wareham, Jeffrey Niemi and his wife Lisa of Rochester, and Jennifer Profitt and her husband Steven of Rochester; his sisters, Elizabeth Galavotti of Cheyenne, WY, and Catherine Doris of Westport. Also surviving are his grandchildren, Michael and Mary Niemi, Zachary and Jake Profitt, Cameron and Courtney Osborne, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

His funeral will be from the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., (Rt. 28), Wareham on Fri., Jan. 10, 2020 at 9 am followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Patrick’s Church, High St., Wareham at 10 am. Interment will follow in St. Patrick’s Cemetery, Wareham. Visiting hours will be Thurs. from 4 – 7 pm at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Alzheimer’s Assoc. of MA/NH, 309 Waverley Oaks Rd, Waltham, MA 02452.

Richard J. Barrett, 73 of Mattapoisett died December 30, 2019 at Brigham & Women’s Hospital after a period of declining health.

He was the husband of Patricia Nicholson.

Born and raised in New Bedford, son of the late Edward and Yvonne (Masse) Barrett, he lived in Mattapoisett most of his life.

He was formerly employed as an instructor in the automotive department at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School for many years until his retirement.

“Dickie”, when not helping others or out and about socializing with his large network of friends, could usually be found in his work shop, affectionately known as the “Sawdust Café”. He was a true perfectionist when working or helping others with projects. He had a lifelong interest and knowledge of all things mechanical and structural. He always was willing to help his friends with anything at anytime, anywhere if they had an emergency. Those who knew him could count on him and he was always at the ready and available to provide advice, tools, or with anything related to all aspects of construction, word working, or home projects regardless of the magnitude of the job. He took pride in his ability to remain true to his Northern New Bedford roots and stayed close with his very large family. Dick was most proud of his professional accomplishments and the students whose lives he positively affected while working and retiring as an automotive instructor at the Greater New Bedford Vocational High School. Dick loved participating in all outdoor and athletic activities that were available to him, including, skiing, boating, riding his Indian motorcycle, tennis, softball and working out at the “Club”. In his later years, he participated regularly in yoga and pickle ball. Dick had a unique ability to meet a stranger while out socializing and shortly thereafter become good friends with them because he possessed the ability to connect with others either with his sense of humor, or easy way of communication. His smile is legendary, and exemplified the good natured man that he was. Needless to say, Dick will be sorely missed by all those whose lives he touched.

Survivors include his wife; 5 brothers, Roland Barrett and his wife Patti of Milford, James Barrett and his wife Nancy of Mattapoisett, Rene Barrett and his wife Dawne of Easton, Edward Barrett and his wife Evelyn of Lakeville and Charles Barrett and his wife Cheryl and Godson CJ of Dartmouth; 3 sisters, Jeanine Sasseville and her husband Gene and Goddaughter Susan of New Bedford, Claire Tellier and her husband John of Norwich, CT and Celeste Paleologos and her husband Phil of New Bedford; and many nieces and nephews.

He was the brother of the late Marc Barrett.

His Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, January 11th at 11 am at Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 121 Mt. Pleasant St., New Bedford. Visiting hours will be Friday, January 10th from 3-8 pm in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Rt. 6, Mattapoisett. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Mattapoisett Community Sailing Association Inc., P.O. Box 947 Mattapoisett, MA 02739. For directions and guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Scott H. Jepson, 54, of Somerset, passed away on Thursday, January 2, 2020. He was the husband of sixteen-years to Angelina (Botta) Jepson.

Scott was born in New Bedford, the son of Anne W. (Marsden) Bernard of Mattapoisett and Russell W. Jepson of Taunton. He graduated from Old Rochester High School. Jepson joined the Somerset Fire Department in 1992 as a firefighter/paramedic, in 2004 he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant an eventually was promoted to the rank of Chief of the department in 2008. Chief Jepson was admired and respected by all who knew him personally and professionally. He enjoyed camping and spending time with family and friends.

Survivors besides his wife and parents are a son: Ian H. Jepson of Somerset; two sisters: Lynne A Johnson of Cheyenne, WY , and Catherine Saunders of Westport. Also surviving are his grandchildren, Ian H. Jepson of Somerset, passed away on Thursday, January 2, 2020. He was the husband of sixteen-years to Angelina (Botta) Jepson.

Town of Somerset Fire Department Chief Scott H. Jepson, 54, of Somerset, passed away on Thursday, January 2, 2020. He was the husband of sixteen-years to Angelina (Botta) Jepson.
Marion Community Preservation Act Funding

Applications for Community Preservation Act funding are now available in the Town Clerk’s office at the Marion Town House located at 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738. The Community Preservation Act is a Massachusetts Law that allows participating cities and towns to adopt a real estate tax surcharge supplemented by State matching funds in order to fund community preservation. Eligible projects must be directed toward open space/recreation, historic preservation or community housing. Applications must be received no later than February 7, 2020, to be considered for presentation at the May 2020 Annual Town Meeting.

Past Community Preservation funds have been used to:

- Design of an accessible boardwalk and viewing platform at Osprey Marsh.
- Secure nine affordable housing units having affordable housing deed restrictions for ninety-nine (99) years.
- Design and secure permits for Phase I of the Marion Pathway (bike path).
- Install playground equipment at Washburn Park, the Point Road playground and Silvershell Beach.
- Protect Marion’s drinking water supply through the purchase of lands and conservation interests in the Mattapoisett River Valley.
- Catalog the Sippican Historical Society’s archives and complete the town’s architectural survey.
- Restore Marion’s historic 1937 Maxim fire truck.
- Restore the Marion Town House

Rochester Council on Aging

The full monthly newsletter and calendar are available on our website www.rochestermaseniorcenter.com. Events and photographs are also posted on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/Rochestercoa.

The Rochester Senior Center is having a special BINGO event (weather permitting) on Monday, January 13 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. BINGO will start promptly at 6:00 pm with Ann Soares calling. The Center will be opening at 5:00 pm for those who would like to come a bit early to visit with friends. Light refreshments will be served during intermission. MA Senior Center Recreational BINGO rules are followed. Cards are 50 cents each, and 25 cents per game. All Seniors are invited to participate. Reservations are not required for this event. Give the Senior Center a call at least 24 hours in advance if you need a ride to and from this event.

The Rochester Senior Center has received calls regarding a Smart Drivers course sponsored by AARP. This course is not scheduled at this time. The Rochester Senior Center hopes to offer this course to seniors at some point in the future.

OBITUARIES

Wareham; Laurie Connolly of Wareham; an uncle: Donald Jepson of Fairhaven; along with several nieces, nephews and cousins; longtime family friend: Donald Linhares of Mattapoisett.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2020, at 11 am, in Saint Thomas More Church, 386 Luther Avenue, Somerset, with burial following in Nathan Slade Cemetery, Somerset.

Calling Hours for Chief Scott Jepson will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, from 4-8 pm, in the Hathaway Community Home for Funerals, 900 Buffinton Street, Somerset.

Flowers are kindly omitted, donations in the Chief’s memory may be made to the Somerset Federal Credit Union c/o Chief Scott Jepson Memorial Fund, 740 County Street, Somerset, MA 02726.

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at office@wanderer.com.
If you would like to share your travel photos with our readers too? All you have to do is take along a copy of The Wanderer (or your favorite aardvark) and submit your photos by email to: support@wanderer.com or by mail to P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. You can also drop photos off at our office at 55 County Road (Route 6) in Mattapoisett.

Jennifer F. Shepley took a trip in November to see the petroglyphs at the Valley of Fire State Park in Nevada took a copy of The Wanderer with her. Photo by Heather Shepley Macias

On a recent trip to Cape Verde Islands, Demi Barros and three of his granddaughters (Jerei Braxton, Jayci Barros, & Kia Barros), niece Leah Barros, and cousin Anna Pina, took a day to climb the volcanic 10,000-foot mountain “Pico Do Fogo” on the island of Fogo, Cape Verde and brought The Wanderer along for the journey.

The Boucher family recently traveled to Alaska and posed for this photo in the Endicott Arm Fjord & Dawes Glacier. From left to right: Kristen Boucher, Mila Boucher, Aja Boucher, and Darren Boucher of Mattapoisett.
Hanna Milhench and her team will prepare a Special Luncheon at the Rochester Senior Center on Monday, **January 13** at noon. This delicious homemade luncheon is open to everyone. A donation of $5 is requested. Advanced reservations are encouraged.

**Duck Waddle in Marion**
The Nasketucket Bird Club and Sippican Lands Trust are teaming up again this year for a trip around Marion to view winter ducks and other avian visitors on Saturday, **January 11** at 9:00 am, starting at the Silvershell Beach parking area. This trip will be led by members of the Nasketucket Bird Club and Sippican Lands Trust. The group will carpool / caravan to overlooks and some Sippican Lands Trust properties around Marion to view winter ducks and other birds.

The Duck Waddle is free, and no registration is required. Some of the sites may require a short walk (1/4 mile) to get water views. Please bring water, a pair of binoculars (if you have them) and dress appropriately for the day’s weather. If the Duck Waddle is canceled due to inclement weather, then information will be posted to SLT’s website and Facebook page. For directions or further information visit sippicanlandstrust.org or call Sippican Lands Trust at 508-748-3080.

**Marion Art Center**
The Marion Art Center is pleased to present its first exhibition of 2020, the Winter Members’ Show. The show opens Friday, **January 10** with an evening reception from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, and runs through Saturday, **February 15**. All current Marion Art Center members are invited to participate in the MAC’s member exhibitions, occurring twice a year.
Music at the MAC – The Marion Art Center announces an evening of music on Saturday, January 25 beginning at 7:30 pm, featuring New Bedford-based band Morrissey Blvd. The four-sibling band consists of the four young Morrisseys – Zan (19), Zoelle (17), Henri (15), and Wilson (12). The siblings, all musicians, have been playing as a band since 2017. They have performed at multiple benefit events, festivals, and community concerts over the years. While the band often performs cover songs, they will also be debuting new original music during the MAC concert. Tickets, available now, are $18 for MAC members and $20 for non-members. A limited number of cabaret tables are available (seating for four). Reservations are strongly recommended. While beverages are not provided, attendees may bring their own refreshments to enjoy with the music. Doors open at 7:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased by phone, at the MAC, or online at www.marionartcenter.org/musicatthemac.

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It’s clear pretty early on that Bong Joon-ho’s Parasite — which took the Palme d’Or at Cannes and may yet claim more trophies this awards season — isn’t meant to be taken literally. Taken seriously, yes, but not literally. The narrative has many, many moving parts, but the parts are also combustible, and they’re all arranged to detonate on cue for maximum damage. Bong makes you feel as though you’d damn well better catch every little detail, every flourish and filigree, because it’s all inexorably marching towards something. But that destination can’t be guessed at or controlled — it’s chaotic and brutal, and only retrospectively makes sense.

Parasite is yet another movie that demands to be evoked, not described (as a plot synopsis would just ruin the experience). Put simply, it’s the story of two families. One family, just scraping by, lives cramped together in a “semi-basement” apartment of the sort common in urban Korea. The other family is wealthy, and one of their bedrooms would probably take up as much space as the poorer family’s entire living area. Each family is perfectly nuclear — man, woman, boy, girl — and the son from the poor family gets himself hired to tutor the daughter from the rich family. And it doesn’t stop there; in short order, each member of the poor family ends up working for the rich family, none of whom realize their new employees are all related.

Okay, that’s a little far-fetched. It’s also narratively convenient; some of it depends on just the right character hearing just the right bit of information. But the point Bong wants us to get is how the families respond to each opening. Nitpick Parasite if you must, but you’ll be watching a different movie from the one Bong has made. The actual movie underneath all the ornate plot scaffolding has a lot of questions, some of which it can’t answer, though art isn’t built to answer questions but to pose them. Bong asks, first and foremost, what prosperity is built on, and how far down the hierarchy goes (not how far up). You may feel the boot of the oppressor on your neck, but are you also oppressing someone just by virtue of what you have and what they don’t? You may not intend to oppress, but in truth, few actively seek to do so — the ones who have more, and who oppress more, just benefit from a certain moral laxity, a willingness to tune out the screams and wails coming from below. In our culture of late, we have discussed white privilege, and how it doesn’t mean a white person’s life is easy in every way, just that it’s easier in every way than a comparable person of color’s life is. And there are privileges among the less privileged, too: a hetero African-American man enjoys freedoms that a gay African-American woman does not. And both have it easier than a disabled African-American does. They share one aspect of experience, blackness, but in other respects are not alike.

So that’s what Parasite is about, but it’s also about the duelling production designs of the poor family’s packed but lived-in pad and the rich family’s expansive but sparse rooms, including a vast living room whose vast window looks out onto a vast backyard, where the climax unfolds in such an abrupt series of feints and jabs that we may want to stop the film and go back — we don’t feel ready for it, even though we know we’re on an accelerating ride into the inferno. One action during the climax isn’t readable at first glance because, in the moment, we see the father of the poor family the way the father of the rich family sees him: not as a father but as a driver. But then we say, No, he’s a father, and what he does makes some sort of sense.

Parasite will drive the literal-minded around the bend, because its events pile up and sometimes recall the ruthless structure of a sitcom, or a slamming-door farce like Noises Off. Much is made of the smell of the underclass, or the rich little boy’s American Indian fantasies into which the grown men of both families are conscripted, or water as a harbinger of disaster and forestalled revelation. The movie is also a lot of smooth fun to watch, Bong being an entertainer above most else. Parasite flips through about ten different genres and takes the best bits of each; it feels like a relaxing buffet that expresses and sparks a love of cinema. Some of the suspense and incidents rubbed me the wrong way while I was watching, but in memory they gain stature and gravitas. Finally, it stakes its claim as a Juvenalian satire in which products are more than once praised because “we ordered it from America,” but we Americans probably shouldn’t take that as a compliment.
Mariner Youth Soccer Scholarships

The Mariner Youth Soccer Association, which has provided soccer instruction, skills clinics and both recreational and competitive soccer opportunities to children 4-18 in the communities of Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Marion, Rochester and Acushnet for over 25 years, is pleased to announce that it will be offering a scholarship opportunity to Mariner Youth Soccer Alumni this Spring. Criteria at a minimum: the child must be a high school senior living in one of the above-listed communities and must have played for Mariner Youth Soccer for a minimum of four years. The scholarship deadline is April 11, 2020.

Applications can be requested by emailing: marinerscholarship@gmail.com or on our website: www.marineryouthsoccer.com

Stories of Challenge/Voices of Hope

Three local foreign immigrants will present “Stories of Challenge / Voices of Hope: Immigrant Journeys, in Their Own Words,” January 15 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the auditorium at Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green St., Fairhaven.

One of the presenters arrived in New Bedford early in 2019 from Guatemala, where she fled in fear for the lives of her and her child. She sought asylum in the United States. A second presenter has lived in the United States for many years but experiences ongoing separation from her husband, the father of her five children, who was deported in 2016. The final presenter recently came to the United States as an unaccompanied minor.

The local sponsor for “Stories of Challenge / Voices of Hope” is the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven, through its South Coast Progressive Voices bi-monthly speaker series. SCPV features experts in fields of broad public interest locally, regionally, and nationally.

The Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven (UUSF; uufairhaven.org) is committed to the pursuit of religious freedom and to building a world that is just, peaceable and sustainable.

While immigration issues are complex and multifaceted, and reasonable people can come to quite different opinions about how to fix a broken system, UUSF bases its support for immigrants in the Seven Principles of Unitarian-Universalism (www.uua.org/beliefs/what-we-believe/principles), specifically, belief in the inherent worth and dignity of every person; and injustice, equity, and compassion in human relations.

The presentation is free and open to the public. Doors open at 6:45 pm. The venue is handicap accessible via the Center Street driveway. Refreshments will be served.

Open Table

The next Open Table will be on Friday, January 10 in Reynard Hall at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Come celebrate the New Year with a delicious hot meal. There’s no charge for the meal, although donations are gratefully accepted. Doors open at 4:30 pm and supper will be served at 5:00 pm. This is a community event and everyone is welcome.

Young Adult Programs at the Mattapoisett Library

On Saturday, January 18 at 1:00 pm, join us for Sharpie Mug Decorating. A family-friendly event, we will provide the supplies and you will just need to bring the talent. Please register before January 11 to ensure we have enough supplies.

On Saturday, January 25 at 1:00 pm, Dungeons
**MARION**

Log highlights Dec 29-Jan 4
- Lady Slipper Ln – Animal complaint
- Drift Rd - Fraud
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- River Rd - EMS/medical
- Piney Point Rd – B&E/past
- Nokomis Rd – General service
- Moorings Rd – Found property
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Joanne Dr – Noise complaint
- Rt 195 West – MV collision
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Water St – General service
- Holly Pond Rd – EMS/medical
- Village Dr – Noise complaint
- Pitcher St – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Road hazard
- Front St – B&E/in progress
- Spring St – Paper service
- Front St – Follow up investigation
- Point Rd – MV collision
- Front St – Suspicious activity
- Front St – Paper service
- Water St – Suspicious activity
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Beach St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – B&E/in progress
- Wareham Rd – Follow up
- Spring St – Parking enforcement
- Front St – Paper service

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

**OLD COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION**
- Oven fried chicken, cheese, sausage, tator tots, mozzarella string cheese 2nd choice: Bug bite fun lunch
- Monday, Jan 13: Cheeseburger, ketchup, mustard, roasted potatoes, Malibu blend, hamburger roll, pineapple
- Tuesday, Jan 14: Mac & cheese, tomato Florentine, green & wax beans, fruit loaf, Mandarin oranges
- Wednesday, Jan 15: Grilled chicken parmesan, Italian pasta, broccoli florets, oatmeal roll, chocolate pudding, diet: low sugar pudding
- Thursday, Jan 16: Meatloaf, onion gravy, cheesy mashed potato, brussels sprouts, whole wheat bread, mixed fruit
- Friday, Jan 17: Fish sandwich, tartar sauce, confetti rice, German slaw, whole wheat hamburger roll, peaches

**MATTAPoisett**

Log highlights Dec 29-Jan 4
- Marion Rd – Animal control
- North St – MV violations
- Marion Rd – Suspicious MV
- North St – Open door
- Brandt Island Rd – Health/welfare
- Ridgewood Rd – Larceny/forgery
- Main St – Restraining order service
- Main St - Disturbance
- Island St - Disturbance
- Water St – General service
- Island St – Animal control
- County Rd – 911 abandoned
- County Rd – Sex offenses
- Park St – Follow up investigation
- Upland Way – Medical/assist
- County Rd – 911 call
- Park Pl – Health/welfare
- North St - Notification
- Main St – Restraining order service
- County Rd – Health/welfare
- Marion Rd – Ambulance request
- Fairhaven Rd – Health/welfare
- Stoney Hill Rd – Suspicious MV
- County Rd – Missing person
- Park St – Suspicious MV
- Brandt Island Rd – Health/welfare
- County Rd – 911 call
- North St – Traffic control
- Acushnet Rd – 911 call

**ROCHESTER**

Log highlights Dec 29-Jan 4
- Pine St – Suspicious MV
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV stop/warning
- Bassett St – Assist citizen
- Noble Rd – Suspicious MV
- Hartley Rd – MV lockout
- New Bedford Rd – Suspicious MV
- Perrys Ln – Suspicious MV
- Rouseville Rd – Medical emergency
- Rouseville Rd – Assist citizen
- New Bedford Rd - Investigation
- County Rd – MV accident
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity
- Taber Ln – Assist other police dept
- Walnut Plain Rd – Medical emergency
- North Ave – MV erratic operation
- Walnut Plain Rd – Officer follow up
- Burgess Ave – MV stop/citation
- Neck Rd – Medical emergency
- Rouseville Rd – Suspicious activity
- Rouseville Rd – 911 call
- Walnut Plain Rd – Wires burning
- Marion Rd – Animal control
- Stuart Rd – Medical emergency
- Neck Rd – Medical emergency
- Walnut Plain Rd – Recovered property
- Foss Farm Ln - Harassment
- Burgess Ave – 911 call
- Stuart Rd – Assist other police dept
- North Ave – Appliance fire

**REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS**

**COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM**
- Monday, Jan 13: Cheeseburger, ketchup, mustard, roasted potatoes, Malibu blend, hamburger roll, pineapple
- Tuesday, Jan 14: Mac & cheese, tomato Florentine, green & wax beans, fruit loaf, Mandarin oranges
- Wednesday, Jan 15: Grilled chicken parmesan, Italian pasta, broccoli florets, oatmeal roll, chocolate pudding, diet: low sugar pudding
- Thursday, Jan 16: Meatloaf, onion gravy, cheesy mashed potato, brussels sprouts, whole wheat bread, mixed fruit
- Friday, Jan 17: Fish sandwich, tartar sauce, confetti rice, German slaw, whole wheat hamburger roll, peaches

**CENTER SCHOOL**
- Monday, Jan 13: Meatball submarine, spudster fries, steamed broccoli 2nd choice: Bug bite fun lunch
- Tuesday, Jan 14: Oven fried chicken, corn on the cob, baked beans, roasted potato wedges, dinner roll 2nd choice: Bug bite fun lunch
- Wednesday, Jan 15: Pancakes, sausage, tator tots, mozzarella string cheese 2nd choice: Bug bite fun lunch
- Thursday, Jan 16: Asian chicken, vegetable lo mein, fortune cookie 2nd choice: Bug bite fun lunch
- Friday, Jan 17: No School

**OLD HAMMONDTOWN**
- Monday, Jan 13: Meatball submarine, spudster fries, steamed broccoli 2nd choice: Bug bite fun lunch
- Tuesday, Jan 14: Oven fried chicken, corn on the cob, baked beans, roasted potato wedges, dinner roll 2nd choice: Bug bite fun lunch
- Wednesday, Jan 15: Pancakes, sausage, tator tots, mozzarella string cheese 2nd choice: Bug bite fun lunch
- Thursday, Jan 16: Asian chicken, vegetable lo mein, fortune cookie 2nd choice: Bug bite fun lunch
- Friday, Jan 17: No School

**OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH**
- Monday, Jan 13: Meatball submarine, spudster fries, steamed broccoli 2nd choice: Bug bite fun lunch
- Tuesday, Jan 14: Oven fried chicken, corn on the cob, baked beans, roasted potato wedges, dinner roll 2nd choice: Bug bite fun lunch
- Wednesday, Jan 15: Pancakes, sausage, tator tots, mozzarella string cheese 2nd choice: Bug bite fun lunch
- Thursday, Jan 16: Asian chicken, vegetable lo mein, fortune cookie 2nd choice: Bug bite fun lunch
- Friday, Jan 17: No School

**SIPPICAN SCHOOL**
- Monday, Jan 13: Meatball submarine, spudster fries, steamed broccoli 2nd choice: Bug bite fun lunch
- Tuesday, Jan 14: Oven fried chicken, corn on the cob, baked beans, roasted potato wedges, dinner roll 2nd choice: Bug bite fun lunch
- Wednesday, Jan 15: Pancakes, sausage, tator tots, mozzarella string cheese 2nd choice: Bug bite fun lunch
- Thursday, Jan 16: Asian chicken, vegetable lo mein, fortune cookie 2nd choice: Bug bite fun lunch
- Friday, Jan 17: No School

**Rochester MemoriAl**
- Monday, Jan 13: Meatball submarine, spudster fries, steamed broccoli 2nd choice: Bug bite fun lunch
- Tuesday, Jan 14: Oven fried chicken, corn on the cob, baked beans, roasted potato wedges, dinner roll 2nd choice: Bug bite fun lunch
- Wednesday, Jan 15: Pancakes, sausage, tator tots, mozzarella string cheese 2nd choice: Bug bite fun lunch
- Thursday, Jan 16: Asian chicken, vegetable lo mein, fortune cookie 2nd choice: Bug bite fun lunch
- Friday, Jan 17: No School

**Old COLONY REGIONAL**
- Monday, Jan 13: Crispy chicken bowl w/inalphashort, corn, gravy & dinner roll
- Tuesday, Jan 14: Mozzarella sticks, fries, marinara sauce, baked beans & bread
- Wednesday, Jan 15: Pizza or chicken patty & chips
- Thursday, Jan 16: Steak & cheese sub, peppers & onions & fries
- Friday, Jan 17: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad
and Dragons will meet again to continue their quest. New players always welcome, and this session is recommended for ages 12 and up.

Game Lounge will be open Tuesday, January 21 at 4:00 pm. Craft Tuesday continues every Tuesday at 4:00 pm with a new craft. Stop by for some fun and a quick craft!

Please contact Michelle Skaar at mskaar@sailsinc.org or call the library for more information. All programs are free and open to the public. If special accommodations are needed, please contact the library at 508-758-4171 for assistance.

Mattapoisett Recreation Winter Program Openings

There are still openings in the following MATTREC programs starting after the new year.

Finger Knitting on Tuesdays at Center School starting February 4, is open to Grades 1-6. Yoga on Thursdays at Center School open to Grades K-3 starts January 9. Center School Robotics is on Thursday afternoons and OHS Robotics is on Tuesdays – both have limited spots available. A new program, Creative Clay, is on Mondays at Center School and is open to Grades K-3 starting January 13. More information and online registration is available at www.mattrec.net

Mattapoisett Christmas Tree Disposal

Christmas tree pick-up in Mattapoisett is scheduled through January 17. Christmas trees should be placed curbside by 7:00 am on the day of your regularly scheduled rubbish pick-up. Trees are also accepted at the Transfer Station on Tinkham Hill Road. Trees in plastic bags or with ornaments will not be picked up. If you have any questions please contact the Mattapoisett Highway Department at 508-758-4181.

South Coast Chamber Music Series

The South Coast Chamber Music Series (SCCMS) presents a weekend of Beethoven to mark the legendary composer’s 250th birthday. The program for “Beethoven CCL” includes his Second Symphony – for piano trio – as well as his G Major violin and piano sonata of 1803, which honors the traditions of Mozart and Haydn while gently “rocking the boat.” The program closes with a kaleidoscope of emotions in the dramatic and theatrical C Minor Quartet, which demonstrates why Beethoven is truly immortal and forever beloved.

On Saturday, January 25, the Chamber Music performance will take place in Marion at St. Gabriel’s Episcopal Church (124 Front Street). On Sunday, January 26, the venue is in South Dartmouth at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church (351 Elm Street). Both concerts begin at 4:00 pm. Tickets are $20 at the door or pre-purchase online at https://nbsymphony.org/chamber-series-season/.

This SCCMS weekend features NBSO musicians Jesse Holstein, violin; EmmaLee Holmes-Hicks, violin; Anna Griffis, viola; Leo Eguchi, cello; as well as SCCMS Artistic Director Janice Weber, piano. This Gift of Music concert is sponsored by Patty Plum Wylde in memory of her brother Matt Plum.

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Public Ice Skating at Tabor Academy

Once again, Tabor Academy has been generous and supportive of the many youth programs that the Marion Recreation Department offers throughout the year. This year is no exception.

The recreation department will be offering public ice skating at Tabor Academy until March 1, 2020. Public
SALOME’S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Events could inspire adventurous Lambs looking to make a major career or personal move. But as always, get all the facts before rushing into any sort of deal or commitment.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) What seems to be a great opportunity could cause even usually practical Taureans to ignore their inner caution cues. Best to move carefully to avoid falling into unseen traps.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Need a holiday now that the seasonal festivities are behind you? Good idea. Plan to go someplace wonderful. You’ll return refreshed and more than ready for a new challenge.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Progress continues to be made on that pesky workplace problem. Meanwhile, don’t assume a personal situation will work itself out. Best to get more involved earlier than later.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Catnaps are definitely recommended for Leos and Leonas who had been going at a hectic pace over the holidays. Adding relaxation time to your schedule helps restore your overdrawn energy reserves.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Sure, some of the new friends you made over the holidays might move out of your life at some point. But at least one might show significant “staying power” with some encouragement.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Encourage family members to join you in supporting a relative who could be facing a difficult emotional challenge in the New Year. Showing your love and concern helps keep his or her hopes up.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) While a long-deferred decision suddenly might take on some urgency after news on a related matter, you still need to weigh all factors carefully before deciding one way or the other.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good time to reassess the earlier plan you made for the New Year. Some elements you felt you could depend on to make it work might no longer carry that assurance.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Forming a renewed connection with a former associate is only the first step toward working out your new plans. Be prepared for problems, and deal with them as soon as they arise.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A romantic situation that was going smoothly not too long ago might take a new turn. Be honest about your feelings before you decide whether to follow it or take another path.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The wise Pisces (that’s you, of course) will make sure everyone knows your plan to keep your options open and listen to all sides of the situation before making any decisions.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your honest approach to life and living is always an inspiration for others fortunate enough to know you.

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skating sessions will run from 12:00 to 2:00 pm. The cost is $5 per skater. 100 percent of the proceeds will go to Marion Recreation Youth Programs.

Program dates include: January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23, and March 1.

Quartermaster from Sea Scout Ship 40

The Cape Cod and Islands Boy Scouts of America announced on January 6 that Emily Newell, formerly of Mattapoisett and a graduate of ORR, has earned the rank of Quartermaster from Sea Scout Ship 40. The rank is equivalent to Eagle in the BSA ranking system. Newell is only the second Quartermaster in the council in the last 30 years. She is also the second female to have done so. Newell is currently a junior attending the University of Southern Maine majoring in the humanities.

NBSO Presents All John Williams

On Saturday, January 11, the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra and Music Director Yaniv Dinur present All John Williams, a pops concert featuring the
iconic music of one of the greatest film composers of our time. For over 60 years, the legendary John Williams has been writing unforgettable music for films such as Star Wars, E.T., Harry Potter, Jurassic Park, and so many more. The NBSO will celebrate his genius in a live performance of some of the most recognizable and popular pieces from his more than 100 film scores.

The concert will take place on January 11 at 7:30 pm in the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center in downtown New Bedford. Please join us before the performance for Music Director Yaniv Dinur’s pre-concert conversation at 6:30 pm in the Penler Space (adjoining The Z), free and open to the public.

Tickets are $10, $30, $55, $65 online at www.nbsymphony.org or through The Z box office, 508-994-2900; $5 tickets for children and students under age 22 are available at the box office. Convenient concert parking is available in the Z garage for a $4 cash fee.

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Peter Hodges Memorial Scholarship

The Mattapoisett Lions Club, a member of Lions International the world’s largest service club organization consisting of 45,000 clubs and more than 1.3 million members worldwide, is pleased to announce the availability of two (2) $2,500 scholarships to be awarded this year to a graduating high school senior or homeschooled student residing in Mattapoisett, Marion or Rochester.

The funds for the Peter Hodges Memorial Scholarship are raised through fundraisers held by the Mattapoisett Lions Club throughout the year, including Harbor Days, an annual Arts and Craft Festival held in Shipyard Park, Mattapoisett every third weekend in July.

The Lion’s Club motto is “We Serve”. One of the largest charitable causes of Lion’s International includes raising funds for eye research in an effort to end preventable blindness throughout the world, eradicating measles worldwide in partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and here at home, providing services for those in need in our communities.

To qualify for this scholarship, a graduating student or homeschooled student shall be accepted to, and intend to attend, their first year of a recognized institution of higher education, must be a resident of the Tri-Town area, and must have demonstrated service to the community.

To obtain an application, learn more about this Award, or to learn how to become a member of the

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CASE #1442: Application of: 13 SHIPYARD LANE, LLC & ATKINSON LLC, 92 GREAT HOLLOW ROAD, WEST CORNWALL, CT 06796. RE:13 Shipyard Lane and 18 Atkinson Way. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under 3.1.2.2 and 7.2.2.2.7 as provided by Section 2.1 and a Variance stated in section 2.1 provided by Sec 7.2.3 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to divide property. The property is further described as, Plots 9&9, Lots 249 and 1 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday January 16, 2020.

Case #1443: Application of: RICHARD & CAROL ALLEN, 1390 Drift Road, Westport, MA 02780. RE-O Highland Avenue, BB. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under 3.1.2.1 and 3.1.2.2 as provided by Section 7.2.2 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to build a single-family home on an undersized lot. The property is further described as, Lot 14A, Lot 34 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday January 16, 2020.

Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours. Sincerely,
Susan Akin, Chairperson
Mary Anne Brogan, Norman Lyonnais, Kenneth Pacheco, Colby Rottler 1/2, 1/9

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA regarding an application for the construction of a mixed use development under the Cranberry Highway Smart Growth Overlay District filed by STEEN REALTY & DEVELOPMENT CORP., 3 Ledgewood Boulevard, Dartmouth, MA 02747 for properties located at 22 Cranberry Highway, designated as Lots 41C and 50 on Rochester Assessors Map 17.

The applicant proposes the construction...
Marion Art Center
Winter 2020 - Adult and Children’s Programs - The Marion Art Center announces an update to the class Continuing and Advanced Watercolor Painting with Instructor Jay Ryan. The session beginning on January 10 will feature eight, three-hour classes (instead of two hours) on Fridays in the MAC Studio, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. This course is a perfect “next step” for those who would like to explore watercolor painting beyond a basic understanding of color and brush strokes. The cost for the eight-week session: $280 for MAC members, $320 for nonmembers.

Beginning Drawing – Registration is now open for several classes in 2020, including the newly added five-week Beginning Drawing course. Instructor Catherine Carter will lead the class on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, February 4 through March 3. In this course, students will learn the basics of realistic drawing using pencil and paper, while developing observational and mark-making skills through traditional exercises. The cost is $135 for MAC members, $155 for nonmembers.

Children’s Art Lab – Don’t miss out on Children’s Art Lab at the MAC, beginning January 15. Art Lab programs include: Art + Music on Wednesday mornings beginning January 15, from 10:00 to 11:00 am in the MAC Studio, for children aged four and under, accompanied by an adult. Cost is $125 for MAC members, $145 for nonmembers, and there is a one-day drop-in option for $20; Art in the Afternoon: Art is Magic on Friday afternoons beginning January 24 from 3:00 to 4:00 pm, for children in grades 2-5. Cost is $160 for MAC members and $180 for nonmembers, with no drop-in option; Mini-Camp at the MAC: Teeny, Tiny Worlds on Monday, January 20 from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm, (one day only) for ages 5-10. The cost is $50 for MAC members and $60 for nonmembers.

MAC Dance Academy begins Monday, February 24 and runs through early May. Classes are available for children aged 2 ½ to 8 years. The cost is $160 for MAC members and $185 for nonmembers. Dance classes will run on Monday afternoons for ten sessions, with a final performance in the MAC Theater scheduled on Tuesday, May 5.

Register for adult and children’s programs online at marionartcenter.org/classes

FHS Class of 1960 Graduates
The reunion committee for the Fairhaven High School graduation class of 1960 is searching for contact information for the following classmates: Cynthia (Fleming) Bradley, Ann Bumpus, Joyce (Avila) Osborne, James Arruda, Barbara (Ellis) Lear, Kathie (Langlois) Rounds, Janet (Martin) Benjamin, Gerard Dumoulin, Joyce (Holmstrom) Picard, Margaret (Justley) Bartholomy, Louise (Valladoa) Selkowe, and David Reid.

The reunion will be held in June of 2020. Any information helping us to connect to these classmates would be greatly appreciated. Please call Diane at 508-993-7378. If there is no answer, please leave a message.

Marion Establishes Emergency Fund for Veterans
Marion Veterans Agent Barry Denham is pleased to announce that an emergency fund has been established to further assist veterans and their spouses in times of need.

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- Moderate
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- HOO BOY!

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The creation of the fund was approved by the Marion Board of Selectmen on October 15.

The fund will be used to help Marion veterans and their spouses who have short-term financial needs. The fund will be controlled by the Marion Veterans Services Office and Marion Council on Aging. Disbursement of the funds will be evaluated by both agencies on a case-by-case basis and will be released if the need cannot be met by the day-to-day services provided by local, state or federal veterans assistance programs.

“Sometimes there are tools that we do not have in our toolbox to assist a veteran or their families,” Denham said. “We wanted to establish this fund in order to provide a lifeline to help when resources are not available through other means.”

Any Marion resident who meets the state’s eligibility requirements to be considered a veteran is eligible to request to receive funds. A veteran’s widow or widower may also request funds. Proof of residency must be provided.

The veteran’s fund will be funded solely by donations. Those who would like to donate to the fund can send a check written out to the “Town of Marion” with “Veteran” in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to the Council on Aging office at 465 Mill St., Marion, MA 02738.

Anyone with further questions can contact the
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Drop n Shop

Need some time alone to get some shopping and errands done? Want to have date night with your significant other without the kids? Marion Recreation will host “Drop and Shop” days! Led by trained First Aid/CPR Summer Program Counselors, these three-hour drop-in events will include games, crafts, movies, along with pizza and drinks. Drop-in events will take place on the following Saturday evenings: January 18, February 15, March 21, April 18, May 16 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Cost per participant $30, for kindergarten through sixth grade only. The event is limited to 12 participants. Must register online five days prior to session. Register at: Marionma.gov/recreation. Location Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center, 465 Mill Street Marion.

Grades K-2 Learn to Play Basketball

Marion Recreation presents “K-2 Learn to Play Basketball”. In this class, instructors will focus on fundamentals of the game of basketball and basics of dribbling, passing, shooting, defense, and of course teamwork. Participants will also have the opportunity to play smaller games with adaptive nets. The program runs Saturdays beginning January 11 and runs through February 15, and is designed for beginner players or players in grades K-2nd Grade. Classes take place at Marion Veterans Services Office at 508-758-4100, Ext. 7.
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Sippican School Gymnasium. The cost for participants is $75 for six instructional weeks and includes a participant t-shirt.

A former standout at Division II Merrimack College, Instructor Aaron Strothers joined the UMass Dartmouth coaching staff ahead of last season. Strothers was a four-year player at Merrimack, appearing in 108 career games at forward for the Warriors. He helped his teams to a 70-44 record on his career including two NCAA Division II Tournament appearances (2009, 2010). Strothers is a member of Merrimack’s 500-rebound club, amassing 553 on his career to rank 11th in program history, and also a member of the 1000th point club. In 2013, Strothers was a member of the Cape Verde National Team for a summer. Following that, he played professionally for Escazu Basketball in Costa Rica, where he also became involved in youth clinics in the area. Since his playing days, Strothers has served in a variety of volunteer and coaching roles in the southeastern Massachusetts community. Most recently, he was the head seventh-grade boys coach for the Bay State Jaguars AAU team, while also assisting the fifth-grade girls squad. He also volunteers in basketball roles at the Boys & Girls Club of Wareham and with the Wareham Junior Basketball Association. Strothers holds his Bachelor of Arts in Sociology with a minor in Business Administration from Merrimack.

You may register online at www.marionma.gov/recreation. You do not need to live in Marion to participate in this program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Marion Recreation at 774-217-8355 or recreation@marionma.gov.

Heating and Utility Relief for Tri-Town Area Elders
Coastline Elderly Services, Inc. is providing assistance to elders in Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester who are need help with paying the heat or electric bills. The funds will pay for gas, electric, propane, wood, or other heating needs, to help reduce the financial burden for many elders who have difficulty with these purchases. Funding for this project was made possible by the George E. Curtis Charitable Trust. Please contact the Council on Aging in each town to complete a simple application. Each qualifying elder will receive a one-time assistance of $350. For the councils on aging in Marion, please call 508-748-3570; Mattapoisett, 508-758-4110, and Rochester at 508-763-8723.

Friends of Marion VNA Funds
Community Nurse Home Care has received funds from the Friends of Marion VNA to provide Marion residents health-related services not covered by insurance. These funds may be used for the following Community Nurse services:
- Care Transition Consultations
- Caregiver Guidance and Navigation
- Comfort Care
- Community Health Worker Outreach
- Complimentary Nursing Evaluation Visits
- Dementia Care and Support

Requests can be made by residents, their family members, the Marion Council on Aging or medical personnel by email: grants@communitynurse.com; phone: 508-992-6278; or fax: 508-996-0781

Marion Scholarship Fund
To enhance the education of Marion students, the Town of Marion has two funds. Both funds are supported entirely by donations of generous Marion residents.
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Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, who light all roads so I can attain my goals, you who give me the divine gifts to forgive and forget all evil against me, in this short prayer to thank you for all things and confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you, even in spite of all material illusions. I wish to be with you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. The favor requested will be granted. This prayer must be published immediately after the favor is granted. Don't mention the favor. Only your initials shall appear at the bottom. R.A.F.

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The Scholarship Fund awards money to deserving Marion students as they head off to their first year of college. Applicants are asked to submit their transcripts, a list of extra-curricular activities and community service, and letters of recommendations. This year the Scholarship Committee received 13 applications and made the very hard decision as to whom to award the scholarship. If sufficient funds are available, multiple award winners are named.

The Educational Fund contributes money to the Sippican Elementary School for items that are not covered under regular budget line items, but have been requested by teachers. This year we funded a special cart for overnight storage and charging of Chrome Book computers. This is an essential component to make full use of the computers which are an important part of the students’ curriculum.

Whether writing a check, bringing in the loose change on your dresser, having a lemonade stand or a yard sale, we are grateful to you for your help. When you make your donation, in any amount, please specify which fund you would like your donation to go to: Scholarship Fund or Educational Fund.

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Marion Scholarship Fund Committee: S. Cook, J. LeFavor, C. Pierce, M. Soden, D. White (Superintendent of Schools)

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The Friendly Visitor Program of the Marion COA seeks to maximize independence and enrich the quality of life for isolated seniors within the community. The program provides screened and trained volunteers to visit seniors in their homes. Visitors support seniors through weekly contact, providing social support, and a connection to the community. All volunteers are screened through a CORI (Criminal History Systems Board) check. For more information, please contact Linda Aguiar at 508 748-3570.
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Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online 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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