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Flood of Support for Injured Marion Woman
By Jean Perry

Hannah Strom of Marion was one of the passengers in the van transporting members of the Holy Cross women’s rowing team that collided head-on with a pick-up truck in Florida on January 15 while the team of seven and a coach traveled to a winter training in Vero, Florida.

Strom is a 2018 graduate of Tabor Academy and a sophomore at Holy Cross.

One of Strom’s teammates was killed, and Strom and the others sustained serious injuries as a result of the violent crash.

Dr. Jason Moore, a trauma surgeon at the Lawnwood Regional Medical Center and Heart Institute in Fort Pierce Florida where the crash victims were being treated said during a press conference on Thursday, January 16, that the six rowers and their coach are all expected to survive, but for “some of them, we still don’t know what their capabilities will be in the long run.”

Family members arrived in Florida, while back at home concerned community members took to social media to express an outpouring of support for Strom and her family. Support soon after surged in the community and throughout the South Coast as a number of businesses have begun donating a percentage of their sales to help Strom and her family.

Strom’s family owns and operates Kool Kone on Route 6 in Wareham where employees have hung photos of Strom, purple balloons, and put out jars to accept donations to help offset the cost of her care.

Strom’s mother, Gail Matoes-Strom, posted an update to Facebook on Saturday, January 18, saying with cautious optimism that it appeared that Strom’s condition was improving after days hooked up to a respirator and unconscious. She said the results of an early morning CT scan came back as stable and since then Strom has been breathing on her own.

“Vitals are good!” wrote Matoes-Strom.

“Medically significant that all this is happening this full day 3!”

At that time Strom still had not opened her eyes, “but I need to keep telling myself in due time.”

Matoes-Strom thanked the community for their support and said that the family is showing its support by displaying red and purple hearts on the doors and windows of homes, buildings, and village businesses. These two hearts hung on the door of the Marion Art Center are only two of many popping up all over Marion as a way to show support for Strom and her family as she continues her recovery in a hospital in Boston. Photo by Jean Perry.
thoughts and prayers asked them to continue to pray for Strom’s recovery.

On Monday, January 20, Strom was transported via med flight to a Boston hospital.

Since then, purple and red hearts have started popping up on the front doors of houses and businesses located in the village of Marion as a way to visually show support for Strom during her recovery.

Local LWV Expands, Tackles Census

By Marilou Newell

The League of Women Voters, conceived and chaired by the leading suffragette Carrie Chapman Catt in 1920, has evolved over the decades. Supporting women and helping to register many thousands, campaigning for the creation of the United Nations, sponsoring the first televised presidential debates and, more recently, focusing on issues that negatively impact minorities, students, the elderly, and rural voters, the LWV remains a vital nonpartisan organization.

While there is a national LWV, its strength comes from grassroots hometown advocacy. On that theme, the former Marion-Mattapoisett-Rochester LWV is becoming the South Coast LWV.

“We received state authorization to change our name and expand the range of our territory,” LWV member Luana Josvold recently told The Wanderer.

Josvold explained that the local LWV sought to expand their territory and, in so doing, provide meaningful support to historically underserved populations.

The interim leadership team includes, along with Josvold, Mattapoisett residents LWV Facilitator Kris Eastman, Secretary Betty Hill, and Cathy Martens; and Marion residents Deborah Bush, Margie Baldwin, Margot Stone, and Nan Johnson.

The newly expanded LWV will encompass Acushnet, New Bedford, Fairhaven, Wareham, and the three tri-towns. In the South Coast region, they will not only be able to increase their membership base, but they will also be reaching out to people, neighborhoods, families that might be unaware of the LWV and the
services it can provide. All that is about to change.

The SCLWV is taking on the immense task of helping to count every single person living in the area as the 2020 Federal Census is rolled out.

Since 1790 and every 10 years since then, the federal government undertakes population counts and data collection on numbers of people in the country and how the population is comprised – every man, woman, and child.

As Eastman put it, “After we received state approval for the name change and expanded region we thought, ‘What can we do now?’” She said that while continuing the work to help people with voter registration, the LWV also understands the importance of supporting those working on the census. “How could we help make the uncounted counted?”

First and foremost the LWV wants people to understand how the Federal Census impacts their daily lives. As people, especially young families, go about their busy days working, getting the kids off to school, managing the household, possibly taking care of older
family members or just getting through each day and its challenges, the import of what the Federal government is doing with tax dollars can get lost.

“Between 6 and 8 billion dollars in federal money is impacted by the census,” Eastman said. Where that money is spent and on what programs trickles down to everyone living in the country regardless of their residency status, she said.

The SCLWV has partnered with town clerks and librarians in an effort to get everyone counted and to help assuage concerns that “big brother” is watching and using collected census data in ways that threaten rather than support society as a whole.

Mattapoisett Town Clerk Catherine Heuberger explained, “The LWV will mobilize volunteers to help people complete the census.” While the Federal Census Bureau will direct people to complete the form online, “Many people will hesitate to do that. People may worry about hacking; they can go to the library and use those computers,” she said.

LWV volunteers will supplement library staffing to help people navigate the website and answer any questions they might have, she said.

“The Federal Census isn’t shared with anybody,” Heuberger added. While some of the questions are quite personal, she said, such as ethnicity, financial information, and who lives in the residence, their ages, and gender, “Many people may not want to disclose this information.”

But Heuberger stated that the Census Bureau is bound by law not to share any details with other agencies and that all individual data is encrypted. She assured that the data collected does not include bank accounts numbers or passwords.

So what is the point of the census? Simply put, how to spend federal tax dollars.

Susan Pizzolato, Mattapoisett Public Library director, said, “Programs that impact children such as food stamps, WIC milk programs, classroom sizes, where schools should be built... If we don’t have the right numbers these programs can’t help.

“Issues of trust are challenging,” she continued, “but that’s where the libraries can help.”

Pizzolato said that libraries are trusted places, places where everyone can come in and get the information they need or complete the census online. She said getting people to understand that even if they don’t have a green card, being counted – especially the children – is critical to how and where funds will be allocated.

All the census advocates interviewed for this story made the same point: a concerted effort on the part of the Federal Census Bureau will be made to get the count as complete as possible starting in March.

Based on addresses supplied by town clerks throughout the country, a postcard will be sent to households. That card will direct the recipient to go online to complete the census. If that goes unanswered, a second
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postcard, followed by a paper census form, followed by a knock on the door, will be the progression taken by the federal government to secure the data.

“April 1 will be Census Day,” said Josvold. That is the official day to get the census completed. She circled back to the importance of the census, saying, “This impacts government representation.” And for those who have been historically undercounted, a lack of representation is possible.

In the larger cities such as New Bedford, Heuberger said that religious leaders may be asked to help get the word out to their parishioners.

Pizzolato said that library staff alone couldn’t provide sufficient support for those wishing to complete the form online at libraries, “But the League will deploy volunteers when I need them.”

And the LWV is looking to supplement their membership with volunteers for this effort.

“We are looking for people who are familiar with their community,” said Eastman. She said that the census has “far-reaching ramifications” so that being “positive about the census, making people feel comfortable,” is critical. And not to put too fine a point on it, “The census is looking at where you’re living; it has nothing to do with who you are or whether you are a citizen or not.”

To learn more about the 2020 Federal Census go to www.2020census.gov. You may also reach out to the local 2020 Federal Census representative Jose Dacunha at jose.m.dacunha@2020census.gov.

To learn more about the South Coast League of Women Voters you may contact Kris Eastman at kriseastman@gmail.com.

Sculptor Erik Durant Transforming a Vision into Reality
Amanda Stone
for the Celebrate Elizabeth Taber Statue Committee

Erik Durant is an established contemporary figurative sculptor and elected member of the National Sculpture Society. He was born in New Haven, CT and studied History and Sculpture at Southern Connecticut State University. In 2001, he moved to New Bedford, MA
to attend the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, earning a Master of Fine Arts in Sculpture in 2004. Durant has been commissioned by the Celebrate Elizabeth Taber Statue Committee to create a life-sized, bronze statue of Marion’s greatest benefactress, Elizabeth Sprague Pitcher Taber (1791-1888).

Sculpting a life-sized historical figure to be cast in bronze is an arduous and meticulous process. The challenge involves hours of research, sketching, working by hand with clay, metal and flame – pinching, pulling, twisting, chiseling, carving, welding, molding, and finally bronze casting. All contribute to creating a three-dimensional art form that is visually appealing and engages the beholder from multiple perspectives. Durant says a sculpture must be
experienced “in the round” from many angles to fully appreciate every detail. The precise attention to detail, gesture and implied motion that Durant has captured in the maquette (scale model) of the Elizabeth Taber statue is at once delightful and evocative.

During the early years of his career, Durant’s work was influenced by the Italian Renaissance artists Michelangelo and Bernini, whose styles were characterized by dramatic realism, sensual richness and implied motion. Since achieving a high level of artistic mastery in gesture, movement and pose, Durant’s personal work is now inspired by his own “life observances and imaginings.” He explores historical and contemporary narratives to inform this work and his “quest to understand the human condition.”

Durant lives in New Bedford, MA and works out of Studio #303 at the Hatch Street Studios, 88 Hatch Street, New Bedford, MA. He exhibits nationally and regionally throughout Southern New England. His public commissions include the New Bedford Fisherman’s Tribute Monument and the memorial statue for former Massachusetts State Representative Tom Lopes. Information about Durant’s work, current projects, studio visits, and upcoming exhibitions can be found by visiting his website, www.erikdurant.com. Examples of Durant’s studio practice can be viewed on Instagram @erik_durant.

Creation of the Elizabeth Taber statue is well underway and a public celebration and unveiling is scheduled to take place at Bicentennial Park in August this year.

The 2020 unveiling is planned to coincide with three other events to be celebrated: the 100th anniversary of the passing of the Nineteenth Amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote; Lighting the Way: Historic Women of the South Coast (www.southcoastwomen.org), and the annual Marion Town Party.

For more information about the Celebrate Elizabeth Taber project or to make a donation, please visit www.sippicanhistoricalsociety.org. Checks may be mailed directly to Sippican Historical Society, PO Box 541, Marion, MA 02738 (please write ET Statue in the note line on the check). Donations are tax-deductible and gratefully received in any amount.

**Town Clerk to Retire in February**

*Rochester Board of Selectmen*

*By Jean Perry*

The Rochester Board of Selectmen on January 21 accepted the resignation letter from longtime Town Clerk Naida Parker, effective February 7.

Parker has been the town clerk for 38 years. Town Administrator Suzanne Szyndlar thanked Parker for her many years of service at Town Hall, adding, “Her intuitional knowledge was phenomenal, she was a great resource… she was very well known, very
well-liked.”

Szyndlar said the next step is to appoint an interim person to fill the position.

“The Town Clerk’s Office will obviously still need to run,” Szyndlar said. “The Board of Selectmen is required to appoint a temporary town clerk to fill that position until the Annual Town Election (in April).”

In April voters will be asked to vote to adopt Town Meeting’s approval of an appointed town clerk instead of an elected town clerk.

“I’ve been working on it,” Szyndlar said. “I expect the office to continue to run smoothly going forward.”

“[Parker] was part of this town government for a very long time and her service is greatly appreciated,” said Selectmen Chairman Paul Ciaburri.

In other matters, Szyndlar said she was pleased to announce that the town has been awarded a $100,000 Housing Choice Grant to install a wheelchair lift to provide handicap access to the lower level of the Plumb Library.

Facilities Director Andrew Daniel said in a follow-up that although the grant is intended for municipalities to use the funds toward housing-related projects, towns with a population of under 7,000 can use the funds for capital improvement projects.

The plan to install a lift for ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessibility, Daniel said, has been in the works for about 14 years.

“This roll of plans was in my office when I started the job six years ago,” said Daniel. “It should take me two years to complete but I’m sure – I hope – I’ll be ahead of that.”

Creating access to the downstairs area will open up space in the upper level of the library by allowing the library to host its more “loud and noisy” children’s activities downstairs and reserving the main library space for a computer area and shelves of library books. Restrooms will be upgraded and town committees may also use a new meeting space that will result from the renovation.

Plumb Library Director Gail Roberts added that the library has saved up roughly $20,500 from donation...
sources to contribute to the project.

“We’ve been saving away like a good Yankee just squirreling away [money],” Roberts said.

“Hopefully there will be a little more money left over to do some other improvements to the building,” said Daniel.

In other news, the board approved a Class II Used Car Dealer license for Tony DeBalsi, 203 High Street.

DeBalsi said he hopes to sell three vehicles a month that he will purchase from dealer-only auctions. The vehicles will be parked and on display in the rear of his property.

One set of abutters attended the public hearing only to ask about the sign that DeBalsi would want to display – its size and location – and DeBalsi said he would display the sign viewable only from the rear of his property and outside of view from the road.

DeBalsi said he has no intention to turn his operation into a fully functioning used car lot and would keep his business in harmony with the characteristics of the neighborhood.

“As long as… the abutters are happy with the placement of the sign, I have no problem with granting the license,” said Ciaburri.

Earlier in the meeting, the board appointed Elijah Vicente-Roberts as a part-time police officer.

Christopher Peck was appointed to the Capital Planning Committee.
The board appointed Building Commissioner Jim Buckles as the town’s 40R-related Smart Growth Overlay District reporting officer and appointed Szyndlar as the Smart Growth Overlay District municipal officer responsible for filing.

The next meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen is scheduled for February 3 at 6:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall.

Marion Gets New Asst. TA, New Engineer

Marion Board of Selectmen

By Andrea Ray

Marion Finance Director Judy Mooney is officially the town’s new assistant administrator.

Mooney’s full new title, approved by Marion’s Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, January 21, is Finance Director and Assistant Town Administrator.

Marion Town Administrator Jay McGrail said in a previous meeting that he had been angling to give Mooney the position for quite some time.

“Now I know Judy and she’s exemplary,” said Selectman Randy Parker. “But I know that if she was sitting in my seat, she’d ask, ‘So what’s this going to cost?’”

“For the time being, nothing,” McGrail told him. Mooney is currently under contract with the town; her contract expires on June 30. She and McGrail have been negotiating a raise, McGrail explained. He noted that

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there were no dramatic changes in Mooney’s pay rate within the discussions.

“Well, she’s filled in capably as the town administrator before, I have no problems with this,” Parker said.

The selectman approved Mooney’s new position unanimously.

Marion also has a new town engineer. Meghan Davis, currently employed by engineering company Tata and Howard, will begin on February 3.

Davis, a UMass Amherst graduate, lives in Bourne and has been previously involved with engineering projects in Marion.

“One of [Davis’] very first jobs with Tata and Howard was working on a water main expansion in Marion,” Parker noted.

Also during the meeting, the selectmen approved the expansion of two Marion community boards. Marion Historical Commission member Meg Steinberg attended the meeting to discuss expanding the board from three regular members to five, in light of several exemplary applications.

“I don’t see why we should only have three members if we could have five,” Steinberg said. “We have five people who are all enthused and bring different skills to the table.”

“Three regulars with two alternates makes for an easier quorum if you need to vote on anything,” Parker advised Steinberg.

“I know,” she replied, “but I’d rather just wait and have more people overall.”

Her request was unanimously approved. The new members of the Historical Commission are V. Jane Tucker, Bryan McSweeney, and Sydney Bowen.

The size of the Marine Resources Commission also grew after commission members found themselves loathe to choose between two highly-qualified candidates. The commission requested to add both candidates as applicants, and the request was approved by the selectmen.

Board of Health member Dot Brown also approached the selectmen for a discussion on denitrification septic systems. The board did not have comments on the presentation, as it was simply informational.

Brown pointed out that water with an overflow of nitrogen means plants and animals will starve for lack of oxygen; she is currently discussing potential sewer regulations with her fellow Board of Health members to avoid this scenario.

Brown and the Buzzards Bay Coalition have been studying the state of Marion’s water for several years, and according to Brown, nitrogen levels are continually growing worse.

“If the new sewer systems installed in town in 2018 had been alternative systems, for denitrification, the amount of nitrogen introduced into the water would have been halved,” she explained.

There are about six different types of alternative septic systems, Brown told the board. All of them require yearly monitoring. She said loans are available for these newer technology septic systems, and Barnstable County is willing to take over sewer monitoring for residents should they upgrade their sewer system.

Although Marion isn’t a part of Barnstable County, Brown explained that the county is heavily invested in the health of Buzzards Bay and is offering the service to towns whose water flows into the bay.

There is another plus to the alternative systems, according to Brown. Residents who upgrade their
systems, she explained, do not immediately have to hook their sewer up to the town sewer should a town sewer line be constructed near their house.

“Normally, that’s an immediate requirement. But, if a resident has recently upgraded their sewer, they are allowed to defer hooking up to town sewer for 10 to 20 years,” she said.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen is scheduled for February 4 at 7:00 pm at the Marion Town House.

Balanced Budget Rests on ORR Assessment
Marion Finance Committee
By Jean Perry

The Marion Finance Committee met with Town Administrator Jay McGrail on January 15 for an update on progress toward a balanced fiscal year 2021 budget, which McGrail said is still off by roughly $100,000-$150,000.

McGrail said a prior shortfall of $300,000 in December is “pretty common for that time of year” in the preliminary stages of the budget-building process, but reducing the rest of the deficit “[depends] on how ORR swings,” he said.

The budget timeline McGrail set weeks ago has so far been on track, said McGrail, after having met with all department heads to review their preliminary budget requests with just the library and the fire department remaining.

McGrail has asked each department to submit a level-service budget for FY21 with any additional requests listed separately.

“To be honest, it’s been a good process,” said McGrail. “We’ve cut already significantly from department… budgets to be able to get where we’re at today,” which included a number of eliminations in requests for additional staff, overtime, new programs, and some one-time funding requests.

“We combed through requests to get down to what can afford,” said McGrail. “We’re not too far off from being able to submit a balanced budget to you guys.”

McGrail reported that the town has $1.9 million in certified free cash at this time, an amount that Finance Committee Chairman Peter Winters said was “about average;” however, the town has been striving to rely less on free cash to fund the budget each year.

“The last piece is really dealing with these last few departments and getting a final ORR number and that would complete our side of it (the budget preparation),” said McGrail.

McGrail said he would submit the FY21 budget to the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen on January 30 and publically present it to the selectmen.
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during their February 4 meeting with a February 5 FinCom meeting to follow. Soon after, McGrail said department heads from the Fire, Police, and Facilities Departments would make their presentations to the Board of Selectmen and the FinCom, hopefully during one meeting rather than two.

McGrail was most excited about not having to propose any overrides to voters at this year’s Annual Town Meeting.

“That’s pretty dramatically different than last year,” said McGrail. “I think that residents should be happy to hear that.”

“We certainly want to see a growth rate of 2 percent – or under would be better,” said Winters. “Just because we can afford it doesn’t mean we should spend the money.”

McGrail said the budget was currently at about 3 percent.

“The final [ORR] assessment number will determine where that goes,” said McGrail.

The next meeting of the Marion Finance Committee is scheduled for February 5 at 7:00 pm at the Marion Town House.

40R Stormwater Plan Needs Further Analysis
Rochester Conservation Commission
By Jean Perry
The Rochester Conservation Commission on January 21 revisited the Notice of Intent filed by Steen Realty and Development Corporation, Inc., developer of the 40R affordable housing development known as Rochester Crossroads at 22 Cranberry Highway.

The proposed work that includes stormwater management systems to accommodate the 208-unit housing complex falls entirely within the 100-foot wetlands buffer zone, with some work occurring within the 25-foot no-touch zone.

Engineer Phil Cordeiro told the commission that he had only a few updates to present this week, but nothing pertaining to the project’s design.

The commission attended a site visit over the prior weekend to familiarize itself with the location, and Cordeiro said he also discussed the findings from Conservation Agent Laurell Farinon’s own separate walk of the site and its wetlands lines.

“Nothing has transpired from our side, and we haven’t made any modifications to the plan at this point,” Cordeiro said, adding that Farinon only had a few comments about two wetland flags that needed to be revisited by the developer’s wetlands scientist and a request that the developer remove some old PVC piping and debris from two sites left behind by a nursery that was once located there.

Cordeiro said he would prefer that the two cleanups be included in the Order of Conditions as special conditions.

Assisting the commission is environmental consultant Henry Nover, who provided the commission with his comments on the stormwater management system plan. He recommended two additional test pit sites and a groundwater mounding analysis be performed to test the stormwater management system’s calculations against a 100-year storm.

Cordeiro said that the project would be appearing before the Planning Board in the following week for its first formal hearing and that they would be presenting a plan that he believes “already captures what is likely to be their comments.”

“I hope that we’ve checked the boxes, but we’re not quite there,” said Cordeiro.

The hearing was continued until February 4.

In other matters, the public hearing for the Request for Determination of Applicability, continued from December 17, for the Town of Rochester for work at the Leonard’s Pond recreation area was again continued until February 4.

With one recusal leading to a lack of a quorum, the public hearing for Pedro Rodriguez of Solar MA Project Management, LLC was continued until February 4.

The Notice of Intent for REpurpose Properties, LLC for an age-restricted residential development on Rounseville Road beside Plumb Corner Mall was continued until February 4.

The next meeting of the Rochester Conservation
Commission is scheduled for February 4 at 7:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall.

**ZBA Denies Special Permit and Variance**

*Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals*

By Marilou Newell

After a short delay to the start of the January 16 meeting of the Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals, as hurried outgoing calls were made to alternate members in an effort to make a quorum, the first meeting of the evening was eventually and quickly dispatched.

Richard and Carol Allen, 7 Highland Avenue, represented by John Panzarella of East Coast Homes, saw their request for a Special Permit to build a new residence on a previously approved undersized lot approved.

The previous owner had secured a permit to build; however, the Allens failed to act in a timely manner causing that permit to expire. With no objections or questions from those in attendance or the board members, the request was approved.

Things did not go quite so quickly when an application for a Special Permit and a Variance filed by 13 Shipyard Lane, LLC, and Atkinson, LLC for properties located at 13 Shipyard Lane and 18 Atkinson Way was heard. Represented by engineer Doug Schneider of Schneider, Davignon and Leone, the applicant sought the board’s approval to divide properties not contiguous to one another.

As was described by Schneider, his client, Sam Waterston, owns both properties; parcels that were once a much larger holding owned by his ancestors. The lot located at 13 Shipyard Lane currently includes a pathway or easement to a beach area, a small undersized lot, and exclusive rights and ownership of a stone pier. And while the plans, Schneider said, would not change deeded easements for beach access, it would convey to the parcel located at 18 Atkinson Way those exclusive rights and ownership to the pier.

ZBA Chairman Susan Akin and ZBA member Mary Anne Brogan appeared flummoxed and questioned why the applicant wished to have the pier conveyed to the Atkinson Way property when, as things stood now, he owns everything.

Schneider said that although there are not currently any plans to sell any properties, the applicant wanted “flexibility” for any future decisions. He also pointed out that all along Mattapoisett’s extensive coastline there exist piers absent any “primary structure”, making what Waterston requests not unusual based on precedent.

Schneider also said that the applicant had conferred with a real estate agent who seemed to indicate that the Atkinson Way property would have more value if the pier off Shipyard Lane could be attached to it.

“Why does he have to own it, he has an easement,” said Brogan, but Schneider pointed out that

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the easement to the beach did not include rights to use the pier.

“Why does he have to do this?” asked Akin.
“He’s looking to protect the pier and keep it with the ancestral home,” responded Schneider.
Schneider further clarified that Waterston having to own two properties in order to keep the ancestral pier constituted the hardship.

“He should just keep the house (on Shipyard Lane),” said Brogan. “Granny shouldn’t have sold it.”

In the end, the majority ruled that the filing could not meet hardship standards and the stated hardship had been “self-created.” Akin, Brogan and member Norman Lyonais voted ‘no’ with members Tony Tranfaglia and Colby Rottler voting to approve.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for February 20 at 6:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Town Hall if there are hearings scheduled.

**Straw Vote Indicates Tabor Lights Approval**

**Marion Zoning Board of Appeals**

**By Jean Perry**

Adhering to the advice of town counsel, the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals on January 16 deliberated the Special Permit application filed by Tabor Academy for four 90-foot field light poles to form a consensus so that he can draft a decision for the board to vote on at its next meeting.

The purpose of the non-binding so-called ‘straw vote’ rather than a definitive final vote was to avoid initiating the 14-day period for the ZBA to file the decision with the town clerk and to allow for enough time for Town Counsel Jon Witten to write up a final decision.

The ZBA closed the public hearing during its last meeting and solicited the input from the police and fire chiefs regarding concerns about on-street parking during night games when the lights would be used. According to Witten, “As long as the board addresses those issues (parking) they (both chiefs) are fine with it.”

Witten asked the board to deliberate the criteria of the special permit and if the project would fulfill special permit conditions or whether the board should instead refer to the Dover Amendment.

The Dover Amendment allows educational institutions to build facilities that exceed the maximum size allowed within the local zoning bylaws if the project directly serves an educational use.

“I’d prefer the board to articulate where you want to go with this, including any conditions that you would like imposed,” said Witten, specifying that he was not looking for a motion that evening or any suggestion of any promise of approval, just direction for him to draft the decision.

He advised the board to be specific and to provide legitimate findings to defend its decision should the ZBA lean toward special permit approval.

“That’s just good practice,” said Witten. “You need to articulate why it met the [special permit] requirement.”

Witten further cautioned the board that it should “spend a little extra time” that night as it deliberated the case, given that it had been remanded back to the ZBA by a Land Court judge.

“I feel very strongly that we should be considering the special permit rather than the Dover Amendment at this point,” said ZBA member Christine Frangos, “because I think, considering the Dover Amendment, if we were to rule that this met the requirements of the Dover Amendment [it] would open us up – would be a very slippery slope – open us up to potential other…”

“It’s precedent-setting,” ZBA member Margie Baldwin interjected.

Under a special permit, six conditions demonstrating that the lights would in some way serve the needs of the community and not pose a detriment to traffic and safety, utilities and public services, the character of the neighborhood, the environment, or town services must be met for approval.

“I don’t think… there are any adverse impacts over… the positive impacts,” said ZBA member David Bramberg. “I would say the proposal is acceptable under [a special permit].”

Chairman Marc LeBlanc identified traffic and
safety as the two main concerns, including parking, which neighbors had expressed as a major concern, especially on Ryder Lane.

ZBA member Tad Wollenhaupt suggested imposing a condition that Tabor must employ an off-duty police officer during night games when the lights are illuminated.

“A police detail’s probably not out of the question,” said Wollenhaupt. “I don’t know if it’s unreasonable; I don’t know why it would be.”

The board agreed with Wollenhaupt’s suggestion.

“I think Tabor has shown that they’re willing to work with us in the town,” said LeBlanc. “I wouldn’t be opposed to putting something in writing with regards to a yearly review to sit down with Tabor and maybe fire and police and to say, ‘OK, we let this play out, where are we lacking, what could we do better?’ That way we’re not just putting it in a special permit and not revisiting it again.”

The board’s additional conditions would include a maximum of eight games per season – fall and spring – and a 9:30 pm shutoff time for games, 6:30 pm for practices. Furthermore, Tabor is allowed no more than three “community events” requiring night lighting per spring and fall season.

ZBA associate member Louise Nadler addressed how the lights might impact the character of the neighborhood, saying, “The first house [I] ever bought...
was next to a school. My feeling is that if there’s anybody who’s been living there for 220 or 180 years, then they have a dog in the fight; but I think that the school is, in fact, part of the neighborhood – and a wonderful part of the neighborhood – and I understand traffic and congestion can be an issue, but when your property abuts an institution of any sort there are pluses and minuses.”

“I would agree,” said Baldwin. “It’s a matter of coexistence. Tabor is there, the neighborhood is there, and I think that Tabor has made huge strides in reaching out to the neighborhood for their concerns.”

“I think Tabor is part of the character of the town and we’re pleased to have Tabor be a part of the town,” continued Baldwin, “so I think it behooves us to work with Tabor and move forward with this.”

Wollenhaupt agreed, saying, “Tabor’s there, Tabor exists; the field is there, the field exists; we’ve all looked at the concrete footings for a year or two now and they exist... Yes, they will exceed what we have for a [height] limit; however, this is the better option and it doesn’t really take away for the character of the neighborhood.”

LeBlanc pointed out that this new special permit application only featured four light poles instead of the original five.

“That’s a vast improvement right there, just eliminating that other tower,” LeBlanc said.

He determined that the project was “not out of the realm of this application,” adding, “It seems like a special permit is the way to go, not the Dover Amendment.”

Witten felt that the board had covered everything he needed to draft a decision he assumed was leading toward special permit approval, and the board clarified some further conditions including quarterly reports certifying the number of games and events held in addition to the annual report, an annual review of safety, and that the building commissioner, police chief, and fire chief all have access to the program that controls the lights in the case of an emergency.

No parking would be allowed on Ryder Lane, and that will be enforced by a police detail.

Any changes to the permit would require Tabor to return before the ZBA.

The board will take a final vote during its next meeting.

In other matters, the public hearing for Stephanie and Richard Harding, 52 Ichabod Lane, was immediately continued until February 13.

The public hearing for Raymond Whitley and Natalia Vartapetova, 534 Point Road, was also immediately continued until February 13. The ZBA closed the public hearing.

Cynthia Callow also appeared before the board seeking endorsement for appointment to the ZBA.

The next meeting of the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for February 13 at 6:30 pm at the Marion Town House.

Forecast for Snow is ‘Always Something’

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Jean Perry

Scott Snow is no stranger to the permitting process to develop land and build in the town of Mattapoisett, and he has experienced his share of contentious meetings with various town boards along the way; which is why Snow was pleased on January 17 to receive two Certificates of Compliance – one complete and one partial – from the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission for his construction project on 27 Nashawena Road. But as Snow put it last Friday, “It’s always
something,” and in this case that ‘something’ was a third certificate of compliance that Snow expected to receive that day.

Chairman Mike King was absent from the meeting, which was rescheduled after the January 13 meeting was canceled due to a lack of a quorum; Conservation Agent Elizabeth Leidhold was also absent, which left the four commission members that could attend the 12:00 noon meeting without input or recommendations on Snow’s requests.

The commission moved quickly through the entire agenda granting all the requests before it with no questions or comments amongst the members during the 10 minutes it took to adjourn.

Snow’s first Certificate of Compliance was for a partial-beam plan for a foundation and included a licensed seawall that was completed and a shed that was constructed. But a proposed deck and staircase were not completed so another Notice of Intent is needed for the remaining work as the permit has expired.

Snow’s second agenda item included plans for a sloped retaining wall, which has been completed, but the proposed pool, deck, breakaway panels on a column foundation, landscape plantings, and driveway expansion have not been completed.

“I’m comfortable with it,” commented commission member Chapman Dickerson.

As per the engineer’s request, the commission issued a partial certificate rather than an invalid certificate, and a new Notice of Intent for the incomplete work must be filed as that permit has also lapsed.

Snow then asked the commission if it was going to approve a third request for a Certificate of Compliance for a septic system at the same address, but it was not featured on the agenda and the appointed chairman for the day, Trevor Francis, had no knowledge of a third certificate request.

“That’s all we have is the two,” said Francis.

Looking ahead to the next meeting’s agenda, the commission found no mention of another certificate request for Snow.

“Without [Leidhold] here there’s not much I can do,” Francis told Snow.

Also during the meeting, the commission granted a one-year permit extension to Samuel Waterston, 13 Shipyard Lane, to reconstruct a groin and build a new walkway, ramp, and float. No work has been undertaken to date.

Thomas Econopouly, 84A Shagbark Drive, also received a permit extension to build a single-family house. No work has been conducted since the permit was originally approved.

The commission approved two Certificates of Compliance for Deborah and Carmello Nicolosi, 38 Shore Drive, for a seawall and jetty repair, deck and stairway, shed, concrete slab, septic upgrade, and a 25-by-28-foot...
A Request for Certificate of Compliance filed by Alexander Makkas, 16 Island View Avenue, was continued until February 10.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is scheduled for January 27 at 6:30 pm at the Mattapoisett Town Hall.

Marijuana Dispensary Seeks Zoning Changes

Marion Planning Board
By Marilou Newell

“It is our intention to move forward with the proposed site at 413 Wareham Road by seeking a slight

rezone/overlay of the freestanding parcel,” began Ericca Kennedy, the Massachusetts Economic Empowerment partner of Lighthouse Recreational Cannabis Dispensary, a business that is attempting to open its doors to customers from the former Cumberland Farms property. “The slight rezone/overlay would be from General Business to Light Industrial. This would allow us to be in compliance with the Town bylaw.”

Speaking from prepared notes at the January 21 meeting of the Marion Planning Board, Kennedy outlined the high level of security as well as customer experience planned by the retailer of marijuana and its byproducts. She touched on parking at the Route 6 property, a sensitive subject for the intersection nearby that has, as of late, been the topic of several meetings looking for ways to make pedestrian crossing and traffic flow more harmonious at this critical multi-road intersection. Kennedy said that there would be a parking attendant to help manage traffic flow into and out of the parking lot and that valet parking might also be added.

Kennedy acknowledged and thanked the town for working with Lighthouse, including the suggestions that they purchase the town-owned Atlantis Drive building scheduled for surplus, according to Town Administrator James McGrail. However, she said that after evaluating that location it was deemed a poor investment for Lighthouse. She did not completely close the door on that location, though, suggesting the possibility of leasing the building from the town.

But on this night Kennedy was seeking a positive consensus from the Planning Board in support of a bylaw
Board Chairman Will Saltonstall felt that there was no need to increase the Light Industrial District and that there was considerable land already allocated for businesses fitting into the scope of the bylaw.

“It’s my opinion… for not putting this forward,” said Saltonstall.

Polling the other members, Norman Hills, also a selectman, questioned Kennedy’s traffic assumptions that everything could be handled smoothly.

“Where’s the overflow going to go?” He asked, adding that the Atlantis Drive property was already in the Light Industrial District and that Kennedy’s plan wasn’t “workable”.

Board member Eileen Marum agreed, saying, “Traffic may impact Wells Road and Spring Street.”

Hills interjected that proposals to decrease the number of lanes on Route 6 had to be taken into consideration when permitting businesses. Saltonstall read into the minutes a letter from the Board of Selectmen that they would not support any business that increased traffic along Route 6.

Planning Board member Kristen Saint Don, while agreeing that traffic had to be taken into consideration, said, “The two lanes on Route 6 is just a proposal.” She asserted that businesses looking to locate in the General Business District should not be turned away because of
traffic issues and thought that decisions should be based on the matters at hand, not proposals.

Hills and Marum both discussed the town’s Master Plan, which gave much weight to traffic issues, the need for traffic calming measures, and pedestrian crossings.

Coming down soundly on the side of inviting new businesses into the community was Planning Board member Andrew Daniel. He said that Lighthouse’s business plans would bring in thousands of dollars to the town, funds that could be used for a variety of big-ticket items the townspeople would otherwise have to bear.

“This would help us with the Master Plan,” Daniel said. “General Business is Route 6; we should be planning for that.”

But he was not particularly in favor of the 413 Wareham Road location as a marijuana dispensary. “This is not the best plan or the best location, but I’m in favor of the zoning.” He went on to say, “I would totally support looking at the overlays and zoning changes. We need to get creative about where our money will come from.”

Daniel continued, “We don’t need another real estate or insurance office.”

“The Light Industrial should be off Route 6, not in the front of the house,” said Saltonstall. He said again that he thought there was plenty of opportunity with the zoning in place now, adding of marijuana businesses, “They can be successful no matter where they are.”

Daniel agreed, pointing to the medical marijuana facility in Fairhaven located off Alden Road.

As the discussion wound down, Kennedy stated, “It is our goal to keep working with this town… to continue to try.”

Saltonstall reminded her that zoning bylaw changes required a two-thirds vote at Town Meeting.

In other business, Dwight Crosby, Tri-Town Motors, came before the Planning Board expressing frustration that his approval to begin towing and impounding services in the community had, after more than a year, not produced any calls to his business.

Town Planner Gil Hilario said that Building Commissioner Scott Shippey had raised questions about whether or not Crosby needed a modification to his Special Permit because “impounding” was not specifically spelled out; instead, “storage” had been used.

The Planning Board members for their part thought that this might be splitting hairs and were in agreement that Crosby had everything he needed to start providing towing and impounding services.

They chose to take no action, believing everything was in place, but assured Crosby that they would follow up with Shippey and town counsel to ensure that was the case.

Engineer David Davignon of Schneider, Davignon and Leone, Inc., representing the Marion Lands Trust, received an Approval Not Required for the creation of three lots located off Wareham Road carved from a parcel of more than 10 acres.

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for February 3 at 7:00 pm at the Marion Town House.

School Avoids Significant Increase in FY21 Budget

Marion School Committee

By Jean Perry

The Marion School Committee received an introduction to the school district’s fiscal year 2021 budget on January 15, a budget that, with additional funding from state special education reimbursement and grants, will cost the town a mere one-tenth of a percent more than
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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

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last year’s budget.

“So it’s pretty good,” commented Superintendent Doug White.

Overall, general education is up $138,030 and special education is down by $43,504, for a total budget increase of $94,526.

White pointed to social-emotional support, funding for computers, and professional development as the “three big areas” where funding was added in the draft FY21 budget.

The budget includes a .4 FTE (full-time equivalent) social worker to address growing needs for social-emotional support; a position that White said was eliminated a few years ago.

“But as we look at our student body and our student needs, we feel that that’s an area that we need to bring someone back and we also feel that we can do that gradually over time,” said White.

The second area that merits concern, White said, is funding for computers that for years was covered by donations no longer available to Sippican School. That line item will call for an additional $20,000 to manage the existing Chromebook leases and other computer-related costs.

There is also an additional need for professional development specifically addressing literacy, White said. “Everything else has pretty much either been driven by contract adjustments… and maintaining and sustaining our work that we’re doing,” White said.

White pointed to the transportation line item for Bristol County Agricultural High School that was held separate from the Sippican School budget at the request of the Marion Finance Committee, totaling $117,949.

“The town understands that it is an educational cost,” White said, but he stated that it does not affect the Sippican School budget.

White reminded the committee that this was a draft budget that won’t be complete until the governor’s budget is approved and made public on January 22. White added that new education legislation called the Student Opportunity Act, a major overhaul of the state’s Chapter 70 funding formula, might bring new dollars to the school district over time.

“But without knowing what the budget numbers will be, it’s tough to make any final decisions on this,” said White, adding that new funding would be dispersed most likely over a period of seven years or so and is contingent upon the school district submitting a written plan on how it would use the funds to close student achievement gaps.

“That’s work that’s going to be happening,” White said, “but on the other side of this, we don’t know how much money we’re getting yet; therefore, we don’t know how big a plan or how little a plan [we’ll need] to develop.

“We have been doing a lot of work with less money,” White continued. “We have a good strategic plan that set us up to close our gaps already, and I think that we may be able to tap into some of the things we’re already doing and use some of those dollars to offset [the budget].”

White again emphasized that any additional funding will be spread out over time.

“You’re not getting the whole enchilada in one swoop,” he said.

School Committee Chairman Michelle Smith said the budget subcommittee has already met with town officials and received some positive feedback.

“They were very receptive and it was really nice,” said Smith. “They did a really great job with the budget… I think it’s going to address the needs of our students, especially when adding the additional social worker.”

The committee will take a vote on the FY21 budget during the next meeting of the Marion School Committee, which is scheduled for March 4 at 6:30 pm at Sippican School.

OC Basketball Takes Two Wins Over Bristol Aggie

High School Sports Update
By Nick Friar

Old Colony girls basketball’s scoring has been up and down throughout the 2019-20 season. Hailey Hathaway has played well for the Cougars, then there’s...
Kat Kirby, as well.

Then there’s Savanna Halle, who just had a monstrous game for Old Colony on their 46-42 win over Norfolk Aggie. The junior accounted for 54.3 percent of Old Colony’s scoring, finishing with 25 points.

“She had a phenomenal night,” Old Colony girls basketball coach Craig Lincoln said.

Halle also knocked down two 3-pointers, one of them being the go-ahead bucket in the fourth quarter.

The win was the Cougars’ first in the Mayflower Athletic Conference Small Vocational Division (1-1).

Overall, Old Colony is 5-4 on the season.

Old Colony boys basketball also won their matchup against Norfolk Aggie, bouncing back from their 67-58 loss against South Shore. The 80-34 win brings Old Colony’s record to 8-2 on the season. It’s also the Cougars’ first win in the Mayflower Small Vocational Division in 2019-20.

Hunter Soares has led the Cougars in scoring in each of the past two games. He scored 16 points against South Shore and 15 in the win over Norfolk.

After only scoring nine against South Shore, Jojo Cortes scored 13 against Norfolk.

Howell (11), Taylor (10), and Keller (10) each finished in double figures against Norfolk, after Taylor was the only one of the three to finish with 10-plus points against South Shore (11).

“It was great to see all members of the team in the score sheet,” Old Colony boys basketball head coach Matt Trahan said. “We had great intensity off the bench.”

Old Rochester Regional

If any South Coast Conference girls basketball team has any aspirations of winning the league title, they’ll need to find a way to knock off Old Rochester. The Bulldogs’ only two losses of the season have come at the hands of Falmouth, which means ORR is a perfect 6-0 in SCC play (7-2 overall).

ORR girls hockey improved to 5-4-2 on the season with a comfortable 5-2 finish against Scituate. Erin Craig led the Bulldogs with two goals. Julia Elicier also scored once in the win, while Isabell Stone led ORR with two assists.

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The Bulldogs are 3-1 in the Southeast Massachusetts Girls Hockey League this season.

ORR boys swimming continued its strong season with a 90-67 win over Durfee to improve to 4-2 on the year. The meet was outside of the SCC, so the Bulldogs’ record in the league remains 1-1.

Colin Kulak was ORR’s lone double-winner in the meet. He took first in the 100 backstroke (1:02.72) and the 200 freestyle (1:56.10). Tyler Karyo (individual medley, 2:27.19), Sam Harris (100 butterfly, 58.14 seconds), and Sean Lund (500 freestyle, 5:13.14) each won an individual event, too.

ORR girls swimming also defeated Durfee. In this case, the Bulldogs won 91-70. Old Rochester is now 3-3 on the year (1-1 SCC).

Jenna Durgin won the 100 butterfly in 1:04.25. Victoria Perry was the top finisher in the 500 freestyle (6:32.5).

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To the Editor,

The Sippican Woman’s Club of Marion celebrated another exciting Holiday House Tour on December 14. This year’s annual event titled A Simple Christmas in Marion, raised more than $13,000. These funds will be awarded as 2020 scholarships to Marion graduating and continuing education students.

A Simple Christmas was truly a town holiday celebration which hosted over 600 visitors. Highlights included five beautiful homes indicative of Marion’s history and location, the Marion Garden Group’s annual holiday event, the newly renovated Marion Art Center, the Elizabeth Tabor Library, and the historic Beverly Yacht Club.

The women of SWC wish to express sincere gratitude to all who contributed: the wonderful families who graciously decorated and opened their homes to the public were amazing; the florists and homeowners who provided exquisite décor, the student volunteers who provided tremendous help guiding visitors through homes or serving at the traditional Sugar Plum Tea.

Thanks to the staff and members of the Beverly Yacht Club for providing complimentary coffee and tea and welcoming visitors with a historical account of this gathering place for sailors near and far.

Finally, what would we do without our cheerful town Department of Public Works who so faithfully take care of our banner? Thank you all for your patience and support.

As always, every lady of the SWC pitched in throughout the year-long planning and executing of the Holiday House Tour. We thank everyone for the many
compliments of our wonderfully decorated clubhouse, Handy’s Tavern. We hope to see you all again December 12, 2020.

Best wishes for a Happy New Year.
Janet Reinhart, President
Sippican Woman’s Club

Academic Achievements
Erin M. Costa was named to the President’s List at Bentley University for the Fall 2019 semester. To be named to the President’s List, a full-time student must have a grade point average of 3.7 or higher with no course grade below 3.0 during the term.

Johnson & Wales University (JWU) student Dylan Villa of Marion, an Entrepreneurship major in the College of Business, has been named to the dean’s list for the Fall 2019 term. To receive dean’s list commendation, students must earn a grade point average of 3.4 or above. Villa, a first-year student, is the son of Terry Villa and Sherman Briggs and a 2019 graduate of Old Rochester Regional High School.

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 architecture.

Surrounded by fieldstone walls, the shingle-style houses at 4 and 8 Water Street originally constituted a single large residence that was built in the 1890s for Frederick Cutler. Still substantial as separate houses, their designs exhibit characteristics of Medieval, Revival, and Craftsman style. These asymmetrical, wood shingle-sheathed houses are characterized by multiple gables, tall corbeled brick chimneys, and projecting and recessed porches.

Mattapoisett Woman’s Club Scholarship
Mattapoisett Woman’s Club is pleased to offer three $2,500 scholarship awards to Mattapoisett residents who are high school seniors, graduating June 2020. In addition, there will be a $1,000 scholarship granted to a Mattapoisett resident who is reentering the academic world after graduation and is in pursuit of advanced education. Contact information is found below.

The Mattapoisett Woman’s Club is a philanthropic
organization that plans and executes fundraising events to help generate the revenue for these scholarships and other charitable donations. In offering these scholarships, the club supports educational leadership and helps to support the community who has partnered with the club in its fundraising efforts.

For High School seniors the scholarship application will be available in the Guidance offices at the local high schools or preparatory schools. The deadline for returning the completed application is **March 31**.

The following schools will be participating:
Old Rochester Regional High School, Bishop Stang High School, Old Colony Vocational Tech High School, Tabor Academy, Bristol County Agricultural High School.

Final deadline for returning completed applications is **March 31**. No one will be considered after this date.

If you have any further questions you may contact the Mattapoisett Woman’s Club at P.O. Box 1444, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

**Mattapoisett Lions Club**

In November 2019 and January 2020, volunteers from the Mattapoisett Lions Club used a Spot Vision Camera to screen vision in over 500 children at Center Elementary School and ORR Junior and Senior High Schools this school year. The spot camera scans children’s eyes in just seconds identifying potential nearsightedness, farsightedness, gaze deviation, astigmatism, and other eye/vision concerns. If something is detected by the Spot Camera, a printout from the machine is given to the school nurse who in turn provides it to parents. Parents are encouraged to have their child complete a full eye exam with their optometrist/ophthalmologist. The Lions Club thanks the school nurses for all their help coordinating this project.

The Lions Club International mission is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through local Lions clubs. Anyone who is interested in more information or who would like to attend a meeting (meal included!) is asked to contact Bruce Rocha, Membership Coordinator, at lionsmembership1@gmail.com or (508) 758-2345.
AARP Marion Town Survey Results

There will be an AARP Marion Town Survey Results Focus Group Presentation on Thursday, **February 13** at 6:00 pm and Saturday, **February 15** at 10:00 am at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center, 465 Mill Street, Route 6, Marion

Attend one of two public focus group presentations on the AARP survey results by Marion’s 55 and older respondents. Last fall, yellow AARP surveys were mailed to all Marion’s 55 and older adults.

This forum will be an opportunity to hear survey feedback by respondents and for participants to provide additional input. Information gleaned from both survey and focus group responses will assist the Town in future planning. This is the time to speak about important issues to make the Town of Marion more age-friendly for current and future residents.

Following the presentation and discussion of survey results, attendees are invited to enjoy refreshments provided through a grant to the Town. The Friends of the Council on Aging is organizing both evening and morning focus group presentations.

Nasketucket Bird Club Meeting

The next meeting of the Nasketucket Bird Club will be on Thursday, **January 23** at 7:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Public Library. We will be viewing the movie *Crimson Tide* in which the mysterious lives of flamingos are captured on film with a bird’s-eye view of the animals living in Africa.

The meetings, open to the public and handicapped accessible, are held at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, located at the south door entrance on Barstow Street in Mattapoisett. Check our website at: massbird.org/Nasketucket/ or email our President Justin Barrett at jmbarrett426@gmail.com

MFD Reminds Residents of Outdoor Burning Rules

Chief Brian Jackvony and the Marion Fire Department would like to announce that the State Open Burning Season begins on Wednesday, **January 15** and runs through Friday, **May 1**.

All residents who wish to apply for permits can do so by visiting the Marion Fire station, 50 Spring St., to fill out the required paperwork. The permits are free.

Residents who have already obtained permits need to call 508-748-3508 on the day they wish to burn. Callers will hear a message which will inform them if burning is allowed that day and instruct them to leave their name, address and permit number.

If burning is not allowed that day, the phone message will say so.

Residents should not call before 9:30 am. Residents may burn from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, but will not be permitted to begin burning after 12:00 pm.

Permits carry over from year to year and residents who have obtained a permit in the past do not need to apply for a new one.

Outdoor burning is only permitted for brush, cane, and driftwood from other than commercial or industrial clearing. Burning grass, refuse, leaves, stumps, construction debris and commercial or industrial land clearing for non-agricultural purposes is prohibited.

Violations of the permit requirements, open burning law and/or open burning regulations will be grounds for permit revocation. According to Massachusetts law, anyone found burning without a permit may be subject to criminal charges, the punishment for which is a fine of up to $500, plus the cost of suppression, or by imprisonment for up to one month, or both.

“January Thaw”

The Friends of Old Rochester Music (FORM) presents “January Thaw” a Celebration of ORR Music student performances to benefit the Friends of Old
Rochester Music on Sunday, January 26, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Route 6, Mattapoisett.

This informal afternoon will feature ORRHS and JHS student performances (instrumental and vocal), food and friendship, sure to take the chill out of winter! Meet the music students who truly appreciate your continued support, the music teachers working tirelessly to share their own music, and the FORM volunteers dedicated to ensuring that the musical youth of the district have the resources they need to flourish and continue to enrich our communities with music.

Tickets to this event are $20 for adults and $10 for students/kids.

The Friends of Old Rochester Music (FORM) is the non-profit, booster group for music students in the ORR district. They are an all-volunteer organization raising funds to provide scholarship awards to graduating student musicians, to support performance opportunities and to purchase additional equipment and supplies beyond the regular school budget. They meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the community room of the Junior High School.

To find the F.O.R.M website, please visit bit.ly/orr-FORM – and please “like” their Facebook page.

Mattapoisett Council on Aging

Saving and learning are happening this February. Learn how to save a life by getting certified in CPR and using an AED. All ages encouraged to attend the training on Saturday, February 8 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm noon. This course is for anyone who is not a healthcare provider. The cost is $35, plus $10 for a card (optional).

Save money with the following: free hearing aid cleaning and adjustment and basic hearing exam on Monday, February 3 by appointment starting at 1:30 pm (offered on the first Monday of each month); and free manicures for men and women on Tuesday, February 11 from 10:00 to 11:30 am, provided by Old Colony High School sophomore cosmetology students.

Learn about various public transportation services in the area, including rides for people who have physical or other disability challenges. A SRTA (Southeastern Regional Transit Authority) representative will share information and answer questions on Tuesday, February 25 from 11:30 to 11:50 am.

Learn about your eligibility for a tax refund called the Circuit Breaker Tax Credit. Join us for a free lunch with the Department of Revenue’s Brian Lynch, who will present the benefits of the Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit, for certain residents 65 years and older, who own or rent their primary residence. To learn more, attend this free informative lunch session on Thursday, February 27 at 12:00 noon.

To learn more and to register, contact the Mattapoisett COA, 17 Barstow St., Mattapoisett, by phone at 508-758-4110 or e-mail: coadirector@mattapoisett.net.

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ORRJH Students of the Month

Silas D. Coellner, Principal of Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, announces the following Students of the Month for December 2019:

Green Team: Murray Callahan and Grady Daniels

Orange Team: Emerson Femino and George Psichopaidas

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The IRS begins to accept electronically filed tax returns on 1/29/20, but many refunds, especially Earned Income Credits, are being held until late February.

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Special Areas: Jenna Lynch and Erick Dawson

Marion Art Center
MAC 2020 Theater Productions - The Marion Art Center Theater Committee is pleased to announce its 2020 slate. The MAC Theater has planned five productions this year: Ken Ludwig’s The Fox on the Fairway will run March 13-15 and 19-22; Native Gardens by Karen Zacarías will run May 29-31 and June 4-7; David Lindsay-Abaire’s Good People will run August 14-16 and 20-23; The Fantasticks, with music by Harvey Schmidt and book and lyrics by Tom Jones, will run October 16-18 and 22-25; and Fruitcakes by Julian Wiles will run December 4, 5, and 10-14. Tickets for The Fox on the Fairway, directed by Stephanie LeBlanc, will go on sale mid-February. Auditions for the next production, Native Gardens, will take place on Saturday, March 7 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and Tuesday, March 9 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Children’s Art Lab at the MAC – Children’s Art Lab classes have started at the Marion Art Center. Art + Music is scheduled on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00 am in the MAC Studio. The program is for children four and under, accompanied by an adult, and includes music, movement, and creative art exploration. The full session cost for the seven remaining classes is $110 for MAC members and $130 for nonmembers, and there is a one-day drop-in option for $20.

Guardianships & Conservatorships
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Art in the Afternoon – Art is Magic is now scheduled as a five-week course that begins Friday, January 24. The Friday afternoon class will run from 3:00 to 4:00 pm in the MAC studio, and parents can arrange for their children to be walked over from Sippican School. This program is geared toward children in grades 2-5 as a “weekly dose of art magic at the MAC” where children will explore potion-making, create spell books, practice drawing fantastic creatures, and more! Pricing for the five-week session of Art in the Afternoon is $100 for MAC members and $115 for nonmembers, with no drop-in option. Please visit marionartcenter.org/art-lab-at-the-mac to register.

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OBITUARIES

James Scott Vicino, 55, of Mattapoisett, passed away unexpectedly at home on January 12, 2020.

Born and raised in Wareham, Scott was a 1982 graduate of Wareham High School, and later earned a degree in Computer Science from New England Institute of Technology. He worked as a Customer Service Engineer for NCR for over 20 years, where he was well respected by his peers for his unmatched technical knowledge, leadership skills, and his willingness to provide assistance wherever needed.

Scott was one of a kind, known for his quiet gentle spirit, his genuine nature and his ability to fix just about anything. He treasured time spent with his family, being outdoors, and creating delicious homemade meals from scratch. He was loved beyond words and will be missed dearly by his family.

He is survived by his loving wife Carol (Cammarata) Vicino, with whom he shared 31 beautiful years of marriage; his daughter Alyssa Kim Vicino of Mattapoisett; two sons, Stephen James Vicino and his wife Kathryn of Marion and Matthew John Vicino of Fairhaven; and his beloved grandson, Jacob Owen Vicino, who was his pride and joy; his siblings, Paul Vicino and his wife Yoko of Halifax, Theresa O'Mahoney and her husband John of Wareham, Michael Vicino and his wife Lori of Mattapoisett, David Vicino and his wife Heather of Victor, NY, and John Vicino and his wife Janet of Bourne; and several nieces and nephews.

Scott was predeceased by his parents James and Frances Vicino.

All who knew and loved Scott are invited to join his family for a Celebration of his Life on Saturday, January 25th from 12 Noon – 3 pm at the Rosebrook Event Center, 50 Rosebrook Place, Wareham. Scott was laid to rest at St. Anthony’s Cemetery in Mattapoisett during a private burial service with his family. In lieu of flowers, donations in Scott’s memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Funeral arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Nancy (Cleveland) Kimon, 89, of Mattapoisett, Massachusetts passed away peacefully at Sippican Healthcare Center in Marion, Massachusetts on Thursday January 16, 2020. She was the beloved wife of the late Peter M. Kimon, a native of Athens, Greece.

Born in Medford, Massachusetts to the late Richard M. Cleveland and Ellen (Conneely) Cleveland, Nancy grew up in Belmont, Massachusetts, attending Belmont High School and then Pembroke College in Brown University. She went on to complete an Associate in Arts from the College of Practical Arts and Letters in 1954 from Boston University.

While a Junior at Belmont High School, Nancy met her future husband, Peter who at the time was studying Engineering at MIT as an international student from Greece. They married in Cambridge in 1953, and so began an exciting life of adventure and travel and active participation in the communities in which she lived whether in the United States or Europe. Contributing to the betterment of society, Nancy volunteered for causes close to her heart throughout her life that led to meaningful change.

Mattapoisett always held a special place in her heart. From 1939 she began spending her summers on Angelica Point and then Point Connett. In 1986 following the death of her husband, she relocated from Mendham, New Jersey to Mattapoisett to be nearer to her family. She quickly became involved in the community, becoming an active member in the Christian Women’s Club of Cape Cod, the Mattapoisett Woman’s Club and the Sandwich Glass Museum in Sandwich, MA. Having a passion for historic Sandwich Glass, Nancy was a Trustee for thirteen years, an officer of the Board for four years and on Accessions Committee for ten years. In addition, she served on various committees including the Centennial Celebration Committee, Board of Advisers and the Strategic Planning Committee and was an important part of the evolution of this institution. In 1991, she restored the Carriage House at the Congregational Church in Mattapoisett, as a memorial to her husband Peter and her father Richard.

Nancy is survived by her daughter, Sandra (Kimon) Brattstrom and her family who reside in Australia, and would like to acknowledge and thank all the staff at Sippican Healthcare Center for the love, support and care her mother received, for which she is truly grateful.

Family and friends were invited to attend visiting hours on Tuesday January 21, 2020 at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Route 6, Mattapoisett. A Funeral Service for Nancy will be held on Wednesday January 22, 2020 at the First Congregational Church of Marion at 11 am. A private burial will take place on Thursday 23, 2020 at Hilltop Cemetery in Mendham, New Jersey. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent in Nancy’s memory, to the Sandwich Glass Museum, P.O. Box 103, Sandwich MA 02563. For guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.
MNHM After-school Program
The Marion Natural History Museum will hold the program; Rock-Hound 101 on Wednesday, January 29 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Cost is $6 for members, $8 for non-members.

Jim Pierson will be in to talk about his favorite topic, rocks, minerals, and fossils. A geology enthusiast, Jim continues to be passionate about collecting these artifacts. He will be sharing his interest with us by showing us some specimens from his own collection, as well as looking at some specimens from the museum’s collections.

Please go to www.marionmuseum.org, to see upcoming programs and to fill out the registration for this program.

Jewelry Making Workshop Part II at the Mattapoisett Library
Sign up for a second jewelry making session

OBITUARIES

Lois Marion (Cobbett) Buckley, 92, of Rochester, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on the very windy evening of January 16, 2020. She was staying at the Sippican Healthcare Center in Marion, recovering from a recent illness. Lois was the widow of the late Edward F. Buckley, Sr. and the daughter of the late Florence (Chase) Cobbett and Philip Wesley Cobbett. Born in Whitman Massachusetts, January 19, 1927 Lois lived in Brockton and Wareham for many years before moving to Rochester in 2010.

She is survived by her son, Edward F. Buckley, Jr., his wife Shelley R. Myers Buckley of Rochester, granddaughters Elsie A. Buckley, and many nieces and nephews from the Buckley, Collins, and Perkins families whom she cherished dearly. She was the sister of the late Barbara (Cobbett) MaDan and Ruth (Cobbett) Collins. She was very close to her sisters and all her family. Lois loved spending good times together on Cape Cod at the cottage her father built in the late 1940’s called the “Sea Chest” on Beach Plum Lane in Eastham, MA. Throughout her life she had an affection for the sun, beaches, pets and the mountains of New Hampshire. Family values and traditions were the staples of her life.

Visiting hours are from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm on Thursday, Jan. 23, 2020 in Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., Wareham followed by her funeral at 12:00 pm. Burial service will be in the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made for Depression, Anxiety and Dementia to: Alzheimer’s Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011, 800.272.3900

Alan “Al” Montgomery Danse, 75, of Marion, Massachusetts passed away peacefully at St. Anne’s Hospital in Fall River, Massachusetts on January 10, 2020 following a brief illness.

Al is survived by his wife of 56 years Margaret “Lynn” Danse, his daughter, Shelly Danse Richins, her husband Todd Richins and their two sons, Max and Henry, and his son Christopher Alan Danse of Marion, and his two daughters, Madelyn and Moira Danse of Portland, Maine.

Al was born in Lewiston, Maine and attended schools in Lisbon Falls where his mother was a teacher for 42 years. He received a degree in Business and Finance from Bentley College. In 1970, Al joined the Titleist Company, which brought he and his family to Marion, where he established cherished friendships and had deep ties to the community.

Al had a good sense of humor and was known for his ability to tell a great joke or an amusing story. As an avid golfer, Al was a proud member of The Kittansett Club for over 20 years, participating in many tournaments and fostering a lifelong love of the sport. He served on the Marion Finance Committee and was a former Mason.

In 2002, he and his wife retired to St. Simons Island, GA. They returned to Marion in 2011 to be closer to family and friends, where Al enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren sharing his love of baseball and golf.

A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2020 at The Kittansett Club, 11 Point Road, Marion, MA 02738 at a time to be announced. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Marion Council on Aging, 465 Mill St., Marion, MA 02738.

Nothingness

By Rob Gonsalves
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Watching Joker belatedly, I understood quite clearly why it got so many Oscar nominations. For what it is, it’s gorgeously assembled, with a ragged jewel of a performance by Joaquin Phoenix at its center. The problem is, well, what it is. Joker is set in Gotham City (read: New York City when you hate it; Metropolis is New York City when it’s energizing and teeming with good culture) circa 1981, and garbage is rotting on the sidewalks in its saggy tons. Joker got eleven Oscar nods, and it deserves eight of them.

The grimy, soul-grinding milieu is realized with all the talent and vision $62.5 million can buy (while we realize that a movie like this not connected to a superhero franchise would have to make do with a fraction of that bankroll), and yet aesthetically the film is built to caress the eye and ear. The first half hour or so, establishing damaged wannabe-comedian Arthur Fleck (Phoenix) and his uncompromising misery, is top-shelf filmcraft. Unfortunately, there’s still an hour and a half to go, and Joker ends up repeating itself and lap-dancing its same handful of nihilistic points again and again. Even Phoenix eventually runs out of tricks until we can’t distinguish Arthur’s actual behavior from the iconic, narcissistic behavior (that now-famous stairway dance) in his head. We sit and diagnose Arthur: he’s a mama’s boy who suffered childhood abuse that may have rattled his brain to the point that he emits paroxysms of inappropriate laughter. The way Joker ties into the larger Bat-universe is fairly stupid; Bruce Wayne’s moneybags father Thomas (Brett Cullen, replacing Alec Baldwin and essentially doing Alec Baldwin) is an insensitive jerk, a tough-on-crime elitist who calls poor people “clowns” and is running for mayor. How is he connected to Arthur? Well, he is but he isn’t. It’s that kind of cowardly movie, toying with big plot moves and then rescinding them.

Despite the supporting cast doing more or less what they’re asked — including Robert De Niro as a talk-show host Arthur fixates on — the movie is handed to Phoenix, and he does amazing things with his physique and voice. He commits fearlessly, and it’s a shame that people have to sit through, ultimately, a failure of a movie to see the performance. Phoenix triumphs over the material — who couldn’t? The material seems to have been conceived for him to triumph over it. The talk about Joker’s biting big chunks from Martin Scorsese, specifically Taxi Driver and The King of Comedy, is a little overblown. If anything, Joker shares more DNA with Abel Ferrara’s 1979 Driller Killer, in which the cold reality of the mentally ill being dumped onto the streets due to lack of funding was more disturbing than the gory drill-killings. Same goes here: again, if someone wanted to make a real drama about such issues that had nothing to do with DC Comics, it’d have to be made for couch change. Sadly, it doesn’t much matter that the topic is addressed in a big hit, because it isn’t really addressed so much as made into background.

An army of talent has been marshaled here to fashion a beautiful piece about a pismire. It’s loaded with artistry without itself being art, and the primary reason is that Todd Phillips, its nominal director, isn’t a director. Oh, he knows how to get usable footage for fake-outrageous mainstream comedies like the Hangover trilogy. But he can’t really shape material so that it means something or earns the horrible associations it may dredge up in some viewers, and it keeps backing away from anything truly explosive. Like The Dark Knight Rises, it demonizes protest (what the hell drugs was Michael Moore on when he praised this thing for its politics?) and finally takes no stand. It just takes this rambly, inchoate semi-narrative about a fractured psyche and pushes it out there on a toxic exhaust cloud of irony. I don’t usually pick on movies for violence they may or may not inspire, but Joker is the sort of interiorized, subjective work that doesn’t show Arthur’s life for the rancid squalor it truly would be; it just tries on the kinds of grim and gritty pirouettes and outfits that appeal to real Arthur Flecks. But, unlike a true work of art (like those two Scorsese classics) that would drive me to their defense, Joker is all pose. It says nothing about Arthur or his victims or his brutal world. Nothing.
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Ham & cheese fun lunch

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31:

Chicken tenders, onion rings, mozzarella sticks w/marinara sauce, fresh tossed salad, fruit cup

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MONDAY, JANUARY 27:

Hot dogs, oven baked fries, baked beans, fruit cup

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 30:

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 31:

Stuffed crust pizza, fresh tossed salad, fruit cup

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Stuffed crust pizza, fresh tossed salad, fruit cup

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29:

Ham & cheese fun lunch

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30:

Mac & cheese w/chicken nuggets, carrot coins

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31:

Stuffed crust pizza, fresh tossed salad, fruit cup

For a full PDF of the three towns’ police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.
Rochester Regional High School faculty and staff. Sofia is a gentle force behind many activities of the AFS Club. She is a person of her word and is happy to share her talents with anybody that asks. She has the ability to make all she meets feel welcome. She is an advocate for the underclassmen and an excellent role model of good citizenship. Sophia has been instrumental in making the foreign exchange students’ lives easier as they adjust to ORR. This senior is an excellent representation of a well-rounded student.

Vendors Sought for Huttleston Marketplace
If you are an artist, crafter, photographer, a vendor of antiques or vintage collectibles, or you sell fresh farm produce or locally made food products, please consider joining the Huttleston Marketplace on Saturdays this summer in Fairhaven, MA.

The Huttleston Marketplace will start its third season on Saturday, June 6, 2020, following two successful summers. Application forms for vendors are now available at the marketplace page on the Fairhaven Office of Tourism website: fairhaventours.com/huttleston-marketplace/.

The marketplace, operated by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, is held on Saturdays on the lawn of the Fairhaven Visitors Center, 141 Main Street at the intersection of Route 6, next to Fairhaven High School. In 2020 it will run from June 6 through September 12,
SALOME’S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Use that Ari-an charm to help make a difficult workplace transition easier for everyone. News about a long-awaited decision can be confusing. Don’t jump to conclusions.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Although you might well be tempted to be more extravagant than you should be at this time, I’m betting you’ll let your sensible Bovine instinct guide you toward moderation.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) An opportunity for travel could come with some problems regarding travel companions and other matters. So be sure you read all the fine print before you start packing.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Make an effort to complete your usual workplace tasks before volunteering for extra duty. Scrambling to catch up later on could create some resentiment among your colleagues.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A financial matter could have you rethinking your current spending plans. You might want to recheck your budget to see where you can cut back on expenses until the situation improves.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) One way to make your case for that promotion you’ve been hoping for might be to put your planning skills to work in helping to shape up a project that got out of hand. Good luck.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Be careful about “experts” who have no solid business background. Instead, seek advice on enhancing your business prospects from bona fide sources with good success records.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Standing up to support a colleague’s viewpoint -- even if it’s unpopular -- can be difficult if you feel outnumbered. But you’ll win plaudits for your honesty and courage.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) While progress continues on resolving that recurring problem, you might feel it’s taking too long. But these things always need to develop at their own pace. Be patient.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Someone close to you might have a financial problem and seek your advice. If you do decide to get involved, insist on seeing every-thing that might be relevant to this situation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A personal matter takes an interesting turn. The question is, do you want to follow the new path or take time out to reconsider the change? Think this through before deciding.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Moving into a new career is a big step. Check that offer carefully with someone who has been there, done that, and has the facts you’ll need to help you make your decision.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your warmth and gen-erosity both of spirit and substance endears you to everyone.
January 23, 2020  The Wanderer

Huttleston Marketplace vendors have the option of adding Harvest Fun Day to their schedule.

In 2020, the Huttleston Marketplace will be a certified farmers market, allowing local farm vendors to accept coupons for WIC and Senior Farmer Market Nutrition Program recipients.

Also for 2020, there will be no booth space donation required for vendors preparing and/or serving food at the marketplace for consumption on-site. This includes hot foods, sandwiches, prepared salads, lemonade, ice cream, and popcorn, if those are the primary products of the booth. (A food permit from the Fairhaven Board of Health will still be required.) Additionally, Fairhaven non-profit groups may choose to set up a booth any one week at no charge.

Vendors may sign up for single Saturdays of their choice with a donation of $20 for an 11’x11’ space. There is a nine-week discount rate of $100 for any nine weeks and a full season discount of $150 for the 14-week season. (Plus another $20 can be tacked on for Harvest Fun Day.) Some vendors sign up for one or two Saturdays at the beginning of the season and then add on dates at $20 each as the summer goes on. One does not need to choose all of the weeks at the beginning of the season.

Categories for Huttleston Marketplace vendors are:
• arts, crafts, photography (crafts must be handmade.)
• local authors
• antiques, vintage collectibles
• whole, fresh farm produce, related products, plants
• prepared food (requires food vendor permit from BOH)
• the Huttleston Marketplace does not accept representatives/consultants for commercially produced, direct sales products.

The cost of the space is a donation to the Tourism Gift Account and that money is used to promote the marketplace, purchase-related supplies, and to hire local musicians to perform during the day.

Last season a total of 135 vendors participated during the course of the season. Each Saturday there were about 35 to 50 or more booths set up. Each afternoon there is live music by local performers.

If you have any other questions, you may call the Fairhaven Office of Tourism at 508-979-4085 or email FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov.

LGBTQ Winter Film Series

The 2020 Season of the New Bedford LGBTQ Winter Film Series starts off with the powerful Rocketman on Sunday, January 26 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, MA. The public is invited for free film screenings and discussions on gender, race, sexuality, and community health.

Rocketman is the story of young Reginald Dwight who changes his name to Elton John and collaborates with singer-songwriter Bernie Taupin to become one of the most iconic figures in pop history. Set to his most beloved songs, it’s the epic musical story of Elton John, his breakthrough years in the 1970s and his fantastical transformation from shy piano prodigy to international superstar.

“2020 is the 3rd Season for the highly successful New Bedford LGBTQ Winter Film Series,” said Dan Everton, Co-Chair, “This year the schedule has been compressed into a shorter season with two movies in February to stay within the winter months when people are looking for something to do on Sunday afternoons.”

The full series includes Rocketman on January 26; Brother Outsider: the Bayard Rustin Story on February 9; Boy Erased on February 23; and Signature Move on March 8. All films start at 1:00 pm at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford MA. Mark your calendar now so you don’t miss out.

FREE screenings start at 1:00 pm, followed by a panel discussion. Resource tables from our community partners provide information on local services and a networking opportunity for LGBTQ individuals and allies before and after the film until 4:00 pm. This year, all activities will take place inside the Theater.

To keep up to date, we invite you to follow us on Facebook at @NBLGBTQWinterFilmSeries or at www.
TOWN OF MARION
BOARD OF HEALTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 3:30 pm in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House on the variance request submitted by SCHNEIDER, DAVIDSON & LEONE, INC., pertaining to the property located at 310 Point Road, further identified as Map 2, Lot 25 & 19P.

The following variance are requested to Title 5 of the State Environmental Code:

310 CMR 15.405: To allow the use of a seive analysis report rather than a percolation test.
John B. Howard, MD, Chairman 1/16, 1/23

TOWN OF MARION
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The following variances are requested to Title 5 of the State Environmental Code and the Marion Sanitary Code (MSC):

310 CMR 15.212: Depth to Groundwater:
Requesting a variance to install the bottom of the soil absorption system 3 feet above the maximum seasonal high groundwater rather than the 4 feet requirement.
M.S.C. 4.60.2: Sewage System Flow Design Criteria:
Requesting a variance to design the leaching area for 343 gallons per day vs. the minimum 400 gallons per day requirement of the M.S.C.
John B. Howard, MD, Chairman 1/16, 123

TOWN OF MATTAPoisSETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by CONSTANCE O. PALATRONI LIVING TRUST, c/o: Bruce Rocha.
The applicant requests that the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission confirm the Coastal Wetland Resource Areas at the subject site as determined by Environmental Consulting & Restoration, LLC.
The project is located at Sea Marsh Way which is further identified as a portion of Lot #35 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #6.

INDUSTRIAL TOWER AND WIRELESS, LLC
PUBLIC NOTICE
Industrial Tower and Wireless, LLC is proposing to voluntarily register an existing wireless telecommunications facility located at 87 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA in Plymouth County. The existing facility consists of a 145-foot lattice tower within an 80’ x 80’ fenced in compound. The tower does not require lighting per FAA Study 2019-ANE-7044-0E. Any interested persons may review the application by going to the website: www.fcc.gov/asr/applications and entering the Form 854 File Number. Any interested party that believes that this existing antenna structure causes a significant impact on the quality of human environment, may submit an environmental request by going to the following website: www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest. The mailing address for interested parties that would prefer to file a Request for Environmental Review by paper copy: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Any interested party will have 30 days after issuance of this notice to make an environmental request. This notice is in reference to file number A1152098. 1/23

TOWN OF ROCHESTEr
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770. The applicant’s representative is John L. Churchill, Jr. of JC Engineering, Inc., 2854 Cranberry Highway, East Wareham, MA 02538.
The application and associated submittal documents are available for review at the Planning Board Office at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.
Arnold Johnson, Chairman 1/23, 1/30

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall Meeting Room, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA regarding a Notice of Intent filed by REPurpose Properties, LLC, 55 Main Street, Buzzards Bay, MA 02532 for property located at Rounseville Road, Rochester, MA 02770, designated as Lots 24, 25B, and 25C on Assessor’s Map 30.
The applicant requests a variance to construct and maintain a pier, ramp, float and boat lift at off Aucott Road, in the municipality of Mattapoisett, in and over flowed tidelands of Stony Brook. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.
The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received by within 30 days subsequent to the “Notification Date.” Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more, with at least five of the 10 residents residing in the municipality(s) in which the license or permitted activity is located, to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comment Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).
Additional information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Waterways Regulation Program at (508) 946-2873. Project plans and documents for this application are on file with the Waterways Regulation Program for public viewing, by appointment only, at the address below.

Written comments must be addressed to: Carlos T.B. Fragata, Environmental Analyst, DEP Waterways Regulation Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347. 1/23

LEGAL NOTICES

989, Marion, MA 02738. The applicant’s representative is J.C. Engineering, Inc., 2854 Cranberry Highway, East Wareham, MA 02538. This hearing will be held under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetland Protection By-Law. Michael Conway, Chairman 1/23

TOWN OF MATTAPoisSETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by TOWN OF MATTAPoisSETT HARBORMASTER office, 16 Main Street Mattapoisett. The proposed project is to repair walesystem to existing wharf. The project is located at Middle Wharf, 4 Water Street, and is further identified as Lot 9 on Assessor Map 185. 1/23

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM
Notice of License Application Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91
Waterways License Application Number W19-5688
James & Sharlene Craig
NOTIFICATION DATE: January 23, 2020
Public notice is hereby given of the waterways application by James & Sharlene Craig to construct and maintain a pier, ramp, float and boat lift at off Aucott Road, in the municipality of Mattapoisett, in and over flowed tidelands of Stony Brook. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.
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The New Bedford LGBTQ Winter Film Series is a collaboration of community partners that includes: Greater New Bedford Community Health Center, Health Imperatives, New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks!, New Bedford Free Public Library; New Bedford Historical Society, New Bedford Whaling Museum, New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, South Coast LGBTQ Network, The Women’s Center, UMass Dartmouth Center for Women, Gender and Sexuality, and YWCA Southeastern Massachusetts. We are united by our desire to foster an understanding of LGBTQ culture and create networking opportunities and support for LGBTQ residents.

Mattapoisett Master Plan

In 2020 the Town of Mattapoisett will embark on a new Master Plan process. Twenty years have passed since the last Master Plan, and it is time to take a fresh look at the opportunities, challenges, and vision for our town. The Planning Board is seeking volunteers to engage in this interactive endeavor, which will explore Mattapoisett’s history, examine our present and chart a course for the future. If you are interested in being a member of the Mattapoisett Master Plan Project Team, please contact Mary Crain, Planning Administrator, at (508) 758-4100 Extension 215 or email planning@mattapoisett.net.

It’s a Global Community - Basic Language Lessons

Language is a gateway to a culture. Come to the Mattapoisett Free Public Library and learn some friendly greetings and conversational phrases in other languages. Townsfolk in the community will share some of these basics from their native languages in a casual informal setting. One class for each language for thirty minutes – no pressure – and leave with a list of words and phrases so you can practice them and try them out with your neighbors or on your travels. All are welcome.

This will be an ongoing program with more languages to come so check back! First round: First round:
Japanese – Sunday, February 2 from 1:00 to 1:30 pm
Spanish – Sunday, February 2 from 2:00 to 2:30 pm
Chinese – Wednesday, February 12 from 6:30 to 7:00 pm
Portuguese – Sunday, February 16 from 1:00 to 1:30 pm
French – Sunday, February 23 from 1:00 to 1:30 pm

The Library is located at 7 Barstow Street and is handicapped accessible.

In Pursuit of Silence

In Pursuit of Silence is an award-winning documentary film that explores silence and the impact of noise on our lives. The film takes us on an immersive cinematic journey around the globe—from a traditional tea ceremony in Kyoto, to the streets of Mumbai, the loudest city on the planet—and inspires us to both experience silence and celebrate the wonders of our world.

The film will be screened at Anchor Yoga Studio, for a small donation to Project Wheelhouse, to encourage conversations around mindfulness and meditation.

A statement posted on the film’s website from Director Patrick Shen states, “In Pursuit of Silence, is a meditative film that I also consider a piece of devotional work about a subject that many have tried to encapsulate in some form or another for ages. Rather than encapsulate, we’ve tried in a sense to free it, paying homage to the ineffable qualities of silence. The film was shot and edited in a way that mimics our experience of the world when we are still; you won’t see any crane moves, sweeping drone shots, or pans. The overall rhythm of the film was carefully crafted with the human metabolism in mind. Ultimately, I hope that the film challenges audiences to slow down and on some level make the world new again for them.”

The screening will be held at the yoga studio at 32 County Road on Monday, January 27, from 6:30 to

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To learn more about how Project Wheel House’s mission and programs, visit their website at ProjectWheelHouse.org.

Buzzards Bay Swim Registration Open

Make your New Year’s resolution to have a great time for a good cause at the 27th anniversary Buzzards Bay Swim on Saturday, June 27 in New Bedford and Fairhaven. Registration is open at savebuzzardsbay.org/swim, with 40 percent off sign-ups through Friday, January 31.

The Buzzards Bay Swim is an exciting outdoor experience that welcomes swimmers of all abilities and fitness levels ages 11 and up. Four hundred or more swimmers will complete a scenic 1.2-mile point-to-point open watercourse from New Bedford’s South End, past the iconic Butler Flats Lighthouse and New Bedford Hurricane Barrier with a crowd of hundreds watching and cheering.

At the finish line at Fort Phoenix State Reservation in Fairhaven, swimmers and their guests are welcomed with a beach party featuring a live steel drum band, pancakes cooked to order, gourmet coffee, free massages, local craft beer, and awards and prizes. First-time and beginner swimmers can swim with a personal kayak or paddleboard escort for added support.

South Dartmouth resident Martha Yules and her husband tried the Swim for the first time in 2018. “We loved it — what a fun and memorable experience! This event should be added to the proverbial ‘bucket list’ for everyone living on the Southcoast.”

The $15 early-bird registration for the Buzzards Bay Swim is available through Friday, January 31. Swimmers commit to raising a minimum of $150 each, although most find they can raise much more. Last year, 347 swimmers raised $187,000 for clean water in Buzzards Bay, including first-time swimmer Xan Williams, a member of top fundraising team SPLASH from Rochester, which raised $6,350 in 2019. “The Swim is a great opportunity to push yourself and see what you can accomplish, and even better to do so for a worthy cause,” Williams said. Funds raised support the Coalition’s ongoing work to prevent pollution and protect water quality in the community.

This year, the Swim promises to be bigger than ever. Participants will help the Coalition raise an additional $75,000 for clean water, through the final year of a generous four-year challenge grant from the Fish Family Foundation via long-time swimmer and West Falmouth resident Larry Fish. To meet the terms of the challenge, the swimmers must collectively raise $200,000 for Bay conservation efforts.

Make your New Year’s Resolution to have a great time for a good cause at the 27th anniversary Buzzards Bay Swim on Saturday, June 27! Sign up today at www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim.

If your business would like to sponsor the Swim, contact events@savebuzzardsbay.org.

The Buzzards Bay Coalition is a membership-supported nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection, restoration, and sustainable use and enjoyment of Buzzards Bay and its watershed. The Coalition works to improve the health of the Bay ecosystem for all through education, conservation, research, and advocacy and is
and committee meetings and write an article about the meeting. Must possess writing skills, be able to prioritize news items, take good notes and accurate quotes, and be prepared to ask follow-up questions of town officials when needed. Some photography experience a plus. Flexible schedule and own transportation required. Pay will reflect experience. Further feature story writing opportunities possible. Email a letter of interest and resume to the news editor at news@wanderer.com

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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 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.”

Elizabeth Taber Library Winter Children’s Programs

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

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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

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

Music at the Marion Art Center

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.

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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.

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.

The NBSO is a professional orchestra that annually presents a concert series of classical and pops music with internationally acclaimed guest artists, as well as an outstanding chamber music series. In addition, the NBSO’s innovative and nationally recognized educational programs reach 10,000 students each year. The NBSO is dedicated to building a community of music on the South Coast. Visit www.nbsymphony.org for more information.

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 Lions Club, visit www.mattapoisett lionsclub.org. Award applications are also available through the guidance department at your high school.

Applications must be received by March 21, 2020.

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, James Arruda, Barbara (Ellis) Lear, Kathie (Langlois) Rounds, 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.

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The Early Days

Phases of the Moon

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Phases of the Moon
- New Moon: January 24th
- First Quarter: February 1st
- Full Moon: February 9th
- Last Quarter: February 15th

I Found the Aardvark!

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

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

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

SCRAMBLERS solution

1. Prawn; 2. Wobble; 3. Arrange; 4. Typical

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