



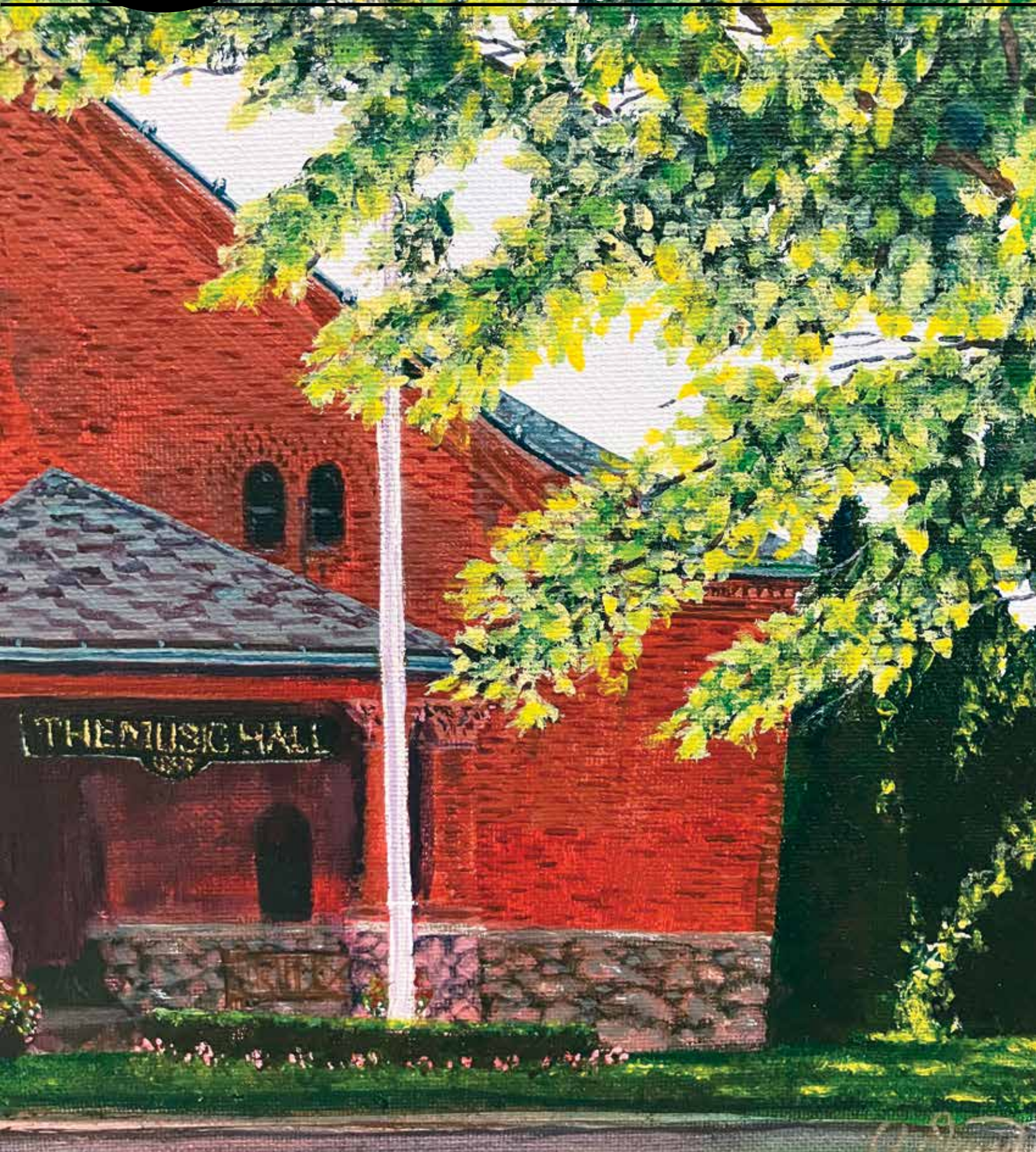
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109 Wonders to Behold

Marion Art Center

By Marilou Newell

While we always look forward to the Marion Art Center's exhibitions, there is something so necessary for our human condition during winter, that being the Winter Members' Show (January 13 – February 23.) This show not only gives the member artists a venue to share their works (nearly all available for purchase), but moreover to warm and charm our spirits during the gloomy skies that surround us. Thank you all.

As we entered the first-floor gallery on January 13, we were immediately and yes, once again, struck by the sheer variety of artistic expression on display.

In the entranceway, we found a truly unique piece titled Picasso's Steam Punk Heart by Michelle Lapointe. Using Picasso's abstract take on the symbol of love, the black, red and metallic elements of the petite offering is striking.

Deeper into this gallery we found sculptor John Magnan's Infinite Love, a moebius shape delicately carved with flowers, a symbol of love eternal of rich cherry wood.

Magnan's works are always thought provoking and masterfully executed, such as the other piece on display titled Bookends, walnut and common pins. Magnan told us he is heavily influenced by the abstract artist and fellow sculptor Constantine Brancusi (born in 1876 in Romania and deceased in 1957 in France.) Magnan's Bookends takes Brancusi's Sleeping Muse into another realm, taking uncomfortable couplings, smooth wood and pins, to possibly a statement on the world's current conditions. There's always so much to ponder.

We had to pick and choose what to note in this piece, which is never a good thing when there is so much to say about each and every work of art, but taking the show in personally will do you a world of good.

Don't miss Anthony Days' pictures, especially the precious take on the Marion Music Hall titled Musical

On the Cover: Anthony Days' painting of the Marion Music Hall is a petite gem of a work demonstrating his skill and composition excellence. This painting and 108 other works of art are now on exhibit as the Winter Members' Show at the Marion Art Center. Photo by Marilou Newell

Afternoon. The filtered sunlight contrasted against the rich red brick of this local iconic structure is just perfection.

Jane Eagan's two velvety landscapes, while small, pack a punch thematically.

Peter Stone's large canvas titled Cloud Break captures the sky and sun at rich juxtaposition. The sky as a natural canvas for the light encircled by clouds.

Lisa Baltz's Oyster and Quahog oils on paper had us doing a double take. The 3D effect is astonishing.

Brenda Wrigley Scott's Into the Woods, acrylic and pencil, welcomes the viewer into a dense forest theme, while Zoryana Tershovska's simply titled Flowers is a fusion of bright, loud florals heralding the beauty of flowers everywhere.

Jaye Degnan Tirimacco's oil on aluminum titled Marsh Grass gives us a view of a marsh with translucent and shimmering undertones.

And over at the Marion General Store in a window you'll find Adrift by Barbara Healy. You could call it a much-deserved, one-woman show.

Other artists exhibiting their works are Carol

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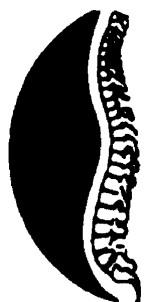
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Cleaning out The Bedroom Closet

Thoughts on...

By Dick Morgado

I'm finally getting around to thinking about fulfilling my New Year's resolution to clean out my bedroom closet. It is one of those chores you plan to do at least once a year but never get around to it. This year I am bound and determined to do so. I know there are many things that I don't use anymore and Goodwill or the Salvation Army would be happy to recycle them.

There are at least a dozen dress shirts I haven't worn in years. It will be tough to pass them on because they are in pretty good shape, but I definitely need to downsize my wardrobe. They must go.

Three pairs of khaki pants (some people call them trousers) that don't fit any more are hanging there. Plus, four or five really nice sweaters that I wore when I taught school. I don't need them anymore.

There are also 30 wide ties from when I worked for a living. When I taught in an elementary school for a while, the ties had Disney and Sesame Street characters on them. When I taught in high school, my ties had images of great artists' paintings. People don't wear ties anymore and neither do I.

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I won't miss the five belts that I can't get around my waist anymore, except for the one with the seahorses on it.

I have two, identical, double-breasted suits (one for when I was thinner and one for when I gained weight), one seersucker, one black for funerals, a grey pinstripe for when I wanted to look like a gangster, and a tan one for summer.

I haven't worn a suit since I retired and besides, none of them fit now. I'll keep the dark grey suit I bought a couple of years ago for when I pass away. I'll want to look good in the casket.

An old Hawaiian shirt I haven't worn since the seventies and a collection of sweatshirts, covered in oil paint, are hanging on hooks. They're going. A bunch of frayed, flannel shirts that cost about \$15 each when they were new (now they cost about \$60 each) should go. The last time I tried to buy one online in my usual size the sleeves were too long, so I exchanged it for a smaller size. The sleeves were okay, but I couldn't button it around the belly. I can't figure out why. Maybe they make them in

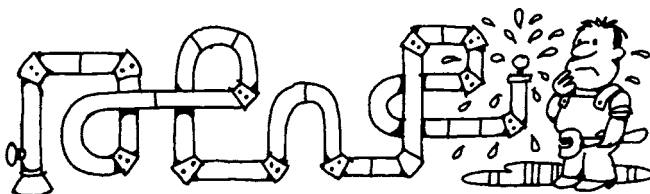
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some foreign country where people are smaller.

I have six pairs of nice leather dress shoes. I haven't worn leather dress shoes since I retired 12 years ago. They've been sitting idle in the closet all that time. I'll polish up the best pair just in case I have to attend a formal event. Out the rest go to a charity.

There are many pairs of old sneakers. I don't know why I've kept them. They're dirty, worn and have holes in the soles. The Salvation Army wouldn't want them so in the trash they go. Some still have laces. I'll be sure to keep the laces. I'll throw them in the shoe box at the bottom of the closet with all the other old laces I've saved. You never know when a lace might break, and it is good to have an assortment of spares to choose from.

I also have quite an assortment of ball caps hanging in the closet. I should get rid of the ones I don't wear. The blue ones are now grey, and the red ones have faded to orange. A few have frayed brims. Frayed brims are in these days, so I'll save one or two of them just to look cool.

I probably should save all six of my Patriots Super Bowl Champions caps. Do you think I should save my autographed Mac Jones jersey? It might be worth something someday. Naw, probably not.

Editor's note: Mattapoisett resident Dick Morgado is an artist and retired newspaper columnist whose musings are, after some years, back in The Wanderer under the subtitle

"Thoughts on" Morgado's opinions have also appeared for many years in daily newspapers around Boston.

Dancing Across the Generations

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

Like mother, like daughter, and like daughter again.

This phrase can be applied to the Connolly family of Marion. Barbara Connolly was born in Ireland and was a competitive Irish stepdancer from the age of three. Her daughter Katie followed her footsteps, and now her daughter Emersyn is doing the same.

In fact, the latter two compete in the world Irish stepdancing competition — and both at the age of 10.

Emersyn, 10, competed in her first solo New England Regional Oireachtas in November 2023 when she placed among the top five and qualified to dance in the World Irish Dance Championship being held in Glasgow, Scotland, at the end of March.

This comes after six years of dancing and daily training at the Keane O'Brien Academy of Irish Dance in Braintree.

Barbara, the first-generation stepdancer, said this world competition is the Olympics of Irish Stepdancing.

Emersyn will meet dancers from all over the world, some coming from as far as Australia, New Zealand and Africa.

Barbara, noting the high level of competition, is not sure how well Emersyn will do but says the experience alone is a chance of a lifetime for her 10-year-old granddaughter.

"It will be very hard, but she will do her best and that's all we can ask of her," Barbara Connolly said. "Just to be able to qualify to dance is an honor in itself."

Emersyn appears to agree, and takes pride in how she is the third-generation Connolly daughter to embrace stepdancing.

"It feels good and it is really fun to know my grandma and my mom did this. I am following after them," Emersyn said.

A student of St. Joseph's School in Fairhaven, Emersyn says her classmates support her hobby, but

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Emersyn has very little free time these days to spend with friends. When she does have free time between dancing and school, she likes to draw and play outside, she says.

Emersyn says she has visited Ireland, but this will be her first visit to Scotland.

Like every competition, she gets a bit of stage fright at the start, but it quickly fades once she pounds those first steps into the dance floor.

"Once I do my first steps, I get used to it and it makes me feel more



confident," Emersyn said.

Barbara, 70, said the world competition did not exist when she was younger. But Barbara still competed and even had her own dance studio in Jamaica Plain before she got married.

Katie Connolly was involved from the age of six to 19. Katie says her daughter is more talented.

Like Barbara, Katie feels the experience of competing represents a victory in itself.

"It's definitely an experience," Katie said. "I want her to take it all in and learn that the hard work will pay off even if she doesn't get the results."

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COVID – Forgotten But Not Gone

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Ed Hoffer

Understandably, most of us have developed “Covid fatigue.” After what seems like years of warnings and behavior changes, we want to put it all behind us. Unfortunately, while we are tired of the virus, the virus is not tired of us.

The latest variant to appear, JN.1, is much more transmissible than its predecessor even though it has only a minor genetic change. It has rapidly become the dominant strain hitting the U.S. and much of the world. Fortunately, the last vaccine, aimed at an earlier variant, seems to be very protective against severe illness and death, even if not that good at preventing infection.

While not nearly as dramatic as the situation of 2-3 years ago, both case counts and deaths have been trending up. For the last period for which we have complete data, some 1,500 Americans are dying of Covid every week – most, but not all, older and/or with severe underlying illnesses, and most not up to date on their vaccines.

Only 19% of adults 18 and older and 8% of children have received the current vaccine. Of those 65 and older, at highest risk of severe disease, only 38% have been fully vaccinated.

What should we do?

First and most important, get your booster! Vaccines only work when you get them.

Second, wear a well-fitted mask when you are indoors with lots of people. Think concerts, bridge games, indoor sporting events. While not a panacea, masks do cut down transmission of both Covid and other respiratory viruses such as colds and flu.

Finally, if you are sick, stay home. You do not want to be the one who recovers but finds out that you gave the virus to your elderly aunt who died. There will always be another event.

For those who do get sick, treatments are available that help. Paxlovid is under-used. In the older population, it cuts hospitalization and death by more than half. If you are very high risk, IV antibody treatments are

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

Committee Invites Public Participation

Holy Ghost Grounds Reuse Committee

By Marilou Newell

A public input meeting is planned for January 24



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at 6:00 pm in the Mattapoisett Fire Station meeting room by the committee that has been tasked with securing public opinions for reuse of the town property known as the Holy Ghost Grounds.

The committee volunteers are Greta Fox (Recreation Department director), Nathan Ketchel (member of the Planning Board and vice chair of this committee), Freemin Bauer, Nicky Miller, Jack Hill, Aaron Goldberg and Mike Rosa (Finance Committee member and HGGC chairman.)

The group has diligently met to craft a survey that was launched in the summer of 2023. Following the launch, the group studied the results, being careful to ensure data would be presented in a straightforward, nonskewed manner, thus presenting the public with a clear view of how people responded.

They were surprised that 553 surveys were submitted. Of that number, 80 were identified as non-full-time residents or nonresidents from surrounding towns. The average age from respondents was 41 years of age with the largest group responding falling between 60 and 75 years of age. Respondents were also asked to share how frequently they might use the proposed, renovated space. Then came the possibilities. What did they want on the 5-acre, town-owned property?

A dog park and pickleball courts rated high, but a study of the data showed it was a tie between the wants and the definitely not's. For instance, those wanting pickleball courts came in at 137, but the "no" responses were 163. The dog park was nearly a tie with 182 wanting one and 183 registering "no."

Three passive-recreational-use options came out on top. Those suggestions were a picnic area (225), a playground (224) and a walking loop (270.)

Now the committee was ready to meet vis-à-vis to discuss the survey process and results and to hear directly from the public.

Voicing concerns that people in the community will expect the committee to make recommendations or have design plans were several members, including Denise Conton. Rosa said it was important to tell the public that the committee is neither an advisory board nor

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a decision-making committee, that the committee's job is to ascertain public opinion on various uses. Rosa stated, "We don't have a budget ... we aren't making those decisions ... we just want input so we can give the Select Board a report."

The members reviewed the short presentation planned for the January 24 meeting. It includes a brief history of the site, goals of the committee, public input, closing with survey results and demographics.

A Wave...

A Poem by Hadley Perron

Beckoning, calling, whispering, urging you to wade in its cold beauty, calming your nerves, healing your wounds, dampening your skin, filling your lungs with a cold fog that tastes of tears, pulling you in, wrapping you in a dark icy blue that drags you under, weighing you down, taking your breath and softly tumbling you like the foggy sea glass that everyone always searches for, waiting to be found and waiting to find yourself.

Editor's note: Hadley Perron, age 13, is a Mattapoisett resident and an eighth grader at St. Joseph's School in Fairhaven. She is a budding author and has written multiple poems.

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By-Law Subcommittee Sets Schedule

Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Zoning Board of Appeals met only briefly on January 11 to announce the withdrawal and postponement of its two posted hearings.

Chair David Arancio reported that the applicants for a variance of the 70% maximum floor-area ratio for a project at Cranberry Highway (off County Road) are requesting to withdraw the petition "without prejudice."

"I understand they are changing their plans and no longer need the variance," Arancio explained.

The board did not even open the second hearing on the posted agenda, an application requesting a special permit and variances for the construction of an attached second dwelling at 24 Bennett Road. Arancio said the petitioners said they were unable to attend the meeting. The hearing has been postponed to a date uncertain.

In other business, the board congratulated member Richard Cutler for being appointed the chair of the new Zoning Bylaw Review Subcommittee. Cutler said the focus of the first meeting of this panel was to organize. The subcommittee will meet next on Thursday, February 1, and the first Thursday of every month thereafter.

The Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals set its next meeting for Thursday, January 25, at 7:15 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester.

Lockheed Martin Site to Get Self-Storage

Marion Planning Board

By Mick Colageo

A self-storage business is headed for the former Lockheed Martin complex off Route 6 in Marion after civil engineer Steve Gioiosa of SITEC visited the Marion Planning Board on Tuesday night seeking a Special Permit in a Limited Industrial-zoned property at 13 Barnabus Road on behalf of Sippican Holdings LLC.

The public hearing went on without Planning Board Chairman Tucker Burr, who as an abutter recused himself from the proceedings. Vice Chairman Andrew Daniel presided with Burr having left the conference room at the Marion Police Station.

Gioiosa explained that a wetland delineation has been approved and some master planning for the site has been done on the previously developed property where he discussed challenges for the new project.

In addition to the plan to replace an existing building with a two-story structure measuring 20,000 square feet (100x200), Gioiosa said the applicant is also looking at some of the bigger industrial pieces of land on the site and well as some of the vacant land.

He described it as bordering vegetated wetland, which he said is more challenging because of the topography; it starts high at Barnabus Road and slopes

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down a 25-foot drop so it was intended to pick a low-intensity use for the site.

The proposal is to demolish an existing parking area and transition the grade down on the other (east) side of the building with lower-level access for storage. Customer parking would be created next to a small office to facilitate rental units, and people could park in front of their storage units. The same configuration would exist in the back.

To avoid a dead-end configuration, the applicant plans to loop a driveway around the back (north side of the complex) so that emergency vehicles could access the property and loop around to get back out.

The building would include 900 square feet of office space presumably with a single employee on site.

Sewer/water infrastructure is on the property and only needs reconnection to the new facility.

The Special Permit sought is to allow self-storage on the site. The actual construction would be vetted in a separate public hearing with site-plan review.

There will be a sprinkler system on the side of



the building, and the lower-level layout will include rear-access overhead doors on the west side of the building and interior corridors.

The project is in a preliminary stage of development, but Gioiosa estimates a rough count of 240-250 total rental units. He said the applicant is building a similar structure in Fairhaven. Gioiosa said the developer has built numerous medical offices on Faunce Corner Road and is the former owner of the AT&T building in Fairhaven.

The project will be designed to achieve gradual slopes and will upgrade stormwater management, respect the no-disturb zones, keep most of the improvements well outside and use significant landscaping to buffer from

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Gioiosa said the goal would be to not overburden the site but revitalize it.

Daniel said Fire Chief Brian Jackvony has no comment at this time.

Board member Eileen Marum asked about the height of the structure; Gioiosa said the plan is a low-profile roof, 32 feet at its highest point, and from the front view one would only see one story with a pitched roof.

Marum also asked about designing the roof to include solar on the site; Gioiosa called it a great idea but said the matter would fall into the architect's purview. Gioiosa said the same contractor is looking at solar on the former Vanity Fair building in Dartmouth.

The board voted to grant the Special Permit, approving self-storage as a proposed business at the site; Sippican Holdings LLC will revisit the Planning Board with a formal application, including site-plan review.

Town Planner Doug Guey-Lee suggested the possibility that the project may also need vetting with the Conservation Commission.

"I think we're all pretty happy with putting storage with general uses," said board member Ryan Burke, and Marum noted there is already a storage facility going into the complex.

Gioiosa and the board agreed that self-storage is a needed business in Marion. Daniel said that there is a six-month wait in the area to rent a unit. "It seemed like a lot were being built, but they're all full," he said.

Gioiosa also noted that the applicant has no interest in spinning the site off to a separate entity; he said the plan is to keep the business under local control.

FSJ Holdings pitched a proposed zoning change to Residence E for a 2.5-acre property owned at 207-215 Wareham Road. Jennifer Jones represented the applicant and noted she is the former facilities manager at the Lockheed Martin site.

Her plan is to renovate an existing residential rental site, describing 14 units divided among four buildings including one large building that contains eight units. Part of the project is to raze a building and replace it with other multifamily buildings.

"We think replacing that big building with a larger unit is beneficial to the area," said Jones.

The riverfront would need zoning reclassification. Jones with working with Bill Madden of G.A.F. Engineering.

The plan to come back in March for a public hearing with Madden, ultimately heading for the Annual Town Meeting to put the zoning change before Marion's voters.

Jones said she has an alternate plan if the town will not reclassify the riverfront.

The board made Jones aware of the Inclusionary Housing Bylaw and her obligation to go through the 40B statute process. One in every 10 units has to be an affordable unit, which in the case of this application would translate into two units out of 20 being subsidized, affordable housing. Jones was also told she could pay a fee in lieu of building affordable units.

Jones said her current apartments are priced at market rate.

Marum asked about traffic flow off Route 6. Jones said there are two egress points off Route 6 but has not been asked yet to order a traffic study. Member Jon Henry said he wouldn't minimize a traffic study in this case.

Marum considered the project to pose no infringement on the neighborhood character but asked about its impact on the natural environment.

Daniel said that the infrastructure would have to be complete before the units are built.

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The ongoing discussion on a bylaw for short-term rentals took a turn at the board's last meeting on January 2 and when reorganized Bylaw Codification Committee offered to write the bylaw for the Planning Board. Lengthy discussion ensued at that meeting, as the town continued to receive feedback to inform its effort at addressing the complicated matter.

On Tuesday, Burr said the idea has been to get more specific ideas from the board members.

Member Alanna Nelson said the board needs to divide between things that are procedural in nature over against what would actually be appropriate to include in a bylaw. "We have a lot of procedural ideas, but what would you actually want to put on the bylaws? So, for me, stick to that."



Guey-Lee said that while board members can draft ideas and options, it's important to know when does the process become a draft that is actually contemplated or voted upon.

"It has to be clear that there are no decisions on the table," he said, suggesting the board consult with the town's legal team "and make sure we're not entering into procedural gray areas."

Daniel suggested the members work on it conceptually without references to state laws.


Marum said she already drafted a bylaw but did not submit it for the board's consumption.

Henry reiterated his prior concern that the



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Burr asked the members to continue and make a real, concerted effort, sending everything to board administrator Terri Santos.

Regarding a memorandum from the Bylaw Codification Committee on a proposed change to Subdivision Rules and Regulations, the board voted to accept three changes on how they process subdivision applications.

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, February 5, at 7:00 pm at the Police Station on Route 6.

ConCom Happy at Police Station

Marion Conservation Commission

By Mick Colageo

The trend for Marion's boards and committees has been to move their public meetings back to the newly renovated Town House Annex Building, but the Marion Conservation Commission is content to remain at the Police Station on Route 6 with proven, hybrid-attendance options.

The commission's January 10 meeting saw one public hearing result in project approval, three certificates of compliance issued, two permits extended and comments made to the Zoning Board of Appeals on three applications.



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Thomas deGroot was issued a Negative Box 2 Determination of Applicability for the addition of a 12x20-foot attached porch to the west side of his house at 8 Aucoot Avenue. The project will be entirely in the flood zone, but as a second-story addition will not alter or dredge the area.

Three requests for certificates of compliance were met with approval of the commission.

Byron Hensley was issued a complete Certificate of Compliance for a pier construction at 95 Holly Road. The pier attaches to the deck and goes out approximately 200 feet; the pier is slightly lower than the deck.

Kenneth and Darla Parsons at 27 Dexter Road with noted deviations from the plan, including a staircase from rear covered porch was slightly reconfigured. Deviations were considered minor, and the full COC was issued.

Michael Popitz, 123 Indian Cove Road, was issued an invalid COC for a project that never took place at 64 Indian Cove Road (the parcel adjacent to Popitz's home.) Work never commenced, and the associated permit had long expired.

John and Sandra Beck's request to extend their permit to continue phragmites remediation at 17 River Road was based on a 2011 Order of Conditions to construct a raised walkway across a marsh and the phragmites remediation.

A partial COC had been issued years ago, but

the phragmites aspect of the permit was requested for renewal. A site visit indicated the phragmites still exist, and the commission voted a three-year extension on the permit.

Also approved was a permit extension to Carmen and Beth Martignetti for work mostly finished at 71 Moorings Road. The applicants await approvals from the state and Army Corps of Engineers.

The ZBA hit on two out of three requests for comment.

The ConCom determined that John P. Kendall Trust's project at 39 Water Street is inside flood zone and possibly inside the buffer zone to wetlands so a permit will be required.

The commissioners also determined that Johnson Family Investments LLC (aka Fieldstone market's) plans to extend its 806 Mill Street store westward, raze a small house out back and add parking is within the commission's jurisdiction.

"I believe there is wetlands in this area, so they should at least file an RDA," said Chairman Jeff Doubrava.

Planting Island 25 West Avenue LLC at 25 West Avenue was judged to sit outside the flood zone and more than 100 feet back from the coastal bank so it was determined to be outside the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission.

The commission briefly discussed the opportunity



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to shift its meeting location to the Town House Annex Building conference room facing Main Street, but the consensus was that the hybrid attendance system currently used at the Police Station is preferable and is often needed by Conservation Agent Doug Guey-Lee.

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

Flooded Bogs Lead to Enforcement Order

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

The Buzzards Bay Coalition, along with their engineer and contractor working on The Bogs restoration project off Acushnet Road, came before the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission on January 16. The meeting was to discuss recent flooding of the site now fully under construction, which led to the transmission of soils beyond the scope of work, namely the woods surrounding the site and the Mattapoisett River.

During the nearly two-hour discussion, the commission heard from the on-site management team of the contractor Luciano of Taunton, the engineer Stephen Leeco of GZA, and Sara da Silva Quintal, restoration ecologist for the Buzzards Bay Coalition, owners of the property.

Commission Chairman Mike King stated that he had been notified by a concerned abutter that something

was wrong at the former commercial cranberry-bog site. What he found was the remains of flooding from recent storm events where water had breached manmade canals, pushing soils into jurisdictional, wooded areas beyond boundaries noted in the Order of Conditions issued by the commission. Soils were also present in water samples provided by the town's agent, Brandon Faneuf, flood waters he said had reached the Mattapoisett River.

During the meeting, each involved party was given time to explain their part in the project, offering reasons why the storm waters overtopped the canals and later sharing their part towards assuring it wouldn't happen again.

Luciano staff members spoke to the actual on-site, earth movement and why they had believed erosion controls in place were sufficient. Faneuf submitted photographs and a video of the site, which clearly demonstrated erosion controls failed. It was noted by the contractor that the rate of storm water flow was simply much greater than the rate of water emptying into storage quadrants; King felt such a possibility should have been anticipated.

King was candid, saying that because the partners involved were the BBC, USDA and Massachusetts Department of Ecological Restoration, the commission, "...didn't ask enough questions," before conditioning the project. Now he and all the members of the commission wanted more details and a restoration plan for the flooding.

Immediate plans, include having pumps available during future weather events to divert water away from possible flooding locations. GZA is to prepare restoration plans, and Luciano staff will monitor the weather and be prepared to react as needed.

Quintal said several times that this bog restoration project, which has been in various stages of acquisition and restoration since 2011, was designed to keep soils on site. Faneuf explained the danger to wildlife when sediments cloud the water, making it clear such issues held dire consequences for fish and other forms of wildlife.

But a far greater threat became a topic when

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commissioner David Nicolosi asked if the BBC tested the soils of the former bogs for chemicals used historically by the cranberry industry. "No testing was done," Quintal replied, while stating again, "...the sediment wasn't to leave the site."

Nicolosi said not testing for chemicals was a gross oversight and that the BBC, "...owed it to the citizens of Mattapoisett." Nicolosi expressed concern over freshwater wells along with the town's water supply.

The commission issued a cease-and-desist Enforcement Order. Plans were made for the commissioners to visit the site in staggered rotation on January 17 and that the matter will return as an agenda item on February 6.

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

ConCom Continues Fight over Water

Rochester Conservation Commission


By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Conservation Commission Tuesday agreed to keep pursuing the town's rights to the water on Red Brick Farm East land that is part of a 241-acre Conservation Restriction giving Rochester no rights to the groundwater that the property might produce.

Commission Chairman Christopher Gerrior told the board Tuesday that he expected the issue to be on the agenda of the recent Tri-Town Select Board held January 9 in Mattapoisett, but the item was not discussed, he said, and he doesn't want to let the issue continue unresolved.

When they first heard of the CR plan months ago, commission members complained that Rochester has lost the right to use its own water resources too many times over the decades.


The regional Conservation Restriction agreement that nonetheless became reality proposed giving Mattapoisett the water rights to the Rochester parcel, including possibly digging up to four new wells, under a co-ownership agreement with the Mattapoisett Water and Sewer Authority. However, the Rochester Conservation Commission was able to prod the authority to agree



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in writing it would "make every effort" to transfer the conservation land in Rochester to the town for \$1.

That promise has yet to see reality. Gerrior said he would like to see the issue become an agenda item at the next Tri-Town Select Board meeting, which he said will be held the first or second week in June.

This prodded board member Carl MacDermott to note, "If we wait till May, we'll only kick this problem further down the road."

The ConCom, as a result, approved sending a letter to the Select Board requesting its assistance with addressing the issue with the Mattapoisett Water Authority sooner than that.

Board member Ben Bailey said he wanted to

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know, "Will the Selectmen work with us? Can we pursue this on our own? Ask them what they intend to do and that we want to address this soon." Gerrior agreed to draft and send the letter.

In other action, the commission agreed to the Notice of Intent for BWC Snows Pond LLC's plan to build a 2.39 megawatt, solar-energy array on 12.55 acres of a 31.23-acre parcel at 0 Cushman Road to include work within the 100-foot buffer zone. The commission will now draft the plan's Order of Conditions that it will vote on at its next meeting on February 6.

The commission approved a request for a three-year extension of the Order of Conditions for a housing development planned for 22 Cranberry Highway. Its original OOC, which was issued in January of 2021, will now expire on January 16, 2026.

The commission continued its hearing into the Notice of Intent to build a 15-acre, self-storage facility at 25 Cranberry Highway and 0 Kings Highway, upon the petitioner's request, until February 20.

The board approved a request for a Certificate of Compliance for 433 Neck Road filed by Matthew Magalhaes, certifying that work on the single-family home there has been satisfactorily completed.

The board also voted to issue a Certificate of Compliance for a portable dock on the pond at 536 Snipatuit Road filed by commission member Matthew Bache.

The Rochester Conservation Commission will meet next on Tuesday, February 6, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Liquor Store Fined, Suspended for Sale to Minor

Marion Board of Health

By Mick Colageo

Sarah "Nancy" Dube, the proprietor of Lighthouse Liquors (664 Mill Street), gave an impassioned plea to the Marion Board of Health during its January 11 public meeting in response to an official report that the store had sold a package of cigarettes to a minor.

The board was apparently moved by Dube's

remarks and while powerless to override a \$1,000 fine, limited its suspension of the store's license to sell tobacco products to one day and allowed a six-month timetable on payment of the fine.

"I'm very, very careful about (checking ID's)," said Sarah Dube, noting she has worked in the store for 14 years. "I never, ever sold to a minor." Dube said she spends every hour making sure no minors get into her store "because I also have a minor in my house."

Dube further stated that she had never been told of any trouble at her store in 14 years.

"I always knew that a person like me, it takes that much to be accused of something I did not do," she said, placing her finger and thumb close together. "So I'm very, very careful. ... If it happened, it happened," but Dube insisted she has never sold to a minor knowingly. "I'm always careful in my life because I know who I am."

Megan DaCosta, the regional Tobacco Control program manager, reported to the Marion Board of Health that based on semiannual compliance checks, on December 27, a youth entered Lighthouse Liquors at 10:21 am, approached the clerk asking for a pack of Camel Blue cigarettes (\$14.73) and that the clerk did not ask for age or legal identification. The amount was paid in \$15 cash, but due to a register malfunction, change was not provided.

"This is the first violation with the town; however, we do get records about a month delay from (the Food & Drug Administration) because they have their own compliance-check program," said DaCosta. "And there have been sales in the past. About a year ago was the second from the FDA, and at that point, they issued a civil money penalty."

After that receipt and a discussion with Marion Health Director Lori Desmarais, DaCosta reported having conducted an educational visit to the store to ensure it is understood that the town does not have the option under a recent change in state law to issue a warning on such a violation.

"But, unfortunately, we're here, and a sale did happen," said DaCosta.

Dr. Ed Hoffer, the board's chairman, noted that a fine had been paid following the federal inspection.



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"Regulations are fairly clear cut. There's a \$1,000 fine and suspension of tobacco sales for – I believe it's up to three days," said Hoffer, inviting the proprietor of the store to respond to the complaint.

Paul Dube, store owner Sarah Dube's husband, said, "Sarah has never sold to a minor, she always tries to ask for an ID for everything. We don't know who this minor was, we'd like to know how. That board has told us that you don't send people in without an ID to try to target stores. We understand that. But how would the board have found out about it if that happened? If that happened?"

What Paul Dube did not understand until clarification was later achieved was that, while the town did not send the youth into the store on December 27, other larger jurisdictions like the state or the federal government, did.

"We have an ongoing inspection program which specifically does try to find out who obeys the rules and who doesn't, and Megan is in charge of this for the whole south-coast region," answered Hoffer. "It's not that we're picking on you, the same thing is done in every establishment."

"I'm not saying that," said Paul Dube. "I'm just saying, 'what is the procedure?'"

Sarah Dube said she complies with the required practices of asking customers for their age and ID.

DaCosta further explained that youth that get sent into stores "never have an ID on them" and pose one of the biggest challenges to the inspection authorities.

Paul Dube received clarification that the government does, in fact, send minors without ID's into stores to test procedures. The municipal government does not, but according to DaCosta, there are many programs under larger jurisdictions that share information.

DaCosta told the board she had visited the store on January 25, 2023, to conduct a routine inspection but also to discuss the FDA violations from the previous December. DaCosta considers her inspection the warning because, at the state level, there is no warning and the first offense is a \$1,000 fine.

Hoffer explained that the best the Marion Board



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of Health can do to mitigate the FDA-imposed fine is to allow it to be paid out over time. "The one thing we do have leeway on is how long the sale (of tobacco products) would be suspended," he said.

The fine is established at \$1,000, according to the board.

"Basically, somebody like Cumberland Farms ... that would be nothing, but the smaller ma-and-pop stores, I'm sure it's a substantial hardship," said board member Albin Johnson.

Johnson also pointed out that the phraseology in the one to three-day suspension uses the verb "may," indicating that a suspension is optional as judged by the board.



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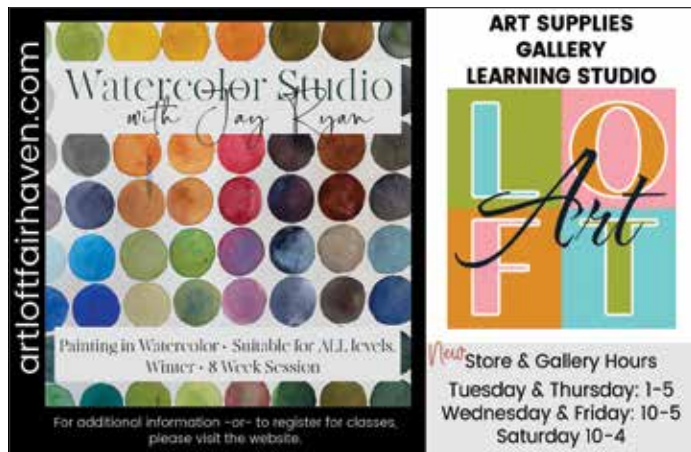
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"If I have a choice, I prefer to scare the bejeezus out of you," said Johnson.

DaCosta said she is authorized to describe anyone between ages 16 and 20 years, 11 months, as youth.

"However, I'm only utilizing high school-age students, so they're all 16, 17 or 18. This particular youth had turned 18 in November," she said.

Board member Dr. John Howard reminded the discussion that there had been prior violations.

"And I do understand how difficult it can be in a store and a setting where you look at somebody and you think they're older, and they're not. However, nicotine in any use, any amount, as you know, is dangerous to health, and we worry about the health of the folks in



Marion and nicotine big time and have for many years. In fact, this board ... was one of the first to really clamp down on nicotine issues," said Howard. "Dr. Hoffer and I are physicians, and we feel very strongly about folks, so I think we'd like to get that message out there."

Howard recommended, based on the prior violation recorded by the FDA, that the board levy a one-day sales suspension (in addition to the \$1,000 fine it cannot cancel.)

The three members of the board voted unanimously to approve Howard's recommendation.

Desmarais noted that the fine is payable within 21 days unless scheduled differently by the board. Paul Dube said he would like to set up a payment plan. The board agree on a six-month schedule for payment of the fine.

In her update, Health Agent Shallyn Rodriguez reported to the board on housing inspections and complaint updates, including 711 Mill Street, where two inspections were conducted after a carbon monoxide incident. Her next inspection is scheduled for March 7, and Rodriguez noted that the homeowner has been giving the town weekly updates on the situation.

Tina Clark, the owner of the property, attended the meeting and explained that the plan is to renovate the apartment where the damage occurred, but due to multiple logistical hardships says an extension on her timeline is necessary. No one is living in the apartment or the connected 713 Mill Street address.

Public Health Director/Nurse Lori Desmarais said the board should maintain its plan to conduct a March 7 inspection.

In her update to the board, Desmarais reported that the town is still offering flu shots; she cited that the severity of influenza in the area is high.

Vaccinations will also be supported by the \$5,000 granted Massachusetts towns under the Public Health Excellence Grant.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, at 4:30 pm.

AHT Looks to Help Veterans

Marion Affordable Housing Trust

By Mick Colageo

Marion Affordable Housing Trust member Sue Miller spoke from the heart during the committee's meeting on January 9, discussing Habitat for Humanity and the "Homes for Troops" program.

"Oftentimes veterans, they never ask for anything, so when this came open, I thought, 'let me exhaust whatever I can exhaust,'" said Miller, who called national organizations and learned that "they want the veteran himself make some sort of contact because – it seems a common thread – they say that if that a veteran makes a contact and has some sort of vested interest in it, they will stay. They will feel part of it and they will stay."

Miller explained that veterans are required to fill

out multiple applications that put them on a list.

"But then that made me think we should have those applications on our website at some point because, if we did have a veteran in the area, they might not even know that something like this exists, that they could be – it could be something in the future for them," she said.

Miller has collected applications and once Marion's website is more built up, she would like to get the documentation up on the site.

She said the Gary Sinise Foundation will fund items such as handicap-accessible ramps, but there was no specific local need. She said she also reached out to Tunnels to Tower, which assists police and fire personnel unable to maintain their own homes.

"We didn't really fit with the model that they have," said Miller. She said the results were similar with a marine-based program. The priority among the agencies is to identify veterans committed to their programs.

Between site visits and a methodical gathering of information, Miller said Habitat for Humanity sounds like a very organized program.

Associate Affordable Housing Trust member Eileen Marum said another positive aspect of Habitat for Humanity is that any recipient of a home project is required to put in 300 hours of labor toward the work.

Chairperson Terri Santos asked if the Affordable Housing Trust would like to schedule a special meeting ahead of the Community Preservation Committee's February 5 deadline for applications.

Habitat for Humanity is reportedly interested to conduct a site visit with Marion, and among the upsides of the organization's involvement is the Affordable Housing Trust will not need to pursue Community Preservation Act funding (via Marion's Community Preservation Committee) because Habitat for Humanity has volunteer help with wetland delineation, wetlands consultants and a construction project manager.

Affordable Housing Trust member Toby Ast still thinks it is worth applying for CPA funding to purchase property or at least seek a ballpark of available funds for when the Affordable Housing Trust is ready to access funding.

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Miller thought perhaps Habitat for Humanity would better realize its needs that would apply to an application with the CPC.

Ast noted that Andrew Daniel, a member of the CPC, suggested the Affordable Housing Trust apply for funding.

The address in question, 185 Wareham Street (a Habitat for Humanity home) was once conservation land, and some of the parcel is meant to be parking. Santos walked the lot with Randy Parker, Select Board member, and Doug Guey-Lee, town planner.

"You could put a few spaces in, and it's not unusual when you have a build like this to do that sort of thing," said Santos.

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Habitat for Humanity will send people to the Affordable Housing Trust's February 13 meeting to further discuss the Habitat for Humanity program.

The subject of Accessory Dwelling Units and a potential bylaw revision is being considered with help from the Codification Committee, which Marum described as well-rounded.

Santos said Ast and former member Norm Hills, a member of the Select Board, created a draft but that other members of the Affordable Housing Trust can still give their input. She said it's important that members of the Affordable Housing Trust get on the same page.

Miller volunteered to write the trust's annual report.



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The next meeting of the Marion Affordable Housing Trust is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, at 6:00 pm at the Police Station.

Nurse Needs More Hours

Rochester Board of Health

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Board of Health met on January 10 to approve an FY25 budget of \$109,760 that is a 7.8% increase over FY24.

Rochester Health Director Karen A. Walega, however, emphasized that more needs to be done to boost employee hours to complete the tasks of a full-time board now under the constraints of a part-time work schedule. She said the new budget features a 2% cost-of-living increase for Public Health Nurse Connie Dolan to \$33,516, but what Dolan and other Board of Health staff need is more work hours to do their jobs, she said.

"I'm hoping in the future to add more hours for her (Dolan) to 25 per week," Walega said.


Dolan, she explained, is currently at 15 hours per week. "And that's not enough," she said. "We have to look into ways to get more hours for the people who work for the Board of Health."

Dolan, Walega noted, does not even have her own work desk out of town hall. She works entirely out of her home. Dolan said she was fine working that way for now, but this admission came after she and Walega reminisced that she has had desks at Town Hall that she has slowly been downsized out of since 2019. She said lately she's shared an office at the Council on Aging Senior Center with the SHINE director. But right now neither of them has that office, as it is being used for income tax counseling.

Following this discussion, Dolan's report to the board featured updates on COVID rates and a pilot program utilizing opioid court-case settlement funds. Dolan said last week alone there were five COVID cases in Rochester. Her office has been distributing COVID test kits around town, including at the Senior Center. "It's the season for it," she said. "A lot of bugs going around."

Dolan also announced that a Narcan education pilot program is scheduled for the Senior Center on February 7. The town's share of funding from a federal court settlement against manufacturers, distributors and retailers for their actions that contributed to the current opioid epidemic is being utilized for this effort to teach the public CPR and Narcan treatment for overdoses. In February, a select group of participants will be so trained at the COA. If this first such training is successful, the program may become available to the public on a regular basis, Dolan said.

In other action, Walega reported that a complaint regarding 515 Rounseville Road pertaining to a mobile home causing unsanitary conditions is being referred to the state Attorney General's office for further



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investigation.

The Rochester Board of Health did not schedule a future meeting date at adjournment.

Bulldog Domination

Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

The Old Rochester Regional High School boys' basketball team played Fairhaven High School away on January 12 and won 69-55. The win moved the Bulldogs' record to 8-3, and they remained at 5-2 in the South Coast Conference.

The Bulldogs went into the game without their



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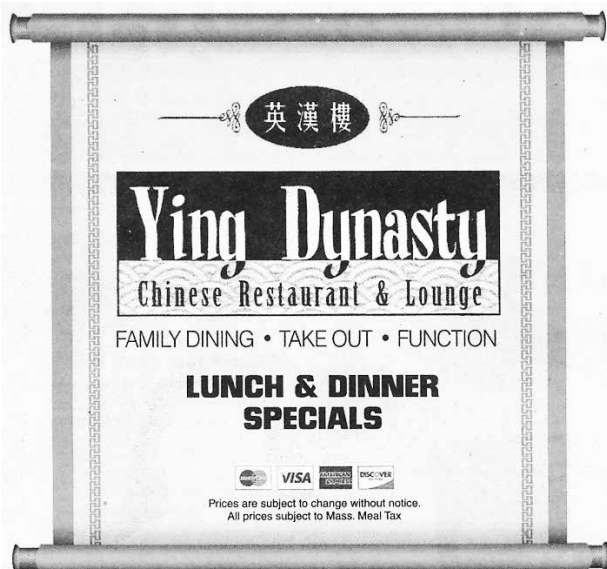
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Thursday January 18, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Cape Conversations
8:30 AM You and Your Health
9:00 AM A Conversation With...
9:30 AM Pete on the Street
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Pine Meadow Alpaca Farms Animal Education
11:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:30 AM Paltracast with Darren Paltowitz
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:20 PM Christmas in the Tri-Town
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Bill MacDougall
3:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Black Bear Ecology
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
5:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
5:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
6:30 PM Tri-Town TV
7:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
8:30 PM The Beacon Hill Report
9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church
10:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Blue October
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday January 19, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Bulldog Sports Show
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Cape Conversations
11:30 AM A Conversation With...
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:20 PM Christmas in the Tri-Town
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre

2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Christmas in the Tri-Town
3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road
3:30 PM This is America and the World
4:00 PM Paltracast with Darren Paltowitz
4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
5:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Christmas Concert
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Sippican Choral Society - Christmas Concert
8:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Celebrating the Archive with Leslie Thayer Piper
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday January 20, 2024

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:00 AM Health Source
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM A Conversation With...
11:00 AM Auto Sense
11:30 AM Science 360
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Bill MacDougall
2:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
3:30 PM South Coast Matters
4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Black Bear Ecology
5:00 PM ORR Volleyball vs Dennis Yarmouth
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:20 PM Christmas in the Tri-Town
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Conflict Zone
8:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Celebrating the Archive with Leslie Thayer Piper
10:00 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
10:30 PM Let's Talk Business
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday January 21, 2024

6:00 AM Health Source
6:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational

Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion
11:00 AM Sippican Memorial Rededication
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
11:50 AM Christmas in the Tri-Town
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
2:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
3:00 PM Bulldog Sports Show
3:30 PM Paltracast with Darren Paltowitz
4:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
4:30 PM The World Fusion Show
5:00 PM Rochester Historical Society - Historical Maps of Rochester
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Conflict Zone
9:00 PM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
9:30 PM Jazz Jam at the Marion Arts Center
11:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday January 22, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:00 AM A Conversation With...
10:30 AM Cape Conversations
11:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM In the Toy Box
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters
2:30 PM The Collective Chat
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus

on Europe
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
4:30 PM Jazz Jam at the Marion Arts Center
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Christmas Concert
7:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
8:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 PM Let's Talk Business
9:30 PM Building the Future
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday January 23, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM The Collective Chat
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:20 PM Christmas in the Tri-Town
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
4:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Black Bear Ecology
5:30 PM Tri-Town TV
6:00 PM Marion Art Center - The Importance of Being Earnest
8:40 PM The Beacon Hill Report
9:10 PM Falmouth Academy Community Series
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday January 24, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational

Church
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:20 PM Christmas in the Tri-Town
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Pine Meadow Alpaca Farms Animal Education
2:10 PM Mattapoisett Harbor Days
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday
3:00 PM A Conversation With...
3:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
4:00 PM Paltracast with Darren Paltowitz
4:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Christmas Concert
5:30 PM Building the Future
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Let's Talk Business
7:30 PM Sippican Choral Society - Christmas Concert
9:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Seekonk
10:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Dighton-Rehoboth
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

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

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

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8:00 AM Tri-Town Select Board
9:00 AM Rochester Planning Board
10:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
11:30 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
12:00 PM Rochester School Committee
1:30 PM ORR School Committee
3:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
4:00 PM Tri-Town Select Board
5:00 PM Rochester Planning Board
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9:30 PM ORR School Committee
11:00 PM Tri-Town Select Board

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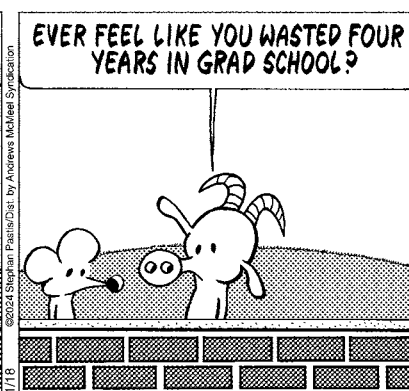
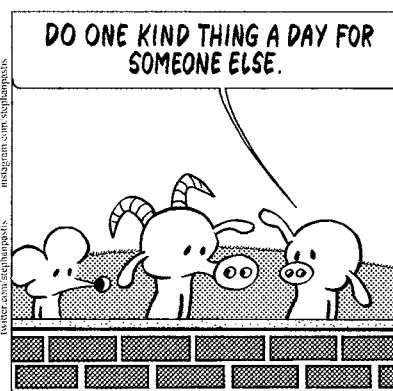
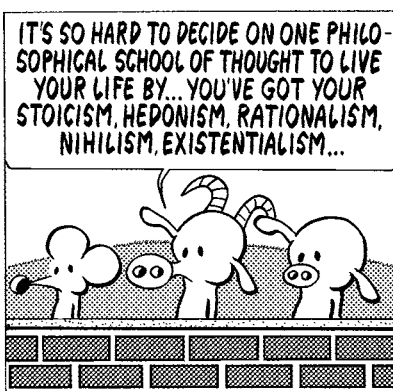
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7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM Bulldog Sports Show
8:00 AM ORR School Committee
9:30 AM Center School Tribute to Principal Bowman
10:30 AM OHS 6th Grade Promotion
11:40 AM Old Colony Vision for the Future
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM Bulldog Sports Show
1:00 PM ORR Hall of Fame - 1993 Undeclared Football Team
1:30 PM ORR Hall of Fame - Women in Sports at ORR
2:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Seekonk
4:00 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs Bourne
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM Bulldog Sports Show
7:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Groton-Dunstable
8:00 PM ORR Student vs Staff Basketball Fundraiser
9:00 PM ORR Girls Softball vs New Bedford Vocational Tech
11:30 PM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs Apponequet

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"Noah did a lot of good things at both ends of the court. He passed well, had a few buckets, played some good defense and rebounded for us, so I was proud of him," said ORR head coach Steve Carvalho.

The Bulldogs started out hot, with a 9-0 start in the first minute of the game. However, in the second quarter, Fairhaven scored 25 points to tie the game at 41-41 going into halftime. In the second half, Old Rochester held Fairhaven to 14 second-half points, ultimately stopping Fairhaven's offense.

"We tried to get back into our pressure defense, which hurt them during the game," said Carvalho.

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Indoor Track

The ORR boys and girls track teams both defeated Dighton-Rehoboth with great performances. Tyler Young was named a runner of the meet, winning the 1 Mile and 2 Mile races. For the girls, Aubrey Heise was also named a runner of the meet, winning the 600-meter race. The Bulldogs were scheduled for a meet on January 17 against GNB Voc-Tech.

Swimming

The ORR boys and girls swim teams faced New Bedford High School on January 11. The boys won 90-88, and the girls won, 116-66. With the win, the boys move to 3-0 on the season, while ORR's girls' team moved to

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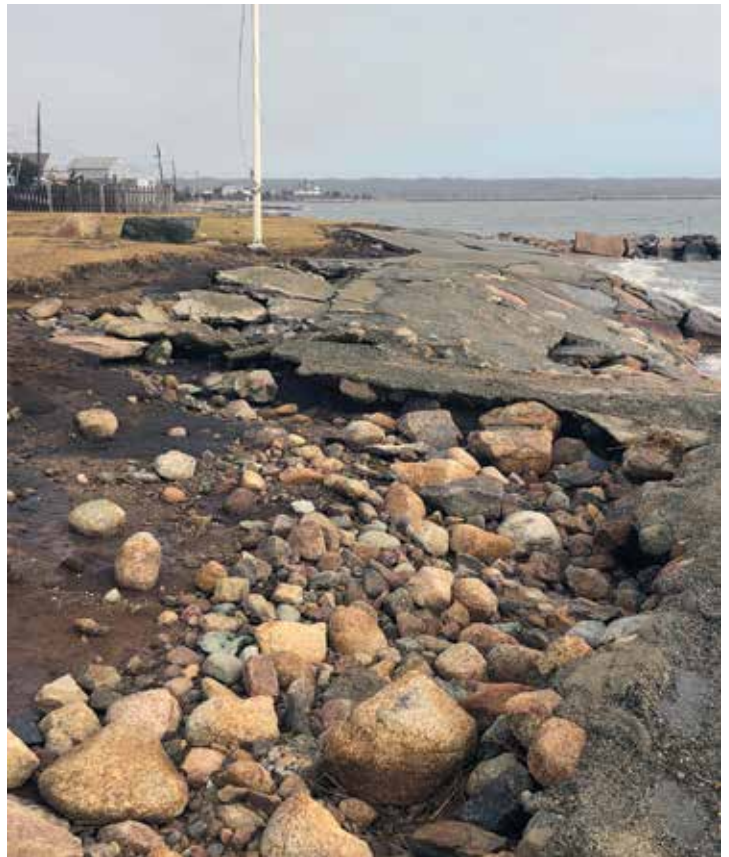
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The sea wall at Ocean View took a beating during the recent storms. Photos courtesy Don Cuddy



Now on exhibit at the Marion Art Center is the Winter Members' Show featuring works that range from oils, watercolors, wood sculpture, stained glass, textiles to pottery and photographs. Photos by Marilou Newell

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1-2. Tate Peterson swam the 200 and 50 freestyle for the boys, and Sam Raynor swam the 500 and 200 individual medley. Katie Anderson swam the 50 Freestyle and 100 Breaststroke. Elizibith Chubb swam the 200 IM and 100 Butterfly. The Bulldogs are scheduled to visit Durfee High School at 4:00 pm on Friday, January 19.

Ice Hockey

The ORR/Fairhaven hockey team defeated Mashpee/Monomoy, 1-0, in overtime on January 13. The win brings their record to 6-4-1 (3-2-1 South Coast Conference.) Caleb Bousquet was named the player of the game. The Bulldogs were scheduled to visit GNB Voc-Tech on January 17 at Hetland Memorial Skating Rink in New Bedford.

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Academic Achievements

Charlotte Cole of Mattapoisett, Avery Coucci of Rochester, Leo Grondin of Marion, Brady Lee of Mattapoisett, Drew Mastovsky of Marion, Gracie McCarthy of Marion and Zachary Zutaut of Rochester have been named to the Fall 2023 Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, RI. Full-time students

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who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester.

Summer Williams of Rochester and **Olivia Lapierre** of Rochester have been named to the Plymouth State University President's List for the Fall 2023 semester. To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.70 or better for the Fall 2023 semester and must have completed at least 12 credit hours during the semester, at least nine of which must confer grade points, at the time the lists are finalized.

Jacob DesRoches of Marion has been named to the Plymouth State University Dean's List for the Fall 2023 semester. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.69 during the Fall 2023 semester and must have completed at least 12 credit hours during the semester, at least nine of which must confer grade points at the time the lists are finalized. DesRoches is an Exercise and Sport Physiology major at Plymouth State.

Luke Couto of Mattapoisett, **Maxwell Brulport** of Rochester, **Matthew Curry** of Mattapoisett, **Hannah Squires** of Mattapoisett, **Aidan O'Donnell** of Mattapoisett, **Andrew Poulin** of Rochester and **Martha Savage** of Mattapoisett have been recognized for academic excellence at Stonehill College. To qualify for this honor, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better and must have successfully

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OBITUARIES



Lola G. (Semiao) Mach, 93, of Mattapoisett died January 6, 2024 at St. Luke's Hospital.

She was the wife of the late Theodore Mach, Jr.

Born in New Bedford, the daughter of the late Manuel G. and Olivia (Tavares) Semiao, she lived in Mattapoisett most of her life.

Mrs. Mach was formerly employed as a clerk at the Star Store for many years before becoming a teacher's aide with the New Bedford Public School System.

Survivors include her son, Steven Mach and his wife Cheryl of Mattapoisett; a brother, Lionel Semiao of New Bedford; a grandson, Pierce Randall of Salem, NY; and several nieces and nephews.

She was the sister of the late Ronald Semiao, Dolores Guellette, Antone Gomes, John Semiao, Manuel Semiao, Jack Semiao, Julia Benton and Mary Camara.

Her Funeral was held on Saturday, January 13th in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery. Visiting hours were held on Friday, January 12th. For guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Rayna Lee Caplan, 83, of Mattapoisett, Massachusetts died peacefully on Sunday, January 7, 2024.

Rayna was born in Malden, Massachusetts but grew up in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, the daughter of the late Joseph and Rhoda (Klasky) Caplan. She graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy and Lasell College.

Rayna raised her family in Lexington, Massachusetts and lived there, in Lincoln, Massachusetts and in her beloved cottage in Mattapoisett for her adult life. The cottage was her home away from home, where she spent weekends and summers, before finally moving down permanently. She warmly welcomed countless friends and family to her cottage so they could enjoy a place she found so special.

Rayna was a voracious reader, an extensive world traveler, skilled trifle maker, expert antiquer, and lover of theater and film. A cultured, inquisitive, ad-

venturous woman who was full of immense joy, Rayna loved others, and was at her happiest when connecting with friends, family and acquaintances.

Rayna was always committed to social justice. During the 1970's, she protested for better housing in Boston and later in life was elected onto committees for Lincoln town planning and housing issues. She marched in Washington in support of gay rights and she was a lifelong advocate for women's rights.

Rayna worked in corporate travel for many years, a profession she loved and one that offered her the opportunity to visit numerous countries. Multiple times per year, for many years, Rayna would fly off to faraway lands, with the zeal and fearlessness of someone many years her junior.

Rayna was an incredibly warm and generous soul, who, throughout her life, gave back to her communities and took immense pleasure in doing so. Whether volunteering at the Lincoln Public Library, the Mattapoisett Free Public Library or the community centers in both towns, caring for the elderly or for children in her spare time, Rayna had a huge heart, which is epitomized in the vast number of deep and lasting friendships she forged along the way.

She is survived by her sister, Gloria Caplan, her step-children, Timothy Norster and Louise Norster Arthur; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She is predeceased by her brother, Harvey Caplan.

We will be holding a brief memorial service outside at Ned's Point Lighthouse, 50 Ned's Point Road in Mattapoisett on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 10:30 am. Immediately following the service, friends and family will gather at Bocca Restaurant, 100 Alden Road in Fairhaven.

For online guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at office@wanderer.com.

completed all courses for which they were registered.

Brielle Fernandes of Rochester who studies Radiologic Technology has been named to the MassBay Community College Dean's List for the Fall 2023 semester.

Springfield College has named **Dylan Aguiar** from Rochester to the Dean's List for academic excellence for the 2023 Fall semester. Aguiar has a primary major of Health Sci/Pre-PT.

American Legion: Florence Eastman Post #28

All Southcoast Active Service Military, Reservists and Veterans are invited to join the monthly meetings of the American Legion: Florence Eastman Post #28. (Serving the Tri-Town area of Mattapoisett - Marion - Rochester and beyond.)

We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 1900 (7 pm.)

Florence Eastman Post is located at 3 Depot St, Mattapoisett. Tri-Town Veterans Office: www.mattapoisett.net/tri-town-veterans-office.

Black History Month Creative Expressions Contest

Tri-Town Against Racism (TTAR) is thrilled to announce the 4th Annual Black History Month Creative Expressions Contest, open to all Jr. and Sr. High School students, attending or residing in the Tri-Town area during the 2024 school year. This year's theme is African

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MOVIE REVIEW

Devoid

By Rob Gonsalves
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Eileen. Starring Thomasin McKenzie and Anne Hathaway. Directed by William Oldroyd. Running time: 98 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now streaming; coming to physical home media on January 30.

When a movie makes you sort of sigh and say “At least it’s short,” that movie might be in trouble. *Eileen* is not my idea of a great time, but I can understand why others might dig it. It’s bleak and grungy, full of wet New England snow turned gray by car exhaust; the movie feels irritable, with anger governing many scenes. It left me in a ghastly mood — I felt poked and prodded by the plot turns that play with deep, dark emotions for no very good reason. Whatever happens in the film seems devoid of meaning and grace. It has a kind of integrity, though, and I can imagine mopey young viewers falling under its spell.

The main problem with *Eileen* (based on the debut novel by Ottessa Moshfegh, who wrote the script with husband Luke Goebel) is that it has the tone of *film noir* without the mitigating pleasures — the cold, cruel brilliance, the cynical patter, the style. The dialogue in this movie tends towards the incoherently emotional. Everyone is weak and doesn’t think things through. The titular Eileen (Thomasin McKenzie), 23, still lives with her drunken father (Shea Whigham), a retired cop sinking into the wastes of his own self-loathing. For work, she clerks in a boys’ prison, a grim and punitive place housing rude and terrible inmates, except for one kid whose reason for being there is more than meets the eye.

Eileen soon meets Rebecca Saint John (Anne Hathaway), a Harvard grad settling into her new job at Eileen’s prison as a psychologist. Rebecca seems an oasis of sophistication in this unnamed town in Massachusetts (the film was mostly shot in New Jersey). Everyone else is ignorant and brays in overdone accents. Set in the mid-’60s, *Eileen* maroons two smart women in a time when Rebecca’s new boss says “She may be easy on the eyes, but I assure you, she’s very smart.” Eileen is something of a deranged fantasist, daydreaming about blowing her own head



off or her dad’s. So it’s never quite clear whether Eileen is imagining the sapphic sparks between her and Rebecca, or whether it’s legit, or manipulated by one or the other.

Thomasin McKenzie is saddled with the worst Massachusetts accent since Julianne Moore on *30 Rock*, but when she’s allowed to be quiet she scores. She and Anne Hathaway get a hushed, intimate rapport going, whispering fondly to each other. They had my permission to leave the dreary film behind and go find fulfillment in warmer climes, perhaps in a film by Greta Gerwig. God knows there’s nowhere for them to go in *this* film. A little over an hour in, the plot takes a pivot that struck me as flatly unbelievable, to say nothing of stupid. The movie throws away whatever McKenzie and Hathaway had built together, and we realize we’re watching a collection of self-sabotaging dimwits. Sigh. At least it’s short.

Who knows, *Eileen* might appeal to glum teenage nihilists. There isn’t much poetry in it, though, visual or verbal. Even when I myself was a glum teenage nihilist we had risk-taking stuff like *River’s Edge*, which at least was about something other than that life sucks and we’re all trying to escape it. (It also debunked that point of view, while *Eileen* dines out on it.) *Eileen* is directed (by *Lady Macbeth*’s William Oldroyd) as a string of blandly composed scenes heightened by abrupt gory shocks. The movie is unpleasant bordering on unsavory. It draws us closer with vague lesbian vibes and then squanders our attention on plot-centered drama that feels (despite a difficult monologue honorably delivered by Marin Ireland) pulpy and something you’d expect to find in a Lifetime movie. Eventually the film and Eileen have nowhere to go, and that’s exactly where they go.

Americans and the Arts.

"African American art is infused with African, Caribbean, and the Black American lived experiences. In the fields of visual and performing arts, literature, fashion, folklore, language, film, music, architecture, culinary and other forms of cultural expression, the African American influence has been paramount. African American artists have used art to preserve history and community memory as well as for empowerment. Artistic and cultural movements such as the New Negro, Black Arts, Black Renaissance, hip-hop, and Afrofuturism, have been led by people of African descent and set the standard for popular trends around the world. In 2024, we examine the varied history and life of African American arts and artisans."

Contest Details: The contest welcomes entries from any medium, encouraging students to express their creativity in diverse ways. Participants must be Jr. or Sr. High School students living or attending school in the Tri-Town area during the 2024 school year.

The deadline for submission is **February 22** at 4:00 pm. Late entries cannot be considered.

Winners will be announced at the opening reception in the Mattapoisett Library Community Room on Saturday, **February 24**, at 2:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

For a full list of contest details, please visit www.tritownagainstracism.org/contest-2024.

About Tri-Town Against Racism: Tri-Town Against Racism is a 501(c)3 registered nonprofit committed to defending the community against racism through education, positive communication and amplifying the voices of those impacted.

Our mission extends to fostering understanding through Little Free Diverse Libraries, which provide a platform to share perspectives on racism and social justice, celebrate the diversity of BIPOC, LGBTQ+ and other marginalized voices and ensure an inclusive collection that embraces the experiences of all identities for every reader.

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Station Road, Marion, is hosting a Ham and Bean Dinner on Sunday **February 4**. Dinner will be served at 1 pm, but our doors open at noon. Come and join us and shake off some of those winter blues. Menu will include ham, beans, coleslaw, applesauce and dessert. Tickets are \$15.00 each, for ticket information, please contact Betsy Youngson at 508-295-8253.

Children's Author Katie Mazeika at the Mattapoisett Library

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library is thrilled to announce acclaimed children's author and illustrator, Katie Mazeika will be visiting on Wednesday, **January 31**, at 4 pm. Join us for an enchanting evening as we delve into the magical world of her books as she shares captivating stories, engages the little ones with a delightful activity and personally signs your cherished copies. Be among the first 20 attendees to receive a complimentary copy of one of her books.

Katie Mazeika is an award-winning author and illustrator, specializing in telling stories based on real people and events. She is passionate about highlighting disabled voices in her work.

Her author/illustrator debut, "Annette Feels Free: The True Story of Annette Kellerman, World-Class Swimmer, Fashion Pioneer and Real-Life Mermaid," was a Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection, a CBC Notable Social Studies Trade Book, a Banks Street Best

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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Jan 7-Jan 13

- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious activity
- County Rd – MV collision
- Luce Ave – Vandalism/past
- Wareham Rd – Road hazard
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Olde Knoll Rd – EMS/medical
- Will St – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Point Rd – General service
- River Rd – Gas leak
- Stoney Run Ln – B&E/in progress
- Spring St – MV collision
- Kabeyun Rd – General service
- Moorings Rd – Follow up
- Spring St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Rose Cottage Ln – General service
- Olde Knoll Rd – EMS/medical
- Front St – MV collision
- Front St – Officer wanted
- Point Rd – MV collision
- Point Rd – By-Law violation
- Field Stone Ln – Officer wanted
- Spring St – Health/welfare
- Blueberry Way – General service
- Point Rd – General service
- Front St – Mv collision
- Wareham Rd – Shoplifting/past

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Jan 7-Jan 13

- Barstow St – Parking complaint
- County Rd – Follow up
- I195 West – MV crash
- Ship St – Disabled MV
- I195 West – MV crash
- Acushnet Rd – General service
- County Rd – Serve warrant
- Homestead Ct – Transport general
- Angelica Ave – MV lockout
- Acushnet Rd – Health/welfare
- Acushnet Rd – Larceny/forgery
- Lynfield Ln – Assist citizen
- Brandt Island Rd – Structure fire
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- High Ridge Dr – Larceny/forgery
- Marion Rd – General service
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Upland Way - Disturbance
- Water St – Suspicious MV
- Fairhaven Rd – Health/welfare
- Barrett Dr – Animal control
- Brierpatch Ln – General service
- Aucoot Rd - Complaint
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- River Rd – General service
- Shady Oak Dr – Animal control
- Water St – General service
- Fairhaven Rd – Ambulance request
- Ocean Dr – Assist citizen

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Jan 7-Jan 13

- Alley Rd – Follow up
- Alley Rd – Civil complaint
- High St – Animal control
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV collision
- Snipatuit Rd – MV lockout
- Marion Rd – MV stop/citation
- Rounseville Rd – MV stop/citation
- North Ave – Animal control
- Elizabeth Dr – 911 call
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- North Ave – Assist other agency
- Cranberry Hwy – Animal control
- Braley Hill Rd – MV collision/arrest
- Walnut Plain Rd – Suspicious activity
- Sarah Sherman Rd – Road hazard
- Snipatuit Rd – 911 call
- Perrys Ln – Suspicious activity
- Walnut Plain Rd – Well being check
- Marys Pond Rd – Medical alarm
- North Ave - Disturbance
- Cross Rd – MV stop/arrest
- North Ave – MV lockout
- Snipatuit Rd – Follow up
- Paradise Ln – General service
- High St – Well being check
- Boxturtle Dr – Animal control
- Neck Rd - Investigation
- Hathaway Pond Circle – 911 call
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation

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



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Jan 22: Cheeseburger, ketchup, roast potatoes, California blend vegetables, hamburger roll, pineapple

Tuesday, Jan 23: Chicken stir-fry w/vegetables, lo mein, snowflake roll, banana

Wednesday, Jan 24: Lazy man stuffed cabbage, mixed vegetable, multigrain roll, orange

Thursday, Jan 25: Roast pork w/apple gravy, whipped sweet potato, Roman vegetables, oatmeal bread, pound cake

Friday, Jan 26: Turkey tetrazzini w/pasta, carrot coins, multigrain roll, tropical blend

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Jan 22: Meatball sub, steamed carrots, pasta salad

Tuesday, Jan 23: Winter wonderland chicken nuggets, oven baked French fries, whole grain dinner roll, golden corn
Wednesday, Jan 24: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, cheese stick, tator tots

Thursday, Jan 25: Homemade chicken soup, whole grain mozzarella stix, bread

Friday, Jan 26: Cheese pizza, steamed broccoli, roasted chic peas

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Jan 22: Meatball sub, steamed carrots, pasta salad

Tuesday, Jan 23: Winter wonderland chicken nuggets, oven baked French fries, whole grain dinner roll, golden corn

Wednesday, Jan 24: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, cheese stick, tator tots

Thursday, Jan 25: Homemade chicken soup, whole grain mozzarella stix, bread

Friday, Jan 26: Cheese pizza, steamed broccoli, roasted chic peas

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Jan 22: Meatball sub, steamed carrots, pasta salad

Tuesday, Jan 23: Winter wonderland chicken nuggets,

oven baked French fries, whole grain dinner roll, golden corn

Wednesday, Jan 24: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, cheese stick, tator tots

Thursday, Jan 25: Homemade chicken soup, whole grain mozzarella stix, bread

Friday, Jan 26: Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Jan 22: Meatball sub, steamed carrots, pasta salad

Tuesday, Jan 23: Winter wonderland chicken nuggets, oven baked French fries, whole grain dinner roll, golden corn

Wednesday, Jan 24: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, cheese stick, tator tots

Thursday, Jan 25: Homemade chicken soup, whole grain mozzarella stix, bread

Friday, Jan 26: Cheese pizza, steamed broccoli, roasted chic peas

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Jan 22: Meatball sub, steamed carrots, pasta salad

Tuesday, Jan 23: Winter wonderland chicken nuggets, oven baked French fries, whole grain dinner roll, golden corn

Wednesday, Jan 24: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, cheese stick, tator tots

Thursday, Jan 25: Homemade chicken soup, whole grain mozzarella stix, bread

Friday, Jan 26: Cheese pizza, steamed broccoli, roasted chic peas

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Jan 22: General Tso's chicken bowl & dinner roll

Tuesday, Jan 23: Mozzarella sticks, marinara sauce & fries

Wednesday, Jan 24: Early release: Bagel pizza & side salad

Thursday, Jan 25: Meatball sub & fries

Friday, Jan 26: Assorted pizza

Book of the Year 2023 and a Northern Lights Book Award winner.

As a picture book creator, Katie believes all children should see themselves in books and that neurodiversity and disability should be talked about openly rather than treated as something to be ashamed of.

No registration required. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Skaar at mskaar@sailsinc.org or by calling the library at 508-758-4171. You can find more information about this program and others on our website, MattapoissettLibrary.org.

Marion COA to Launch Book Club

The Marion Council on Aging announces that beginning on Wednesday, **February 21**, a monthly Book Club will begin, which will meet monthly at 1 pm on the third Wednesday of every month. The Book Club is being organized and led by the Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library.

The February selection is *The Book of Charlie: Wisdom from the Remarkable American Life of a 109-Year-Old-Man*, by David Von Drehle. This recent bestseller will provide much grist for thoughtful discussion, not only about the subject's long and productive life, but about how we all have experienced life.

The book also relates Charlie's experiences to the remarkable changes in American life over the past 100 years. Books and a sign-up sheet will be available at the Marion COA. The group will be limited to ten participants.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

A section of the current exhibit at the Rochester Historical Museum is devoted to "celebrations." Among those is the 300th Anniversary. As mentioned before, these activities began with "Founder's Day" in 1979 and continued on to 1986. As odd as this seems, it was no doubt the result of the 200th Anniversary being celebrated using the date on which the original Proprietors signed the paperwork in Plymouth giving them ownership of the land while the 250th was celebrated 57 years later using the incorporation date.

Back to the 1979 celebration events. They began with the performance of a play written by Judith Gurney who at that



time was a founding member and president of the Rochester Historical Society. The play was first performed on July 22, 1979 and was entitled "One Crow Sorrow." The title comes from an ancient, superstitious chant: "One crow, sorrow, two crows, joy, three crows a wedding, four crows a boy."

The play references some historic events with a very heavy dose of poetic license and the characters bear the names of actual residents. There is a note at the beginning of the play that states some events referenced actually took place at a later time than the play's timeline.

One character who has a main role is that of Will Connet. What is actually known of Will Connet can be found in Mary Hall Leonard's, "Rochester and her Daughter Town's". He was the one area Native American who refused to sell his land in 1683. He claimed ownership to "the lands between the Sippican River and Plymouth's westerly boundary at Agawam" and was willing to take his case to court. However, rather than being "pleaded there", he was added to the list of Proprietors.

He must have stayed in Rochester for sometime, because records show his name as a subscriber to the first gristmill. He and his brother are also listed as together paying "six barrels of tar" to obtain use of the mill. After that, he no longer shows in any records.

The play told the tale of two love stories and includes some heartbreak, an unwed pregnancy, two weddings, a soldier going to fight in "Canady" and the birth of a baby. Connet appears throughout having a close friendship with a young girl, having his land taken and being forced to also go to fight (it must be noted that no proof of this can be found in historic records.) The play ends with the birth of a baby boy, fulfilling the ancient chant.

The play proved a huge success and was performed more than once. The first night audience was attended by 650 people. A copy of the play is part of the museum's collections.

January Kicks Off Activities for Children at the MAC

Registration is open for the winter and spring sessions of MAC Dance Academy. Instructor Tess Hedblom teaches dance classes for preschoolers and beginners, each meeting for half an hour on Monday afternoons (after school) at the Marion Art Center. MAC Dance Academy is a low-key, low-cost dance program geared toward girls and boys ages 2.5-8. The 5-class winter session begins on **January 22** and costs \$105 for MAC members and \$120 for nonmembers. The spring classes start on **March 4** and will run through **May 13**. The 10-class series costs \$205 for MAC members and \$235 for nonmembers. To learn more, see the full schedule for both sessions, and to register, visit marionartcenter.org/mac-dance-academy.

Super Crossword

LEGAL THRILLERS

ACROSS

- 1 Highest roll of a single die
4 Peak in Thessaly
8 Freaks out
15 Subjective paper piece
19 Never dying
21 Kind of cherry named for its shape
22 — sci. (coll. major)
23 Scaled-down symphony group [1994]
25 Mallorca, por ejemplo
26 "King" primate
27 Writer Ferber
28 Anti-bias job agcy.
29 Gown fabric
30 Program interacting with a remote server [1993]
34 Bygone times
38 Nurtured
39 Kids' song with French lyrics
40 — to go (gung-ho)
41 "It's ch-chilly!"
42 Whimpered like a baby
44 Place to disclose sins [2010]

- 48 Coinage for something with no name
53 Beginning on
54 "To — much is given ..."
55 Nantes' river
57 Sets of points on graphs
58 Shallowest Great Lake
60 Waltz or tango [1997]
63 Itinerant band member, say
66 State after wedlock
68 Having more seepage
69 Panels that may reverse decisions [2008]
71 Melody
72 Jungle roarer
73 Ouzo flavorer
74 Exact lookalike
76 Brand of rodent killer
80 Horse-man of myth
83 Greeting act conveying confidence [1991]
86 First-rate
88 Flub it up
89 Actress Shire
90 Plant snugly
94 — -cone

- 95 Junk email sender
97 Samoan peak famous for trapping clouds [1995]
101 Italian port
102 Exactly
103 Money won in a game of dreidel
104 Claudius I's successor
108 Getting the job done
109 What the first word of each of seven answers in this puzzle is, when preceded by "The"
113 Stun with a charge
114 Canceled by crossing off
115 Revising, as text
116 Bishops' jurisdictions
117 Prescription amounts
118 Berlin article
119 Meadow



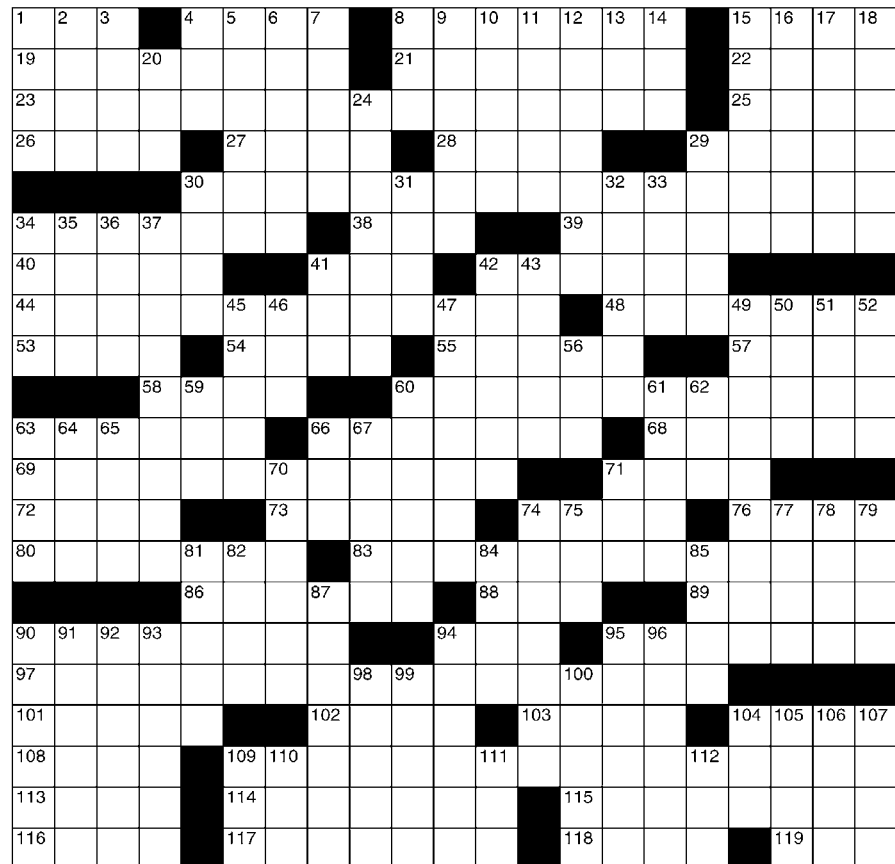
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- 1 Ailing
2 Texter's "If you ask me"
3 Mutant Marvel superhero

- 4 Celestial ball
5 Like a cold, hard gaze
6 Manhattan eatery since 1927
7 Isolated
8 Ad — committee
9 Hatchet part
10 Ram or ewe
11 "The Fox and the Crow" storyteller
12 Tabby's scratcher
13 Bobby of hockey
14 Venus Williams' org.
15 Sedative drug
16 Sticky little sheet
17 "Mama" Cass
18 Actress Wiest
20 Texter's "Yikes!"
24 Boiled to escape
29 Riyadh native
30 Sugar source
31 Shore flier
32 "Not yet sure what my answer is"
33 Director Joel or Ethan
34 Killer whale
35 Neighbor of Myanmar
36 Early James Bond foe

- 37 Not similar
41 Dust jacket write-up
42 Demi and Dudley
43 Departs
45 Cupcake flourish
46 That lady
47 Less spicy
49 Honey-coated Easter entree
50 Anderson of "WKRP in Cincinnati"
51 Cicero's "Lo!"
52 Cake layer
56 ICU workers
59 Actor Stephen
60 Iran's former name
61 Ball-shaped
62 Put on, as an outfit
63 After-bath powder
64 Andy Taylor's boy
65 Sitting atop
66 Suffix with ball
67 Innocent types
70 President before Donald
71 Shallow pan
74 Swarms
75 Huge conflict

- 77 Sedate
78 Steinbeck migrant
79 Close
81 In — (more than sleeping)
82 Arm bone
84 Eatery list
85 Baseballer Musial
87 Is really mad
90 Grain fungi
91 "Watch Me (Whip/—)" (2015 hit)
92 "Apollo 13" actor Gary
93 Bills worth 100 bucks
94 "You got that right!"
95 Meat in a sub
96 Coal-mining guys
98 MMA fighter Rousey
99 Armageddon nation
100 Little laugh
104 Silent "yes"
105 Like villains
106 Russo of film
107 Gymnast Korbut
109 Elly May Clampett's pa
110 Good Grips kitchen brand
111 "— a trap!"
112 Ark.-to-ill. dir.



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's better to get an explanation of a colleague's behavior first, rather than trying to guess at the motive. Speculation can never replace facts. What you learn could lead you to reconsider some of your plans.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The practical Bovine wants to see some substantive changes in a situation that just doesn't feel right. You might want to help move things along by offering up some suggestions.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might be of two minds about a situation that seems to fit your needs, but might make more demands than you're ready for. Use both your head and heart to reach a decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't blame yourself if you can't figure out that puzzling workplace situation. You might not have enough facts to work with yet. Do more research and ask more questions.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good week to catch up on matters that couldn't be completed during the hectic holiday season. It's also a good week to reach out to any new friends you made over the holidays.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A negative reaction to a request could be misunderstood. Make sure that your reasons for saying "no" are clear. Also, be open to changing your mind if more facts come through.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) The "security" of doing things the usual way should be balanced against the possible benefits of moving into a new direction. Also, work quickly to avoid a possible family misunderstanding.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A personal matter requires attention and might lead to a surprising revelation. Meanwhile, the new year could bring some long-anticipated changes to the workplace.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A new friendship seems to hold less promise than you previously thought. But make no assumptions one way or another without having an open and frank talk first.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your creative input could lead to changes in the workplace. Even if some colleagues disapprove of your efforts, stay the course. You're heading in the right direction.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) While this week is mostly positive, a few negative factors might arise. It's best to deal with them before they create problems that can jeopardize some of your later efforts.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might feel like you have all the facts and support that you need to deal with a long-deferred situation. Good for you! Once the matter is finally settled, you can move on.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are a sincerely generous person who never has to be asked to do something nice for others.

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The winter session of Art in the Afternoon for ages 7-12 is now open, with the theme "Fairies & Dragons". This 4-week session is designed for students who love fairies, dragons and other imaginary creatures. Instructor Aylin Cetik guides the children through different mediums

– paint, pencils, oil pastel, fabric, wood pieces, clay and lots of art and craft materials to imagine and design fairies, dragons and other creatures. Join us to create your own magical world. Classes meet from 3-4 pm on Friday afternoons in the MAC studio. Sippican School students can come directly to the MAC for art class, walking over with a



MAC representative, when guardians provide permission for their independent walkers. The four week program cost is \$90 for MAC members and \$105 for nonmembers. Schedule: **January 19, 26, February 2, 9**. Register online amarionartcenter.org/art-lab.

ArtStart is the MAC's summer art program for children ages 4 1/2 to 9 years, offered in June and July

each year. ArtStart teachers are specialists in music, dance, theater, and art, most of whom teach throughout the year and are professionals in their fields. Activities include arts and crafts, theater, music, games, and storytelling. The ArtStart program runs weekly, from 9:00 am–12:30 pm daily, except for July 4. Registration opens to MAC members on Friday, **January 26**, while registration opens to nonmembers on Friday, **February 16**. The cost for each 5-day session is \$250 for MAC Members and \$290 for nonmembers, while the 4-day session costs \$200 and \$235, respectively. Session one begins **June 24**. The final, fifth session ends on **July 26**. View all details and register online at marionartcenter.org/artstart.



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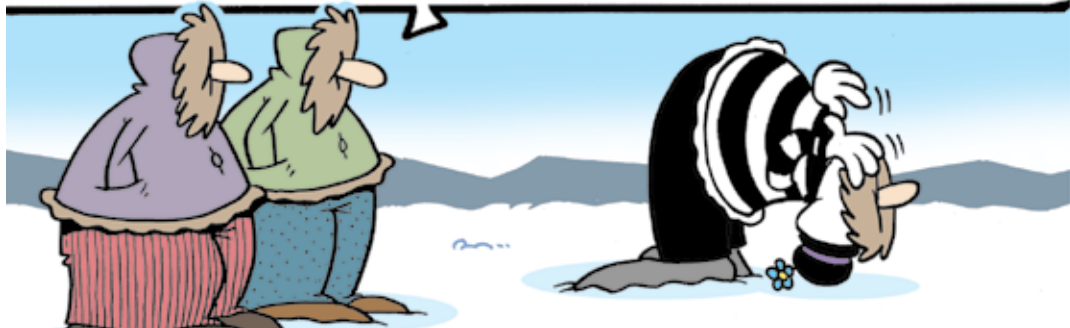
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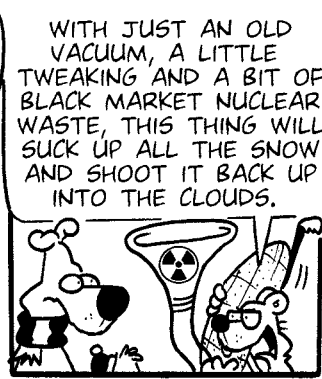
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Tundra
by Chad Carpenter



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



From the Mattapoisett Town Clerk

Annual Census Forms have been mailed out to all households in Mattapoisett. If you did not receive one, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 508-758-4100 x 2. Please return them as promptly as possible, as failure to respond to the census may result in removal from the voting list. Dog license applications are on the bottom of the census form. If you send in a check for the appropriate fee, we would be happy to mail the license out to you. Dog licenses are \$12 or \$9 if your pet is spayed or neutered. Remember, we must have a copy of a current rabies certificate on file in order to issue a 2024 license. Payments may be made online through our town website at www.mattapoisett.net. Census responses may be placed in the blue drop box in front of town hall.

Mattapoisett's Annual Town Election is scheduled for Tuesday, **May 21**. Nomination papers will be available beginning on Monday, **January 29** at the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The deadline for taking out nomination papers is Friday **March 29**. The deadline for returning nomination papers is Tuesday, **April 2**. There are several positions up for election this year. If you have any questions regarding vacancies, you may call our office. The Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, **May 13** at Old Rochester Regional High School. Please mark your calendar. We look forward to seeing you there.

All harbor bills for the 2024 boating season were sent out on **November 22**. If you provided an email address, your invoice(s) was sent electronically. All other bills were sent out by regular mail. If you have not received your bill, please stop by the Town Clerk's Office, or give us a call at 508-758-4100 x 2. Harbor invoices must be paid by **January 25** to avoid a late fee of \$50 each.

Mattapoisett Holy Ghost Committee

The Holy Ghost Reuse Committee will be holding a Public Input Session on Wednesday, **January 24** at 6 pm at the Mattapoisett Fire Station. The Holy Ghost Grounds is a 7.8-acre parcel located on Park Street that was purchased by the Town in 2016 with Community Preservation funding. A public survey on potential uses

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was completed in September, this session will expand on that survey with opportunities for additional public input. Any residents that wish to share their thoughts on potential reuse options are encouraged to attend.

Mattapoisett Library Artist Series Meet & Greet

Come to the Mattapoisett Free Public Library Artist Series for a Meet & Greet with local neuro-divergent artist Chuck McIntyre on **January 24** from 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm. Chuck will be available to discuss the philosophy behind his work. His exhibit, called Chuck's Fantasia, is available for viewing for the month of January.



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<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1203</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Michael Walsh, for property located at 405 Neck Rd, identified on Assessor's Map 26, Lot 17, who is seeking a Variance for the construction of a garage greater than 1000 square feet allowed under Chapter 20.40, Section E.2, of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws.</p> <p>The public hearing will be on January 25, 2024, at 7:15 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA.</p> <p>David Arancio, Chairman 1/11, 1/18</p> <p>TOWN OF MARION SHARED USE PATH NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING</p> <p>Shared Use Path Construction (Phase I) from the Marion-Mattapoissett Town Line to Point Road Marion, MA</p> <p>The Town of Marion and MassDOT will hold an Open House Public Meeting in the Main Room at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street, Marion MA, with regard to the project's Expanded Environmental Notification Form (EENF)</p>	<p>submittal and 100% project design on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at 6:00 pm. The petitioners are seeking to construct a Shared Use Path for pedestrian and bicycle use in the Town of Marion from the Mattapoissett/Marion Town line to Point Road. This section of path is also part of a larger network immediately connecting Mattapoissett to Wareham, and on a larger scale a part of the Bay State Greenway priority 100 miles and the SouthCoast Bikeway.</p> <p>A copy of the EENF submittal may be requested through Project Manager Kevin Slattery, PWS, of HDR Engineering at (207) 239-3842 and via email, Kevin.Slattery@hdrinc.com. Reference: MassDOT Project #607979. 1/11, 1/18</p> <p>TOWNS OF MATTAPOISETT, MARION AND ROCHESTER SCHOOL COMMITTEES INVITATION FOR BIDS School Bus Transportation</p> <p>The Towns of Mattapoissett, Marion and Rochester School Committees invites sealed bids for furnishing Regular Day School Transportation for pupils residing in the Town of Mattapoissett, Marion and Rochester and who attend the public elementary schools within the Towns and the Old</p>	<p>Rochester Regional Junior High and Senior High Schools.</p> <p>This contract is for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027 with the School Committee's option to renew for a fourth and fifth year.</p> <p>Bids will be received on behalf of the School Committees at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, Old Rochester Regional School District, 135 Marion Road, Mattapoissett MA 02739 until 10:00 am on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read. If, at the time of the scheduled bid opening, the Office of the Superintendent of Schools is closed due to uncontrolled events such as fire, snow, ice, or building evacuation, the bid opening will be postponed until 10:00 am on the next normal business day. Bids will be accepted until that date and time.</p> <p>A pre-bid conference to review the specifications will be held on January 23, 2024, at 10:00 am in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.</p> <p>Specifications and related documents</p> <p><i>Continued on page 42</i></p>

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis

Tundra
by Chad Carpenter

Chuck considers himself an abstract surrealist, and his acrylics are based on themes such as emotions, states of mind and identity. He feels the audience can be wowed by his imagination and passion.

Matt Dems to Hold Speakers' Forum

The Mattapoissett Democratic Town Committee will host the first in a series of Speakers' Forums as we head into the Town's municipal and general elections season. "So you want to run for Public Office" will be the first, on **January 28** from 1- 3 pm in the downstairs public meeting room of the Mattapoissett Library.

The first forum will be moderated by Nicky Osborne, Mattapoissett Representative to the ORR School Committee Frances-Feliz Kearns and Rochester Representative to the ORR School Committee Matt Monteiro. They will be joined by other local elected representatives who will share their pearls of wisdom for what it takes to run and win a successful campaign for any local public office.

The forum will provide a road map for how to get from pulling papers from your local Clerk at the end of January to Election Day. It will provide the tools to encourage those who may have thought about running for public office but weren't sure how to do it. We have many of the answers.


Please come with a neighbor, family member or friend and bring any questions you might have or just listen in. With the upcoming elections in May and November and candidates needing donations, we are suggesting a \$10 donation to Matt Dems for all attendees.

Marion Community Preservation Committee

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 towards: open space/recreation, historic preservation or community housing. Applications must be received no later than 4:00 pm on **February 5** to be considered for presentation at the May 2024 Annual Town Meeting.

Past Community Preservation funds have been used to:

- Construct a pavilion at Osprey Marsh
- Install fencing, ADA-compliant benches and litter receptacles at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Park
- Catalog the collections and restore exhibits at the Marion Natural History Museum
- Construct Pickleball Courts at the Point Road playground
- Install smoke and fire alarms at the Marion Art



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Native American Archaeological Sites

On Friday, **February 9** from 6:30 to 7:30, the Marion Natural History Museum will be hosting a presentation on "Native American archaeological sites in and around Marion." Principal investigator Erin Flynn of The Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc. will be discussing some of the local Native American sites they've been studying and reviewing a few articles from the museum's collections. Please RSVP on the museum's website: www.marionmuseum.org/login. A \$10 donation to the museum will be much appreciated.

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This bid and contract are solicited under Chapter 30B of the Massachusetts General Laws (Uniform Procurement Act).

The School Committees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. For the Towns of Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester School Committees.

By Howard Barber
Assistant Superintendent of Schools 1/18

TOWN OF MARION

SELECT BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Application for Transfer of All Alcohol, Off-Premises License

MDM Wine5 LLC, d/b/a Vinodivino

The Marion Select Board, acting as licensing authority, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 6:15 pm in the Marion Town House Conference Room, 2 Spring Street, Marion, on the application of the MDM Wine5 LLC for the transfer of an all-alcohol off premises license from Spirits, 154 Front Street, Marion. Carleton Burr, Jr. – Chair 1/18, 1/24

TOWN OF MARION

PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To be held at the Marion Police Department Conference Room
550 Mill Street

Also Available via Teams (Remote Meeting Option)

On Monday, February 5, 2024, at 7:10 pm, the Marion Planning Board will hold a public hearing to recommend proposed change to the Zoning Bylaw for Special Town Meeting, pursuant to the requirements of M.G.L. c. 40A, s. 5 and the Town's General Bylaws. The proposed change is as follows:

Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment to add Article XX (Chapter 230-20, Stormwater Management) is necessary to ensure compliance with requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) and other applicable state and federal laws and mandates.

The public is invited to attend and comment on this matter and may inspect the full text at the Town Hall, 2 Spring Street, Office of

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the Planning Board, or Town Clerk during normal business hours, or online at the Town of Marion Planning Board website.

Please email Terri Santos for the remote meeting information: tsantos@marionma.gov or you are a resident attending the public hearing, we request you identify your name and address for the record.

Tucker Burr, Chairman
Andrew Daniel, Vice Chairman 1/18, 1/25

TOWN OF MARION

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #820

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:45 pm on Thursday, February 8, 2024 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Cailin and John Broere, represented by Tim Harding, for a Special Permit under section 230-6.1C of the zoning by-law to allow the construction of an addition to a non-conforming structure.

The property, located at 47 South Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 16 as Lot 85.

Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 1/18, 1/25

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT

HOLY GHOST COMMITTEE

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

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Mattapoisett Republican Party Meeting

The Mattapoisett Republican Party invites everyone interested to join us on Thursday, **January 18** from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett. Doors open at 6 pm and guest speaker at 6:30 pm. To start the 2024 election year off strong, you do not want to miss this month's guest speaker Bill Gillmeister. Bill is a man of faith, family and country. He provides campaign trainings, Advocate Leadership Trainings for local grassroots initiatives. He has over 25 years' experience driving public policy in

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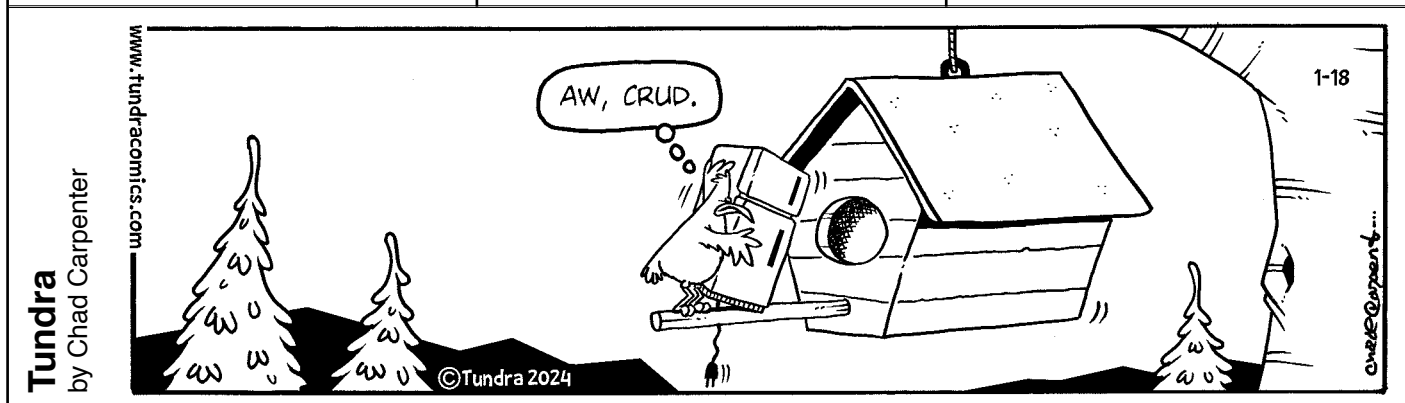
  

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local, state and federal government while working for the MA Department of Agricultural Resources, Financial and Policy Director for the Coalition for Marriage and Family and Executive Director for Renew MA Coalition. He also served 15 years on his local school committee.

Other topics for discussion: Local initiatives, Upcoming events, Sharing ideas with like-minded neighbors, and Support of candidates in future elections.

If interested, please attend or contact Paul Criscuolo, Chairperson, Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee, email PCMattyGOP@proton.me.

Quahog Book Award Returns

The much-anticipated Quahog Book Award is back at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, inviting students in grades 3 to 6 to embark on a literary adventure. This annual award aims to cultivate a love for quality literature among youth by empowering them to choose their favorite book from curated lists consisting of five nominated titles.

Students interested in participating are welcome to register by visiting the children's room of the library between now and **March 3**. During the course of the program, the library will host a range of events specifically for Quahog readers, offer weekly beads, opportunities to participate in raffles and of course, provide the delight of delving into exceptional books. To celebrate, a pizza party will be held at the end of the program. This festive gathering will serve as the platform for announcing the winning books and applauding the readers for their enthusiasm and dedication.

Students from Mattapoisett and all surrounding communities are welcome to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Skaar at mskaar@sailsinc.org or by calling the library. You can find more information about the Quahog Book Award on our website, MattapoisettLibrary.org.

New Year Classes at the Marion Art Center

Two new eight week sessions of All Levels Watercolor Painting for Adults starts on **January 18 and 19**. Instructor Jay Ryan will teach a two-hour class on Thursday mornings from 10 am-12 pm, and he will offer a three-hour eight-week course on Friday mornings from 9:30 am-12:30 pm. The cost for the Thursday class is \$195 for MAC members and \$225 for nonmembers, while the Friday class costs \$295 for MAC members and \$325 for nonmembers. Each class has a one-day drop-in option (\$30 for Thursday, \$45 for Friday) for those who can't commit to the entire session or would like to get in some extra studio time with the instructor. Learn more and register online at marionartcenter.org/adult-classes.

Chuck's Fantasia - Artwork by Chuck McIntyre

From the neuro-divergent mind of Mattapoisett

resident Chuck McIntyre comes an exhibit called Chuck's Fantasia. It can be viewed at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library through **January 31**. Chuck considers himself an abstract surrealist although he creates landscapes and portraits as well. His acrylics are based on various themes such as emotions, states of mind and identity. He feels his imagination and passion lead him to producing canvases the audience can be wowed by and appreciative of. Free and open to all.

Mariner Youth Soccer

The Mariner Youth Soccer Association's Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, **January 30** at 7:00 pm at the Fairhaven Council on Aging located at 229 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven.

All members are welcome to attend. Any questions should be addressed to: Angela Dawicki, Secretary, angela@marineryouthsoccer.onmicrosoft.com

Intro to Acting & Theatre Workshops at the MAC

The Marion Art Center with Watermelon Alligator Theatre Company and Instructors Garrett Olson and Jess Wilson, present a series of theater workshops, including a free informational session on Saturday, **January 20**. Cost for each session is \$40 for MAC members and \$50 for nonmembers, and those enrolling in all three paid sessions receive 10% off registration. The fourth



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WHEN I SAID I WANTED
TO BE A SNOWBIRD, THIS
ISN'T EXACTLY WHAT
I HAD IN MIND.



and final session is free and open to all. A foul weather date is February 10. See all details and register online at marionartcenter.org/events. Attend any or all of the following workshops:

Session One, 10 am-12 pm, Theatre Tips and Tricks: You Want to be in the Theatre but Not on Stage: Do you love theatre, but hate the spotlight? There are lots of ways to be involved besides appearing on stage. In this 2-hour informative workshop, you will have a relaxed and casual conversation with experienced theatre professionals. From box office and front of house staff to backstage crew, from designers to marketers to scenic artists to hair & makeup... it takes a lot of people to create the shows you love to applaud. Join us for an introductory look at what goes on "behind the scenes." Workshop participants are encouraged to bring any and all questions regarding all aspects of theatre.

Session Two, 1 pm-3 pm, Theatre Tips and Tricks: You Think You Want to Try Acting: Have you dreamed of being in front of the camera, up on stage or standing in the spotlight? Not sure where to begin? In this 2-hour informative workshop, you will get a very basic overview of the first steps, from theatre terms and the difference between stage and film acting to how to get started

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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 22.

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

Voting will start on January 25 and end on January 30. To vote, visit our web page at: www.wanderer.com. The winner will be on the cover of our February 1st edition.



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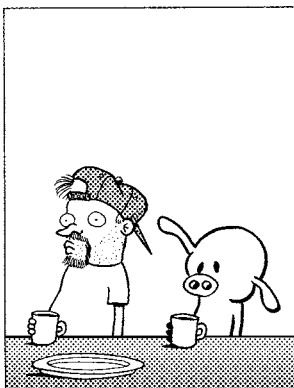
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



with headshots, monologues, best audition practices, stage etiquette and self-care. This workshop will be an informative and casual conversation with professional working actors. Join us for an introductory look at “What’s next?” so you can turn your dream of acting into reality. Workshop participants are encouraged to bring any and all questions regarding acting.

Session Three, 3:30 pm-5:30 pm, The Actor As Advocate: This fast paced, 2-hour master class in self-advocacy and consent-based practices, including intimacy and fight safety is designed to motivate the participants and encourage them to make themselves priority one. Actors need to be safe and confident to do their best work, whether on stage, film set or recording studio and having the tools to be their own best advocate is important. The focus of this workshop is to empower each person to advocate for themselves with confidence, flair and ease. Participants will be brought into an immediate discussion regarding the most common reasons why they may fear speaking up for themselves or others and how to address it head-on. The instructors who will be leading the workshop are professional actors, directors, and teaching artists who have many years of experience as advocates for individuals, organizations, and social causes. This class is a fully inclusive experience for students of all levels of experience and abilities. Workshop participants are encouraged to bring any and all questions.

Session Four: 6 pm-7 pm, Taste Of what’s To Come (free and open to all. Advanced registration recommended.) During this hour, Garrett and Jess will give a brief demonstration and synopsis of upcoming theater classes and workshops at the MAC.

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Hopefully, people have read about the significant progress on the Marion Pathway. Friends’ funding match of the last mile in Mattapoisett will keep the safe connection to Marion moving forward without pauses, creating protected road crossings of Route 6 and North Street. Learn more at our website www.mattapoisetttrail.org.

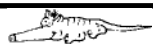
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Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	January 18	1:14	1:36	8:01	7:10
Friday	January 19	2:13	2:37	9:31	8:16
Saturday	January 20	3:17	3:43	10:36	9:22
Sunday	January 21	4:24	4:48	11:29	10:20
Monday	January 22	5:25	5:44		11:09
Tuesday	January 23	6:17	6:34	12:56	11:54
Wednesday	January 24	7:03	7:18	1:06	1:30
Thursday	January 25	7:44	8:00	12:38	2:00
Friday	January 26	8:23	8:40	1:22	2:27
Saturday	January 27	8:59	9:18	2:06	2:55
Sunday	January 28	9:33	9:55	2:47	3:23
Monday	January 29	10:07	10:33	3:27	3:52
Tuesday	January 30	10:42	11:10	4:05	4:21
Wednesday	January 31	11:19	11:49	4:45	4:53
Thursday	February 1		12:00	5:28	5:29
Friday	February 2	12:31	12:46	6:21	6:15
Saturday	February 3	1:17	1:38	7:31	7:14
Sunday	February 4	2:10	2:38	8:56	8:22
Phases of the Moon		Full Moon		January 25th	
		Last Quarter		February 2nd	
		New Moon		February 9th	
		First Quarter		February 16th	



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

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