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Author Inspires Children's Ideas By Marilou Newell

Katie Mazeika is a children's book author and illustrator whose ability to connect with young children was on full display at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library on January 31. Mazeika debuted her latest release, "Beulah Has a Hunch." But this is no ordinary children's book – this is the story of a real person named Beulah Louise Henry (a descendant of Patrick Henry), whose brilliant mind could not and would not be tamped down to conform with social norms of the 1800s. Beulah was too unique for that.

Leading up to speaking to the wiggly kids, Mazeika (a mother) told them Beulah's story, how she would come up with inventions and how her brain worked differently than other people. Beulah possessed hyperphantasia, the ability to see things in complete detail. But that wasn't all, Beulah also had synesthesia, seeing color in words; numbers and sounds contained colors that she could see.

Over time, her parents came to accept their daughter was different and her desire and need to come up with inventions. One of the inventions was a telescoping umbrella handle. There would be over her lifetime some 49 inventions. Beulah would create voice boxes for dolls, dolls with eyes that opened and closed, and even a self-basting oven.

We caught up with Mazeika between meetings and traveled to hear first-hand why she has chosen historical female figures for some of her books.

"I would say my mother! She has always been such a force and inspiration to never let expectations define me," said Mazeika. "My mother is one of countless women who are powerful, smart and strong. It's important for young girls to know those stories. Introducing readers to female role models has always been my goal!"

Mazeika said she has faced the same challenges

On the Cover: Old Rochester Regional High School graduate Eddie Gonet, right, brought the Harvard University Krokodiloes acapella singing group to ORR on February 3. The Kroks performed several numbers from "The Great American Songbook" to raise funds to benefit the ORR Class of 2025. Gonet, a Harvard sophomore, is the Kroks' tour manager and plans over 180 dates per year across the globe. Photo by Mick Colageo

all writers do (i.e. rejection), but during those "little disheartening" episodes she said she found her voice. And writing of any kind is a labor of love; the illustrations alone for Beulah took six months.

And Mazeika's challenges in life will be told in her next book, "Maybe Just Ask Me."

"It comes out next fall. It's my first fiction book as an author and illustrator," said Mazeika. "The story is based on my childhood. I had cancer as a toddler and lost my right eye. After that surgery, I spent extensive time in and out of hospitals.

"The book follows six-year-old me into a new school. I had no hair and wore an eyepatch. Naturally, the other students were *very* curious! In the book, the other students innocently make wild assumptions about why the new kid wears a headscarf and eyepatch: Was she in the circus or attacked by pirates? She grows increasingly frustrated because she just wants to make friends and eventually tells them to, "maybe just ask me."

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Mazeika spent time showing tiny, fledgling illustrators how to find their voices by imagining their own inventions and then drawing them out. One of their combined efforts became a drawing of a scooter, one tricked out with a motor to go fast and a freezer for ice cream. Who wouldn't want one of those!

Lee, Kanaly Pace Pinewood Racers By Mick Colageo

The Rochester Club Scouts hosted a Pinewood Derby on February 3 at Rochester Memorial School involving competition with Packs 30 and 31 and Marion Pack 32.

Bryan Lee, with car #9 The Black Cat, finished the run in 2.3737 seconds, a simulated 208.24 miles per hour for first place among Rochester Pack 30 competitors.

Finishing in second place for Pack 30 was Georgia Duggan, whose unnamed #7 car finished in 2.4042 seconds (205.60 miles per hour.) Taking third place was Ben Smart, whose #19 car The Lucky 13 finished in 2.4058 seconds (205.47.) In fourth place was William Boucher, whose #3 The Creeper finished in 2.4078 seconds (205.30.) Taking fifth place was Mason Rivera, whose #13 Ferrari finished in 2.4108 seconds (205.05), and taking sixth place was Jonas Duggan, whose #6 The Destroyer finished in 2.4120 seconds (204.94.)

Marion Pack 32 was led by Henry Kanaly, whose #28 car Jammin Giraffe finished the race in 2.3693 seconds, a simulated 208.64 miles per hour.

Taking second place for Pack 32 was Jack LeFavor, whose #30 car Fishy Attack finished in 2.3853 seconds (207.24 miles per hour.). In third place was James Whipple, whose #33 Blue Racer finished in 2.3965 seconds (206.27.) Taking fourth was Will Kanaly, driving #27 Loco Lego Limo to a 2.4143-second finish (204.75.) Taking fifth was Charles Whinnem, whose #32 The Golden Eagle finished in 2.4378 seconds (202.78), and taking sixth was Emmet Luiz, whose #31 Flame Burner crossed the line in 2.4685 seconds (200.25.)



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A Morning at the Museum

Thoughts on...

By Dick Morgado

All my rowdy friends gathered at the Mattapoisett Museum recently on a cold rainy Thursday morning to share tall tales and real ones, too, about growing up in the 1950s and '60s. Truth be told, all the stories were real remembrances of our youth in and around Mattapoisett. The group consisted of eight septuagenarians and one octogenarian (barely) who gather weekly for coffee.

For some time, I have been on a quest to convince the museum to do an oral history of our town during those decades, which I believe have been forgotten. The new curator, Connor Gaudet, agreed to let our group reminisce and record us doing so, without knowing what to expect.

No need to worry, it wasn't long before we were transported back to primary school, junior high and high school; our long memories and gifts for gab had one story after another pouring out. No need for Mr. Gaudet's long list of prompts, which he had available for lulls in the

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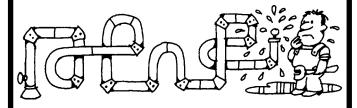
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conversation. There were none.

By asking each of us to introduce ourselves, he established for the record that most were legitimate "townies" with ancestry going back well over a hundred years plus. One member, Mike Hickey, noted that he almost felt out of place since he didn't arrive until high school ... some 60 years ago! Having been a firefighter in town for many years, his telling of the infamous My Place fire cemented his membership in this "brotherhood."

The story goes that Police Officer Gilly Alves radioed that My Place, a local nightclub, was ablaze. The dispatcher promptly passed the word that there was a fire at Officer Alves's house on Park Street where our diligent firefighters descended upon in short order. Mrs. Alves, awakened at the commotion and standing at the front door in her nightgown, announced that "there is no fire here." By the time the engine company arrived at the actual fire, the building was well charred.

Talk of fire brought up stories of the famous Harbor Beach Club restaurant, which burned down under suspicious circumstances. John DeMello recalled a time

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when he was parking cars there that a bride *lost* her new husband during the wedding reception. It was snowing and it seems that the groom went outside (presumably for a smoke or he had second thoughts and was escaping) and fell into a snow-covered septic tank! He was finally discovered and rescued (from the tank, not the marriage), but one can assume the honeymoon was postponed for a time

Speaking of unpleasant smells, while talking about the Holy Ghost grounds, its many clambakes and Portuguese feasts, none could forget the infamous outhouses. Enough said about that.

On a less odorous subject, Peter Foster recalled his parents offering him the option of going to summer camp or getting a small skiff with an Evinrude motor attached. He chose the boat. "Who needed camp when we had Mattapoisett?" he said. So true.

Richard DeMello noted that there was so much to do in town it was hard to choose.

In winter we skated on the cranberry bogs, built soapbox racers in our dads' garages in anticipation of the annual derby on Ship Street and ate linguica pizzas at The Nest restaurant after every school event.

In the summer, there was basketball on the Center School courts, pick-up baseball games and Little League on the many diamonds. There were fireworks at the town beach on the Fourth of July, swimming meets and the Lions Club carnivals where I learned never to ride a Ferris wheel after seeing how they were assembled in less than two hours. And, of course, band concerts and square dances.

Tales we told of the two old swimming holes. The story goes that one fellow whose name has been lost to history was in such a hurry to take the first dip of the summer in the one on the Mattapoisett River behind the Tinkhamtown Chapel that he tore off his clothes, hurriedly grabbed the rope hanging from the giant oak tree and swung out over the water, let go with a loud yell and ... splat! ... his behind firmly planted in mud. The spring thaw had deposited mud from upstream into the pond, leaving only 6 inches of water.

The stories continued. The New York Yacht Club's

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annual arrival was a highpoint because kids with boats could make a few bucks transporting liquor from Romeo's package store out to the yachts. Bruce Rocha told of the time the Shining Tides installed a large swimming pool, the first one in town (my how things have changed), and a hurricane promptly and completely covered it with sand.

Al Apperson remembered attending dances at the Congregational Church Hall. He recalled the boys would stand on one side and the girls on the other, waiting eagerly for the music to begin to race across the floor to ask their secret crush to dance before someone else did. And of course, we talked about the famous Center School firing range and the early days of Old Rochester High.

Our allotted time went by in a flash just like the decades have. Somehow no youthful indiscretions were revealed, though the statute of limitations had long since expired.

Do You Want to Live to Be 100?

What Does The Doctor Say? By Dr. Ed Hoffer

In 1521, Ponce de Leon arrived in Florida in search of the mythical fountain of youth; those who drank from it or bathed in it were said to be returned to their youth. Some 500 years later, the New York Times ran a lengthy article on a longevity guru whose disciples wear T-shirts emblazoned "Don't Die" and who buy supposedly



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What is real in our search for longevity? I assume that most of you, like me, are interested in healthy longevity – I would rather be well and active into my 90s than live into my 100s in a frail dependent state.

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What you eat is important. Contributing to a long and healthy life is eating a plant-based diet, heavy in fruits and vegetables with little or no red meat. Get your protein from fish and nuts, and use olive oil in place of butter. This type of diet leads to less heart disease and less cancer.

Move. Regular exercise both leads to less premature death and better quality of life. While any amount of exercise is much better than none, more is better. Even walking 30 minutes a day will pay dividends, but exercising more and longer is even better. Do not forget strength. Aerobic exercise will do the most to extend life, but strength training prevents falls and injuries and strengthens the bones.

Don't smoke. If you do, quitting now will do more to improve your health than anything else you can do.

Minimize your alcohol intake. There is soft evidence that moderate drinking may reduce heart disease, but it increases a variety of other disorders. One drink a day is probably a wash, but more is clearly bad.

Get enough sleep. Sleep is when we rejuvenate, and try for at least eight hours a night.

Socialize. Spending time with friends and family and participating in group activities is very common in the Blue Zones and has been shown to be associated with less depression and better physical health.

See your doctor once in a while. Many chronic diseases that shorten life, including hypertension, high cholesterol and diabetes, have simple treatments that prevent premature death and worse diseases. A few preventive measures such as colonoscopy and





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Pills? Not many. As I wrote a while back, there is now data supporting the use of a daily multivitamin to stave off dementia. Softer evidence favors the amino acid taurine and the diabetes pill metformin; both are in early stages of testing and I do not take either. Most other supplements enrich their sellers but do not help you.

There are no quick fixes to let you live longer and better, but there *are* many things you can do.

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.

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Fire, Highway Get ARPA Boost

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Select Board began its Monday meeting by spending over \$135,000 of the town's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds on the Fire and Highway departments.

The board approved Fire Chief Scott Weigel's request for \$95,150 for 15 new mobile radios and 40 new portable radios and Highway Surveyor Jeffrey Eldridge's request for \$12,240 for eight new mobile radios.

The board then agreed to give an additional \$28,223 in ARPA funds to the Highway Department's plan to relocate its radio repeater station, the automated station that extends the range of the town's public-safety communications.

Weigel explained the departments are working on finding and contracting a new location, possibly on High Street, with possibly new equipment. But the department needs the Select Board's endorsement now to save time.

Next, the board stayed with the public safety departments by approving Police Chief Robert Small's recommendation to appoint Andrew Mattos as the department's new full-time patrol officer. Department Lieutenant Donald Kemmett explained Mattos is a New Bedford Police dispatcher and a former Military Police in the Armed Services. He is a strong candidate for our department," Kemmett said, "and he will make a good officer for the Town of Rochester."

The board then turned to approving the routes of two road races through town. The Annual Patriot Half-Marathon will use town roads on June 15, and the Annual Cranberry Tri-fest triathlon will come through town on August 25.

In other business, the board learned the Conservation Commission remains unsatisfied with the response from Mattapoisett officials regarding concern over the town's rights to the water on Red Brick Farm East land. The property is part of a 241-acre, regional Conservation Restriction giving Rochester no rights to the groundwater that Red Brick Farm East might produce.

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Rochester's concerns was from that town's water board, commission members told the Select Board on Monday, and it did nothing to answer those concerns. It repeated Mattapoisett's previous promise to "make every effort" to resolve the issue. On Monday, Conservation Commission Chairman Chris Gerrior asked the Select Board, "What kind of solution can we come to? For them to say that what Rochester wants is 'hard to do' is unacceptable."

Select Board member Adam Murphy said the ConCom should start by responding via written correspondence to Mattapoisett's letter and then see Mattapoisett's response to that. "We'd like to see a solid 'no;' see their obligation they'll take on."

"We can move on from that," Select Board Chairman Paul Ciaburri said. ConCom members agreed to take that step first.

In other action, the Select Board voted to decline the town's Right of First Refusal to purchase 9 acres at 0 Featherbed Lane, property being taken out of Chapter 61A agricultural land, tax-related protections.

The board accepted a \$400 donation from the Annie



Maxim House Residents Association.

The board followed Select Board member Brad Morse's recommendation to schedule an executive session to discuss missing details of the town administrator's job description and what will the town do if the state attorney general does not approve the home-rule petition approved at the January Special Town Meeting to extend the fire chief's employment beyond his retirement age. That session will be held following the February 20 Select Board meeting.

Cannon noted that Direct Energy, which operates the town's new Energy Aggregate Agreement contract, has included customers in town who had actually opted out of the town's energy provider. He said Direct Energy



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The Select Board set its next meeting for Tuesday, February 20, at 6:00 pm at the Rochester Senior Center, 67 Dexter Lane.

Cemetery Regulations Draw Crowd

Marion Select Board By Mick Colageo

Residents and others who have loved ones buried in Marion crowded into the Town House's Annex meeting room on Tuesday night to air their concerns

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about proposed changes to the town's Cemetery Rules, Regulations and fees during a public hearing before the Marion Select Board.

Citing altogether new regulations and changes to most of the 20 existing regulations, Select Board Chairman Toby Burr went through them in order, asking for public response while commissioners Margie Baldwin, Helen Hills and Paul St. Don fielded those responses.

The result was an emotionally charged, public hearing that lasted over 90 minutes of the roughly 2½hour meeting.

When the Number 14 regulation stipulating that plantings be limited to the front side of the gravestone and not at its side or behind except for military markers, resident Sarah Briggs referenced a "derogatory" comment made to her father (Sherman Briggs) about how her late mother had handled the gravesite and said she was disgusted with the comment and heartbroken that a regulation was being proposed that would prohibit her from placing a garden flag honoring her mother's

Commissioner Helen Hills said she looked at the site and said it looks fine and has no egregious problems but just needs to push back more to the stone.

Similarly, April Nye discussed her family plot and her 90-year-old mother-in-law, who lives for the caretaking of the gravesite including the placement of a little fire truck.

"The changes seem to be of a personal nature of what some of you would want to see aesthetically," said Nye. "A grandmother has toys at the site of her grandson. I think a lot of things are subjective to committee members that should not be imposed on us. ... I would hate to see this pushed forward."

Select Board member Randy Parker clarified early on that no vote would be taken on this night, but that message got lost amidst a long line of impassioned stories and arguments.

Town Administrator Geoff Gorman listed debated issues on a pair of grease boards that were full of blue ink by the time the hearing was suspended and continued.

Baldwin, who has served as chair of the volunteer Cemetery Commission for 18 years, opened by stating a personal apology for prior comments on the matter that were considered insensitive to residents.

She clarified that most of the proposed regulations are not new, that she is a participant among the bereaved in town and willing to listen to any complaints. Baldwin stressed that "decisions are carefully deliberated between the seven of us and not taken lightly."

At the crux of the complaints were proposed regulations on plantings and decoration around gravestones that several residents consider subjective and

A proposal for a regulation against picnics at the cemetery drew the attention of Mattapoisett resident Carly Lavin, who says she likes to bring her children to

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Residents Bill Washburn and Pat DaCosta both questioned how the town could police the cemeteries, to which Baldwin replied that is not the intention of the proposals or even a reasonable possibility. Washburn thinks 18 inches is more reasonable than 12 inches for a perimeter, and he made a pitch for 4-foot-high shepherd's hooks.

Another longtime Marion resident, Joe Zora, articulated his frustration with the proposed regulations, stating that they infringe on people's rights to grieve on their own terms.

Later, Marion resident Andrew Kuhl would reference state law in pointing out that the proposed regulations are not enforceable simply because the removal of anything from a gravesite is illegal and subject to imprisonment.

At the same time, Kuhl applauded the commission's effort and suggested collaborating on refinement of the proposals so that the commission and the DPW can achieve its goals without encroaching on the rights of the cemetery goers.

The Department of Public Works is responsible for mowing the cemeteries, and going outside of the 12-inch perimeter with stones and objects, including deteriorating, plastic flowers results in difficult conditions in the cemeteries, according to the DPW and the commission.

Brian Dunn said he went to the cemetery on Christmas Eve after dusk and has also gone early to watch the sunrise. Helen Hills noted that the vandalism at the cemetery happens at night.

The public hearing was closed with a plan to formulate a revised set of regulations and fees, but the Select Board has yet to decide whether or not there will be another public hearing prior to the board's vote.

The Marion Fire Department has endured a flurry of personnel changes as outlined by Fire Chief Brian Jackvony during his 6:00 pm appointment with the board.

Assistant Chief Allen Denham is moving on to Senior Reserve status. The town will still lean on Denham's expertise, and he will work on special projects. Joel Waters, captain of Engine 1 with 10 years on force, has been promoted to assistant chief. Captain Christopher Nye retires with four decades of service with the Marion Fire Department, and Lieutenant Charlie Bradley, with over three decades of service, has also resigned.

Jackvony offered public thanks and went on to announce the promotions of Lieutenant Adam Novacek and Josh Bardy. New recruit Dalton Ryan is leaving the department for personal reasons.

Jackvony said the department has successfully met its goal to recruit 20 members over four years; the retention rate over that span is 70%, as many find full-time jobs in other fire departments.

Amidst manpower challenges, the department



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received an improvement grant of \$105,000 used for personal protective equipment, videos and public relations. Over 60% of recruits come from outside the community.

Other grant awards to Marion include a brush truck from FEMA valued at \$300,000 (bid opening on March 23), a 2022 grant for 25 new apparatus units (town share \$9,500 or 10%), 5,000 psi compressors; \$15,498 for wearable gear, a 50/50 DCR grant requiring \$2,500 from the town.

The ladder truck has been delayed to September, but Marion is locked into a contract, sparing the town \$50,000 (4.5%) in inflation-related costs.

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The ISO (public protection classification review) is Marion's first in 10 years and involves data collection, documentation training, data on structure fires and losses. The total number of runs in 2023 included 1,009 medical calls.

The department's expanding radio-box system connects Tabor Academy directly and takes third parties out of the equation.

In his Town Administrators Report, Gorman said that excavation at the Maritime Center has begun, that the foundation will be poured by the end of the week, that wood framing will commence by March 14 with watertight enclosure by the end of April.

Bid documents for the new DPW operations building construction are due March 28, at which point the town will have a full understanding of budgetary requirements.

Gorman reported that Marion has endured double its winter rainfall from 2021, but the town's catch basins are working and clear. He encouraged anyone who witnesses flooding to contact the DPW and stressed that the purpose of the stormwater system is to remove water from the roads only.

The town has also received a nonmonetary Cybersecurity Grant for network assessments and free training estimated to be worth \$50,000.

In Action Items, the Select Board approved Police Chief Richard Nighelli's request to appoint Sommor Cardoso to full-time officer. The board also delegated Nighelli the responsibility to assign police details for all 2024 elections and approved early voting by mail and in person for all local elections (May 17.)

The board signed and executed the Bill of Sale for the Water Main Infrastructure for 50 Oakdale Avenue. The board rejected a request for a Water/Sewer Abatement at 12 Emils Way. The board approved new streetlights at Quails Crossing and Partridge Place.

The board approved two Water/Sewer commitments of \$1,425.67 (quarterly billing December 14,





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2023) and \$478.38 (final readings January 22.)

In a public hearing, the board approved the transfer of an off-premises All Alcohol License from Spirits to MDM Wine5 LLC, dba Vinodivino at 154 Front Street. The boutique wine shop, self-described as high end with four existing stores in Boston, Newton, Needham and Brookline, hopes to open in mid-April.

The next meeting of the Marion Select Board is scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, at 6:00 pm at the Annex building of the Town House facing Main Street.

Highway Department Upgrades to Begin

Mattapoisett Select Board

By Marilou Newell

The February 5 meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board found architect Stephen Kelleher and Highway Surveyor Garrett Bauer getting what they have long striven to receive – approval to move forward with Phase 1 planning for the highway barn renovations.

As noted in the approved architectural agreement, the scope of Kelleher's work on various phases includes adding an additional garage storage area of 1,600 square feet, interior alterations, sound insulation, and an HVAC system in the remodeled office/breakroom spaces. There is also planned drainage for some flooring areas, and 14x14-foot overhead doors.

Further noted is that the total project will be performed in three phases with Phase 1 including



floor drains and exhaust remediation. Phase 2 includes interior remodeling, new office, new breakroom and new handicapped-accessible toilet room. Phase 3 scope of work plans for a 2,040 square-foot addition.

Town Administrator Mike Lorenco stated in a follow-up that the total cost for the entire three-phase construction project is \$3,300,000 but may change over time. Kelleher's fee is pegged at \$28,535 for Phase 1.

Jumping topics in the agenda, the board announced the selection of Kevin Greiner as the new building commissioner. Greiner is currently the building inspector for the Town of Easton.

Back to budgets: Mattapoisett Police Chief Jason King presented a nearly level FY25 budget with wages in



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the draft coming in at \$2,500,000 and ambulance wages at \$409,000.

In his narrative, King noted that in 2023 the Mattapoisett Police Department responded to 8,174 calls for service and 871 calls for the ambulance service. He said that no new cruisers are needed in the next fiscal cycle but that the FY26 Capital Expense plan requests two cruisers at an estimated \$65,000 each. Also listed on the Capital Plan for the Police Department is \$310,000 for a solar-voltaic charging station in FY27 and \$50,000 to repoint the station.

Fire Chief Andrew Murray also came before the Select Board with the department's draft budget. Wages listed are \$770,425 with another \$190,600 for various



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Harbormaster Isaac Perry came before the board with no surprises. He did share that recent flooding has damaged electrical systems on Long and Middle wharves, which will be repaired before the boating season begins. Cost estimates were not offered.

Wages for the Enterprise Fund will total \$157,500. Perry said that motors for the pump-out boat need replacement and are listed as capital expenses amounting to approximately an \$18,000 grant from Massachusetts Department of Marine Fisheries. Beginning in the fall, Perry said docks and floats will need replacement.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board is planned for Monday, February 12, at 5:30 pm.

Short-Term-Rental Bylaw Down to Details

Marion Planning Board

By Mick Colageo

In order to preserve neighborhood character and maintain the distinct difference between investors who buy houses just to rent them out short term and those in the business of operating a rental establishment and also live on the premises, the Marion Planning Board is finetuning a bylaw on short-term rentals that it hopes will be recommended by the Select Board and voted for approval by residents at the Annual Town Meeting.

"We kind of addressed all these things, I hope," said Planning Board Vice Chairman Andrew Daniel during Monday night's public meeting, alluding to a cap on how many permits the town will issue, a schedule for inspections and fines, an off-street parking requirement, etc. Daniel said feedback indicates a willingness across town to comply.

Member Alanna Nelson was impressed with the detail in the proposals shared by the members assigned the task of drafting a bylaw, including Daniel and member Eileen Marum.

In noting the similarity in his proposal to Marum's, he suggested the group work off Marum's draft and proposal additions that the board can discuss at its next meeting (February 20.) Board Chairman Tucker Burr agreed on one more discussion so that a public hearing



can take place with a vote on March 4. March 19 is the last day to enter a warrant article for Town Meeting; the Planning Board also meets on March 18.

Daniel estimates 42 residences are being rented on a short-term basis in Marion and suggested capping the limit at 100. Estimating 2,500 households in Marion, Nelson suggested basing the cap on a percentage of the number of households because it will change over time.

Marum said that the draft will also be sent to the attorney general's office. Town Planner Doug Guey-Lee suggested it first go to Town Counsel for review.

The bylaw took shape in recent weeks after several Planning Board sessions involving discussion with residents and owners who rent their properties. On Monday, George Linzee, the inn keeper of the Silvershell Inn Bed & Breakfast at 460 Front Street and Eduardo Amaral, the sole proprietor at Marion Forge, 16 Inland Road, discussed the service they provide to visitors.

Months ago, Planting Island resident Dianne Cosman spearheaded the discussion; she complimented Linzee and Amaral on their work and reiterated her concern about short-term rentals by absentee owners in Marion neighborhoods, including her own.

The Planning Board held a public hearing on the proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment to add Article XX (Chapter 230-20, Stormwater Management) MS4 to the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 13.

Meghan Davis, the engineering manager for the Marion Department of Public Works, explained that the bylaw amendment is meant to ensure compliance with federal laws where they concern the discharge of stormwater. She further explained that the MS4 program implemented in 1987 has been without a tangible way to manage the program and needs regulatory mechanisms.

The purpose of the bylaw is to protect and maintain the safety of the public where it concerns stormwater. The Planning Board is the permitting authority and must approve such an amendment before it can go to Town Meeting floor.

Marum complimented Davis on the amendment as presented in writing, saying, "we want the public to be



aware that their actions on land impact what happens in our waters." But Marum's accompanying motion did not carry, and there ensued significant discussion.

Davis said that the Environmental Protection Agency used the Neponset Valley Watershed as an example and that Marion's bylaw will be more stringent.

Nelson asked what kind of assistance or training is available for town elected officials to better understand the rules and regulations. Davis said she is more than happy to participate in drafting the regulations in collaboration with the board.

Burr sought clarification, asking if the amendment would be replacing the town's erosion-control bylaw. "So where is the existing bylaw coming up short?" he asked. "I'm hesitant to vote for this when the (state) requirement is a lot less stringent that what you just proposed."

Select Board member Norm Hills, in attendance Monday night, said the current erosion-control bylaw doesn't address enough of the issues and is limited in its scope. Guey-Lee noted the amendment's impact on land erosion and sedimentation.

"I would like to see a letter saying exactly what it is we're missing," said Burr.

Marum suggested when all is said and done that the Planning Board issue a stormwater handbook.

Daniel said that if there is no grandfather clause, many homeowners will suddenly find out they are out of compliance.

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Member Jon Henry recalled during his days working at Marion's DPW some of the allowances that were made for some residents needing to use sump pumps in their basements.

Henry identified Blankenship Cove and the Wareham side of River Road as areas where there are no systems in place. Residents on Hermitage Road complained about drainage. The cure would have been an expensive filtration device for which an engineering design was made for over \$2,000,000, but the device was never manufactured.

"If you connect to the town's drainage system, then you're going to have a tiger by the tail, and that's just the way it is. And should be," said Henry.

Member Ryan Burke requested more specifics before he votes and suspects that town will not understand the bylaw amendment as written. "I don't like the idea of going way more stringent than what the state's recommending," he said.

Hills said that for the past two years Marion has been working with Massachusetts Maritime Academy, identifying all those discharges, and is working with them.

Burr reiterated his own concerns about the situation suddenly becoming very costly to homeowners, especially within the 5,000 square feet of area prescribed. "And that's regular Harry Homeowner. You have to pay all this just to resurface a portion of your property. ... I think

we're already in compliance," said Burr.

"You have to have the data to prove we are in compliance," said Marum.

"I'm not making the claim," said Burr, noting that MassDEP is making the claim.

Davis said the town must have a bylaw.

Henry noted that erosion is volume related, but the bylaw amendment being presented by Davis is quality related.

In noting he and Davis have been working together with the Select Board on the matter, Guey-Lee said there is broad discretion handed over to the Planning Board and stressed that, "this (amendment) is a framework for a comprehensive bylaw."

Guey-Lee further explained that the key difference is the erosion-control bylaw only falls within the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission. "And that's a key part of this," he said.

Burr, Daniel and Burke were against voting for regulations more stringent than what is required by the state. Davis said the bylaw can take into consideration anything the Planning Board thinks is appropriate and said she would pass along the model the EPA provided.

"These bylaws were supposed to be adopted in 2021, but the EPA has not flagged the Town of Marion. There was no direct correspondence telling us we're out of compliance, but I'm just trying to get ahead of the game," she said.

The public hearing was continued to March 4 at 7:15 pm.

"It's time to eat the elephant one bite at a time and get us in compliance," said Henry, noting the Clean Water Act was enacted in the 1960s, "and we're still not in compliance. It takes a while to get these things done."

An abutter, Burr recused himself from the presubmission conference held with Sippican Holdings LLC for the construction of a proposed self-storage facility at 13 Barnabus Road on the former Lockheed Martin property zoned Limited Industrial.

Presenting on the applicant's behalf was Steve Gioiosa of SITEC, who opened by noting he appeared a month ago and was granted a Special Permit for the



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proposed use of the 2-acre property.

Gioiosa said the applicant is also proceeding with the Conservation Commission, as the two-story, 20,000 square foot building on the site of an existing parking lot would be built within the 100-foot buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland.

It will include upper-level access on the street side and lower-level on the opposite side, a 900 square foot office in the northeast corner of the building with access primarily off Highland Road. A circulating driveway will lead to the rear parking area and lower-level entrance and storage, emergency access and an exit drive on the far west end of the property.

No exterior storage will be allowed per the lease agreement, and no motor-vehicle storage will be allowed.

At Nelson's suggestion, Gioiosa said he would ask the building designers to add an ADA-compliant entry to the back as well as the front of the building.

Marum requested that project designers look at options to include solar panels on the roof.

The continued public hearing for Matt Zuker's 48-unit, townhouse-style, residential complex at 78 Wareham Road was once again continued at the applicant's request, this time to March 4 at 7:10 pm. "This hearing has been continued many, many times, and I think they should get on with it," said Marum.

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, at 7:00 pm at the Police Station on Route 6.

Testing of Bogs Debated for Several Hours

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission Mattapoisett Planning Board

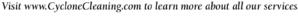
By Marilou Newell

After several hours of debate and the sharing of technical data regarding stormwater flooding that recently occurred at the Buzzards Bay Coalition's Bogs site and the concern that possible hazardous chemicals were transported to freshwater wells, Tuesday night's public hearing with the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission resulted in a continuation.

Early in the Enforcement hearing, members of



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Luciano Contracting described measures put in place that would assist in controlling future stormwater-runoff events in an effort to keep soils and water on the site. The commission was satisfied with those plans, expressing appreciation for their efforts to keep the site conditions under control.

As the hearing went on, abutters along with members of the commission asked probing questions about the possible movement of dangerous chemicals leaving the site. Gerald Randall, who first rang alarm bells when he witnessed the flooding near his Acushnet Road property, said he could see sediment in the Mattapoisett River.

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King said he has reached out to a number of agencies requesting information on agricultural chemical issues and more specifically whether or not testing was merited. He said he wasn't sure how to move forward, given that the advice he received seemed to discourage testing as inconclusive at best. The other commissioners in attendance, David Lawrence, John Jacobson and David Nicolosi, were in favor of testing.

Mike Huguenin spoke from prepared notes on behalf of the Buzzards Bay Coalition. His comments were, "...MassDEP does not require chemical testing based in part on past chemical assessments at other Massachusetts abandoned cranberry bogs." This was in response to a question asked at the previous meeting when Sarah Quintal of the BBC was asked why testing had not been done. Her response at that time was that soils were not intended to leave the site.

Huguenin's narrative spoke to construction workers being able to work on such sites due to only trace amounts of contaminants being found. He also said that contaminants are tightly bound to soil particles and are not volatile or soluble.

Concerns over transported soils polluting freshwater wells seemed unsupported, as Huguenin said Water Department testing was not showing any evidence that this was the case.

There had also been questions about the depth of study and agency review that preceded the Bog project. Huguenin pointed to the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Massachusetts Ecological Restoration, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species program. A local peerreview consultant had not been required or engaged to oversee the town's interests, however.

Conservation Agent Brandon Faneuf expressed his concern over the amount of sediment that may have migrated from the site during the first flooding event. There had apparently been two flooding episodes. He said that in his next weekly site review to check on Enforcement Orders he intends to check for sediment along Acushnet Road opposite the site entrance.



As the clock ticked on to 10:00 pm, the commissioners continued the hearing. In the interim, the question of whether or not to test the Bog site will be considered with possible collaboration with the Select Board.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20.

On February 5, the Mattapoisett Planning Board met informally with engineer Andy Stackpole of Field Engineering to discuss two potential subdivisions. Chairman Tom Tucker referred to both as "pork chop developments" that bylaws currently prohibit. Stackpole spoke to why they didn't fall into that category. Stackpole will take a few small recommendations back to the drawing board before returning with more fully fleshedout plans.

The board also approved the acceptance of the Mattapoisett Master Plan. The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, March 4, at 7:00 pm.

Biofuels Conditioned for Solar Project

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Michael J. DeCicco

Including a condition the petitioner had wanted excluded, Rochester's Conservation Commission Tuesday approved the Order of Conditions 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.

In a previous meeting, the commission requested that the conditions should include the use of biofuels, which are biodegradable hydraulic oils for the construction equipment used there. In a January 26 memo, however, Weston & Sampson engineers asked that this not be made a project condition because the petitioner "could not commit that the selected contractor will be able to supply installation equipment that is compatible..."

On Tuesday, BWC Snows Pond LLC's representative had to give up on that request when informed by Conservation Commission Chairman Christopher Gerrior that the use of biofuels is a standard item in the board's Order of Conditions.

"We don't want to be hamstrung by that condition," Weston & Sampson engineer Rob Bukowski said, explaining that construction wouldn't take place for another year and that it was not certain that any potential contractors would be able to comply.

Commission member Ben Bailey said placing this condition on town projects happens all the time, and in fact, the Planning Board will likely place the use of biofuels in its own conditions for the project. He and Gerrior noted biofuels are required for the Cushman Road project because of the steep slope at the site.

After reading the Order of Conditions that the board would set for the Cushman Road project, which included the bio-fuels requirement, Gerrior asked Bukowski if he

had any comment. Bukowski said he had none, and the OOC was approved.

In other action, the commission approved a letter it will send to Mattapoisett officials regarding its concerns over Rochester's rights to the water on Red Brick Farm East land. The property is part of a 241-acre, regional Conservation Restriction giving Rochester no rights to the groundwater that Red Brick Farm East might produce. The CR led to a Mattapoisett Land Transfer Agreement that has yet to become reality.

On Monday, the commissioners asked for the Select Board's help with the issue, saying the latest correspondence from Mattapoisett listed the reasons why it would be difficult for the town to do such a transfer. The Select Board responded they needed Mattapoisett's "no" in print before moving forward with any help.

Tuesday, the commission endorsed the letter Bailey has written to prod that response. Addressed to the Mattapoisett Water Board, the letter reminds that panel that the Water and Sewer Department originally committed to "make every effort" to transfer the 13.06-acre Rochester parcel to the Town of Rochester "for \$1" It continues, "Please accept this correspondence as a formal request for: 1). A list of all of the actions taken to date to demonstrate this effort to abide by this agreement and 2. A list of all actions anticipated to fully abide by the agreement."

Also, the commission approved a proposed new building and building addition at 340 Rounseville Road on land that is under an Agricultural Preservation Restriction. Engineering consultant Walter Hartley said the petitioner needs ConCom's approval before the plan goes for state approvals because the town board holds the APR on the property. The plan is to increase the space for winter storage of farm equipment and hay.

The board approved three-year extensions of the Order of Conditions for Cushman Road Solar LLC's plan to build a solar-energy array at 0 Cushman Road to include work within the 100-foot buffer zone and the previously approved bituminous, concrete-production facility planned by Edgewood Development Co. LLC on Kings Highway.

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The commission noted the Notice of Intent hearing to build a 15-acre, self-storage facility at 0 and 25 Cranberry Highway and 0 Kings Highway has been continued to February 20.

The commission agreed to meet on February 10 at 8:00 am for a site visit on Snipatuit Road at the starting area of the Rochester Boat Race, where river conditions might soon impede the herring run. Bailey said the public is welcome to attend to add their own comments and information.

The Rochester Conservation Commission will meet next on Tuesday, February 20, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.



MassDOT to Change Fork into Turn

Marion Shared Use Path

By Mick Colageo

Reconfiguration of the intersection of Front and Spring Streets at Brew Fish restaurant from its present fork design into a hard turn is one of two changes coming to the stretch of Route 105 seaward of Route 195.

The entry to Washburn Park off Front Street just southeast of the 195 interchange will also be altered to better accommodate safe access to the Marion Shared Use (bicycle) Path.

Representatives from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation visited the Music Hall on January 31 to update residents on the progress and vision of the Shared Use Path (Phase I) and to solicit feedback from attendees.

Participants in the meeting included: Joe Yoo, MassDOT project manager; Alex Lamarche, MassDOT environmental analyst; Marion Town Administrator Geoff Gorman; Paula Meere, member of the Marion Pathway Committee; Kevin Slattery, project manager for HDR; Scott Farmelant, HDR's environmental outreach lead; and Jeramy Packard, PE, Foth Infrastructure and Environment LLC.

The project achieved 100% design in December 2023, and MassDOT provided advanced notice in January about the pending submission of its Expanded Environmental Notification Form (EENF) form to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA.)

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The plan is to pave a 3.8-mile path that will connect to Mattapoisett's bike path near Industrial Road and end at Point Road on the Wareham side of Marion. Overall, Marion's stretch is but a small piece of an emerging network of bike paths forming a course known as the South Coast Bikeway, part of a 50-mile system that spans from Rhode Island all the way to Cape Cod.

In recognition of Marion as a state-recognized, Environmental Justice community, Lamarche explained that the process will follow Environmental Justice guidelines including, within a 1-mile radius of the project to EJ populations-related criteria for minority income or limited English speaking via an enhanced outreach programs in cooperation with community organizations and programs.

Farmelant said the project exceeds thresholds requiring outreach protocols and that high-level outreach is triggered by difficult-to-reach populations to ensure they have meaningful involvement in keeping with the statewide, legal standard.

"When people are put at the center of projects who are impacted by those projects, the project is always going to be better," he said.

Since the June 2016 kickoff presentation, there have been public-feedback meetings in September 2017 regarding traffic along Route 105 and Spring Street and in July 2019 on project design.

The current estimate for funding of the project is \$5,500,000, 80\% of which Yoo says will be paid for by the Federal Highway Administration and the remaining 20% by the state.

The 100% design was submitted in December 2023, and MassDOT is presently working through comments culminating in a February 29 meeting with a 30-day publiccomment period.

The Environmental Notification Scope (ENS) on abandoned rail and sparse and uninhabited areas will ensure that Environmental Justice community populations are identified for all environmental impacts.

The design recognizes 2.14 acres of wetlands impacted, 9.4 acres of impervious surface and a 5,000 square-foot replication area to offset those impacts. There are no impacts from the project on rare species or air quality.



Mitigation will include a 1/1 ratio of replication, a protection plan featuring ADA compliance, stormwatermanagement improvements, erosion control near wetlands, the use of crushed stone in trenches, swales and grass depressions to minimize erosion sediments.

Traffic concerns, especially for pedestrians including children, were aired.

Among other concerns articulated during the public meeting were potential cost overruns – longtime resident Joe Zora anticipates needed repairs of unmarked culverts along the path – and plans for a paved passage near Washburn Park that could impose hardship on a horse farm.

Also attending the meeting was Bonne DeSousa, president of the Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path. DeSousa has long been advocating for the growth and connection of municipal bike paths from Rhode Island to Cape Cod.

"I support connecting the Mattapoisett Rail Trail to Marion via this route. I loved hearing about the old trails because this trail will make so many of the old trails accessible," said DeSousa, who has family in Marion and would love to see the kids bike back and forth to each other's homes.

According to Yoo, the right-of-way process consists of a mix of permanent and temporary easements. "At this moment, we do not have right-of-way plans," said Yoo, noting that state regulations must be followed and that

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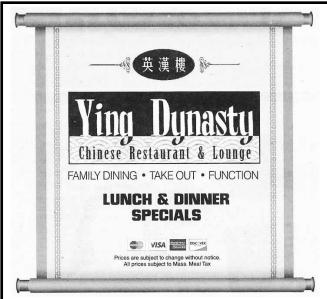
abutters will have the opportunity for review and proper compensation. Yoo also noted that the project is at the mercy of the Select Board vote.

"One more thing: As mentioned before, we call it 100%, but design is not finalized," said Yoo, anticipating further tweaking. "This is technically still a draft, a very comprehensive draft but still a draft."

COA Adopts Town's Personnel Bylaw

Rochester Council on Aging By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Council on Aging adopted the town's Personnel Bylaw as written in a January 31 public meeting



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7:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show

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10:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Blue October

11:00 PM Democracy Now!

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Saturday February 10, 2024 6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon

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11:00 AM Sippican Memorial Rededication

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Coastline 1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre

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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 February 14, 2024

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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 Paltrocast with Darren Paltrowitz

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11:00 PM Democracy Now!

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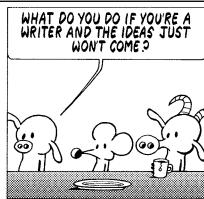
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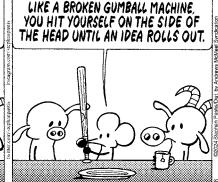
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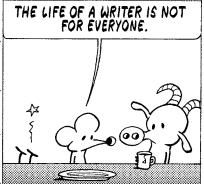
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at ORR

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis







that town officials attended to allay fears that attempts were being made to take away the COA's authority to hire its own employees.

A January Special Town Meeting article proposed revising the town's Personnel Bylaw to say that the Select Board rather than the COA "shall appoint such Council employees as it may require." This change was defeated on Town Meeting floor to a loud, decisive round of applause after COA Friends Chairman Michael Cambra complained the town was trying to take away the council's power to govern itself.

The January 31 COA board meeting began by reviewing for approval a copy of the town Personnel Bylaw with a handwritten revision that the COA rather than the Personnel Board "is empowered to make hiring decisions."

Personnel Board Chairperson Kristine Nash and former chairman and current Select Board member Adam Murphy explained that the board's right to recommend hires is still in the bylaw and that the problem at Town Meeting was incorrect language that he said Town Counsel placed in the article.

Murphy said that's why officials had wished to table the article rather than see it go to a vote that ultimately disapproved the measure. Officials needed to discuss the article with COA members first, a move he realized too late had not been done. Murphy said he wants to see a discussion between the COA board and Town



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Counsel to iron out details before the proposal returns to Town Meeting floor in May. "We want to work with you collaboratively," he said.

Council on Aging Director Eric Poulin said the board's and the seniors' issues with the Special Town Meeting article were its language and that the town had not discussed or informed seniors about it in advance. Murphy admitted he was unaware that this advanced notice had not been received, and he regretted being unable to attend the previous COA board meeting.

Nash said the new Personnel Bylaw is still under review, and she advised the board wait until the final edit to vote to adopt it. The Personnel Board, she explained, is writing protections for town employees not covered by



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unions or contracts. But the language in state regulations left the COA and the library off the Personnel Bylaw for these employees. "You are on your own island now," she said.

But that is what the Personnel Board would like to fix to treat all nonunion, noncontract employees equally, Nash said. She emphasized that town boards may hire their own employees; the Personnel Board must review potential hires for the sake of checks and balances and to make sure their compensation and rules and regulations are equal to those of contract workers.

As the bylaw is written now, Nash said, the Personnel Board is "empowered to make the hiring decision" but along with the department head, who together shall be the judge of the applicant's qualifications etc. Murphy further explained that "Select Board" were the words in the Special Town Meeting article because that's the appointing authority when a town has no Personnel Board, and the town created such a board only recently.

"You recommend who to hire," Nash said to COA board members. "That has not changed. And that right will remain for all departments."

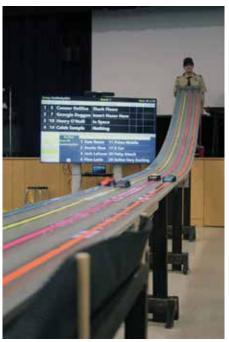
She noted the Personnel Board is now working to "radically revise the pay classification system and include additional step increases." These revisions should be ready for the May Town Meeting, she said.

Select Board Chairman Paul Ciaburri dispelled the perception that the Special Town Meeting article was a power-grab. "We have no interest in being involved in the

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS







The Cub Scouts Pack 31 hosted a Pinewood Derby on February 3 at Rochester Memorial School. Photos by Mick Colageo





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hiring for any town board or department," he said. "Zero interest!"

The COA board ultimately followed Town Administrator Glenn Cannon's recommendation that it adopt the bylaw as written but acknowledge the town will work on the bylaw language later.

In a follow-up interview, Cannon elaborated that state law says libraries "shall" vote on their own hiring and councils on aging "may" vote on their own hiring. The new town Personnel Bylaw was following that language by excluding those two town entities. With the COA board's vote on January 31, he said, both town departments have voted themselves into the new bylaw.

Icemen Clinch Tourney Berth

Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

The Old Rochester/Fairhaven hockey team bounced back from a challenging week amidst stiff competition to defeat Bishop Stang, 3-1, on February 3 at Tabor Academy and solidify a berth in the MIAA Division 4 state tournament.

The 9-7-1 Bulldogs got goals from Connor Galligan, Barrett Becotte and Michael Brown.

"After a stretch of three losses against very good teams (Nauset Regional and two against Nantucket), we are happy to be back in the win column," said ORR/Fairhaven head coach Zach Ledogar after Saturday's victory in Marion. "They won as a team today with some younger players stepping up into big roles with some key players out. We are looking forward to playing good hockey in February to finish out the season and into [the] playoffs."

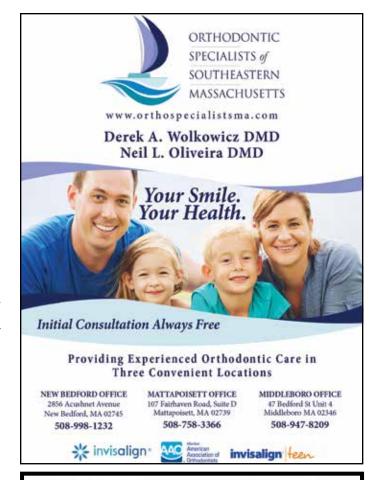
ORR/Fairhaven was scheduled to host Bourne on Wednesday at Tabor. They finish their regular season with a pair of afternoon road games at Driscoll Memorial Rink in Fall River against Somerset Berkley (Saturday, February 10, at 4:00 pm) and Apponequet (Tuesday, February 20, at 3:00 pm.)

Boys Basketball

The ORR boys' basketball team defeated Dighton-Rehoboth, 63-40, on January 30. Gavin Martin was named the player of the game. The Bulldogs (12-4) brought a four-game winning streak into Tuesday night's game at Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech (4-11) and are back on the road Friday, February 9, at Somerset Berkley at 6:30 pm. ORR hosts Apponequet on Tuesday, February 13, at 6:30 pm.

Girls Basketball

The ORR girls' basketball team dominated Dighton-Rehoboth, 53-31, on January 30. Amber Engel was named the player of the game. The Bulldogs brought a 12-3 record into Tuesday night's home game against Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech (7-9) and are back on home court in Mattapoisett on Friday, February 9, against Somerset Berkley at 6:30 pm. ORR visits Apponequet on Tuesday,





MOVIE REVIEW



Pop Art

By Rob Gonsalves www.robsmovievault.com

The Greatest Night in Pop. A documentary directed by Bao Nguyen. Running time: 96 minutes. Rated TV-MA for brief rough language. Now streaming on Netflix.

Right smack dab in the middle of the '80s, the one-time-only "supergroup" USA for Africa recorded the relief-for-Ethiopia charity single "We Are the World," the subject of the new Netflix documentary *The Greatest Night in Pop*, and for a good long time you couldn't escape it. (I had the album on cassette.) A lot of people had a lot to say about it, but as written by Lionel Richie and Michael Jackson, it lodged like a fish hook in the part of the brain that likes to play earworms. (It seems built to be sung by large, swaying crowds.) As songs like it go, it could have been a lot worse — like, say, the now-cringeworthy "Do They Know It's Christmas?," which indirectly inspired "We Are the World" when Harry Belafonte observed, "Okay, the white people are trying to save Black people; how about Black people saving Black people?"

The resultant gathering of singers was pretty evenly split between Black and white, though the firepower was more or less all Black. Richie and Jackson got it onto the floor, with input and guidance from others including Stevie Wonder and event ringleader Quincy Jones. At the time, and even more so in today's era of Zoom, part of the selling point was that all these big artists were indeed in the same room, not doing their bits separately and FedExing them in, and there was the bestselling video to prove it. All these big names committed to be there, and because of the logistical horrors involved in getting and keeping them in one place, the song had to be recorded directly after 1985's American Music Awards — which Richie was hosting and it had to be done that night. The final note was sung by 8:00 am on the morning of January 28.

If Richie was the Superman of this Justice League (he appears in the documentary, sharp as ever, reminiscing cogently and humbly), Bob Dylan might have been the Batman, dark and scowling, not really feeling a part of the proceedings. It seems he *wanted* to want to be there, but he was too much the loner, and besides he had a tough time figuring out what he could do with his solo line given his limitations as a singer. Stevie Wonder to the rescue: Wonder sat at a piano and mimicked Dylan's voice precisely, showing him exactly what a voice like Dylan's *could* do. The Dylan you hear on the single wouldn't



have been possible without Wonder. Then again, Stevie almost derailed the whole thing when he suggested singing a bit in Swahili. After a bunch of objections, including that

Swahili isn't even spoken in Ethiopia, the Swahili idea was dropped. But you get the sense that even in this highly specialized atmosphere, a song will revise and resolve itself as long as artists are willing to get out of its way.

Stevie Wonder ultimately valued the song, not his idea, and all the other artists here seemed to follow suit. (The documentary shows Waylon Jennings walking out of the studio during the Swahili kerfuffle, but doesn't tell us he later came back; director Bao Nguyen prankishly plays Jennings off with the "Dukes of Hazzard" theme.) Quincy Jones' famous directive to the artists was "Check your egos at the door," which Garry Trudeau later copped for the title of his *Doonesbury* collection wherein his strips about the recording appear (he was admitted to the event as a reporter). If you weren't around in '85 it can be hard to imagine how large this single and its concomitant concerns about addressing starvation loomed in the national conversation. Soon after, DC and Marvel each put out an all-star benefit comic featuring superheroes wondering what they can do about the Ethiopian famine. Not much. In real life, tons of food sent to relieve hunger rotted on docks.

So The Greatest Night in Pop celebrates a time when optimism, though weaving and bloodied, could still stand tall, especially with a roomful of massive talents (and Dan Aykroyd — who has admitted he got in that room more or less by accident) getting buzzed off of how charitable they're being. (The project's success was not guaranteed; Bob Geldof, kicking the event off with a speech, finished with "Let's hope it works.") Some of the participants who are still with us — Springsteen, Lauper (who for my money has the song's finest moment), Sheila E — are seen here conveying a sort of fannish impostor syndrome as they recall walking among legends. Elsewhere, probably punchy as hell in the wee hours, the singers all start singing Belafonte's "Day-O," and its uptempo silliness acts as a jolt of caffeine for the legends who were, it turns out, only flesh and bone. It's not a great movie — the performance energy is splintered and scattered — but it's hard to dislike and it's a decent salute to the impulse of creativity to aim itself at a good cause.

February 13, at 6:30 pm.

Swimming

ORR's boys and girls' swim teams both defeated Seekonk and Apponequet on January 30. The boys won by over 105 points, and the girls won by 92. With the wins, the boys close out the season with a 6-0 record and the girls at 4-3.

Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor;

The article on Marion's landfill solar energy "project" seems a good example of why our country is lagging so far behind more enlightened European countries in moving from fossil fuel to renewable energy.

So many meetings, so much talk, so little action from government in all its shapes and sizes and from the fossil fuel centric energy sector ... around and around we go.

In 2003, twenty years ago, we met with folks from Samso Island in Denmark, a town about the same size as Marion. In 1998, with much support and help from the Danish government and private sector, they formed citizen based Samso Energy Company to make their town 100% renewable energy. In the first five years they were all on their way. Sure there were bumps and hiccups, however the whole country was pulling in the same direction and after just ten years they reached 100% net balance of renewable energy. They had built ten wind turbines, four biomass plants and several solar farms in and around their town in that time. Amazing.

What a success story for the environment not to mention the millions of dollars in savings for Samson's residents.

And here we are twenty years later, despite the terrific efforts from folks like Bill Saltonstall, Jennifer Francis and others, basically still in the starting blocks in the race to beat global warming.

It isn't rocket science, we know how and what to do, just take a good look at Samso Island. Lee Hayes, Marion

Academic Achievements

Dean College is pleased to announce that **Joseph Bacchiocchi** of Rochester and **Emily Kilpatrick** of Marion that have earned a place on the Dean's List for the Fall 2023 semester. These students have demonstrated





TRI-TOWN POLICE



MARION

Log highlights Jan 28-Feb 3

- Mill St EMS/medical
- East Ave Animal complaint
- Wareham Rd 911 abandoned
- Point Rd Health/welfare
- Point Rd Suspicious activity
- Wareham Rd EMS/medical
- Stoney Run Ln Animal complaint
- Front St MV collision
- I195 East Follow up
- Mill St EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd Health/welfare
- Mill St EMS/medical
- Spring St General service
- Cross Neck Rd Follow up
- Wareham Rd MV collision
- Holly Pond Rd EMS/medical
- Pinév Point Rd Burglar alarm
- Mill St EMS/medical
- Briggs Ln Suspicious activity
- Quail's Crossing Rd EMS/medical
- Cove Cir EMS/medical
- Spring St General service
- Wareham Rd General service
- Front St General service
- Water St EMS/medical
- Luce Ave Animal control
- Mill St Fraud
- Water St Fire alarm
- Washburn Park Rd MV complaint

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Jan 28-Feb 3

- Acushnet Rd Medical alarm
- Winnatuxett Beach Rd Animal control
- County Rd 911 call
- Marion Rd MV violations
- Fairhaven Rd Health/welfare
- Marion Rd Disturbance
- Prospect Rd 911 call
- North St Suspicious persons
- Mechanic St Animal control
- North St Health/welfare
- Brant Beach Ave Health/welfare
- Fairhaven Rd MV violations
- Angelica Ave MV violations
- Water St Health/welfare
- Marion Rd 911 call
- Park St Vandalism
- Marion Rd Juvenile offenses
- Holly Ln Trespass order issued
- Park St Officer wanted
- North St MV violations
- Park St Restraining order
- Cathaway Ln Assist citizen
- Crooked Bow Path Ambulance
- Main St MV violations
- Hubbards Way MV lockout
- Mattakiset Rd Assist other agency
- Prospect Rd Larceny/forgery
- County Rd Disturbance
- Water St Suspicious persons

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Jan 28-Feb 3

- Braley Hill Rd General services
- Nathaniels Dr Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy 911 call
 Dexter Ln MV stop/citation
 Marion Rd MV stop/towed
- Dexter Ln Assist citizen
- Forster Rd Message delivery
- Dexter Ln Firearms violation
- Vaughn Hill Rd Animal control
- Robinson Rd General services
- Marys Pond Rd Suspicious activity
- Burgess Ave MV lockout
- Dexter Ln Animal control
- Bennett Rd Burglary
- North Ave MV stop/towed
- High St Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy General services
- North Ave MV collision
- Dexter Ln General services
- Clarke Ct MV stop/citation
- Pine St MV collision
- Marvs Pond Rd MV stop/towed
- Hartley Rd Animal control
- Neck Ád Burglar alarm
- New Bedford Rd Burglar alarm
- Mattapoisett Rd Message delivery
- Cranberry Hwy 911 call
- County Rd MV collision
- Pine St Animal control

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



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COASTLINE ELDERLY

NUTRITION PROGRAM Monday, Feb 12: Hot dog, mustard & relish, baked beans, hot German slaw, hotdog roll,

pears Tuesday, Feb 13: Salisbury steak, red bliss potato, brussel sprouts, oatmeal bread, peaches Wednesday, Feb 14: Turkey Divan, bow tie pasta, peas and mushrooms, whole wheat roll, red velvet cake, diet: Lorna Doones Thursday, Feb 15: Tossed salad w/Italian dressing, American chop suey, Italian blend vegetable, multigrain roll, banana Friday, Feb 16: Honey ginger salmon, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, snowflake roll, tropical fruit

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Feb 12: Grilled chicken club on hamburger roll, oven baked French fries, steamed broccoli

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grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tator tots, cheese stick Thursday, Feb 15: Baked ziti, garlic breadstick, savory green beans

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OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Feb 12: Teriyaki beef stir fry bowl

Tuesday, Feb 13: Dino chicken nuggets & fries Wednesday, Feb 14: American

chop suey & garlic bread Thursday, Feb 15: Scrambled eggs. tater tots & pancakes

Friday, Feb 16: Assorted pizza

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a serious commitment to their studies while at Dean College.

Benjamin D. A. Giumetti, son of Shannon and Don Giumetti of Mattapoisett has earned Dean's List honors at Providence College for the Fall 2023 semester. Ben is a graduate of Falmouth Academy, Class of 2023.

The following students were named to the Fall 2023 Dean's List at Worcester Polytechnic Institute;

Rudy Arsenault, from Mattapoisett, class of 2027, majoring in Biomedical Engineering

Emma Carroll, from Rochester, class of 2025, majoring in Mechanical Engineering

Rachel Foye, from Rochester, class of 2025, majoring in Data Science

Paige Sommers, from Rochester, class of 2025, majoring in Biomedical Engineering

Western New England University (WNE) is proud to announce that **Steven Morrison** of Rochester has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2023 semester. Morrison is majoring in Marketing Communication/Advertising.

Black History Month Story Time

TTAR (Tri-Town Against Racism) is hosting a Black History Month Story Time and activity at Plumb Memorial Library's downstairs room, on Thursday **February 21** from 3:30 to 4:30.

Featured books are *This is the Dream* by Diane Z. Shore illustrated by James Ransome, *Change Sings* by Amanda Gorman illustrated by Loren Long and *All Because You Matter* by Tami Charles illustrated by Bryan Collier. An activity will follow the stories.

Book (re)Marks: What's up this month at Plumb?

Hello from the Library. Book (re)Marks is back for 2024, offering up all the info you need about books, what's happening at the Library, and more. February is a short month, but there's still lots of things happening at the Library

The COA Bookclub will meet at 1 pm Tuesday **February 20** to discuss "Lucy by the Sea" by Elizabeth



Strout. Bring your library card to the meeting if you would like to take home a book. Books & Babble Bookclub will be discussing "The Last Animal" by Ramona Ausubel at 6:30 pm Thursday **February 29** (Leap Day.) Books for both clubs are available for pick-up at the Library or on the Libby app.

Do you like to knit, crochet, or cross stitch? If so, join us on Monday nights from 6-8 pm for a social gathering of handcrafters. Bring your latest project, something from the stash, or a problem pattern to work out. Or maybe your creative outlet involves pen and paper? Join our Writer's Group the third Thursday of every month to keep those ideas flowing. A prompt will be given, then 10 minutes of writing, then sharing for as many rounds as possible. Open to anyone 18+. Next meeting is 6:30 p.m. **February 15**.

The Library will be celebrating World Bookmark Day from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm Saturday **February 24**. Bring your surplus bookmarks to swap with others, or pick up a template and create your own. Drop off your designs by **Feb. 21** and we'll pick a few to print and laminate.

The Board of Library Trustees is meeting at 6:30 pm. Thursday **February 8**. This meeting is open to the public and the agenda is posted here: www. townofrochestermass.com/node/425/agenda

We are offering a free CPR class for adults from 11 am to 1 pm, Saturday **February 17**. Space is limited and

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Taking some time out of your usually busy social life could be just what you need. You can focus on putting some finishing touches on those plans for a possible career change.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A misunderstanding about a colleague's suggestions could create a delay in moving on with your proposal. But by week's end, all the confusing points should finally be cleared up.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might feel overwhelmed by all the tasks you suddenly have to take care of. But just say the magic word -- "help!" -- and you'll soon find others rushing to offer much-needed assistance.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Finishing a current project ahead of schedule leaves you free to deal with other upcoming situations, including a possible workplace change or a demanding personal matter.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Turn that finetuned feline sensitivity radar up to high to help yourself uncover any facts that could influence a decision you might be preparing to make. Devote the weekend to family activities.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A state of confusion early in the week is soon cleared up with explanations from the responsible parties. Don't waste time chastising anyone. Instead, move forward with your plans.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might feel obligated to help work out a dispute between family members. But this is one of those times when you should just step aside and let them work out their problems on their own. SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your ability to resolve an on-the-job problem without leaving too many ruffled feathers earns you kudos from co-workers. You also impress major decision-makers at your workplace. SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Newly made and long-held friendships merge well, with one possible exception. Take time to listen to the dissenter's explanations. You could learn something important.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Be prepared to be flexible about your current travel plans. Although you don't have to take suggestions, at least consider them from experts in the travel business.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A problem with a recent financial transaction could lead to more problems later on unless you resolve it immediately. Get all the proof you need to support your position.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Daydreaming makes it difficult to stay focused on what you need to do. But reality sets in by midweek, and you manage to get everything done in time for a relaxing weekend.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your ability to reach out to those in need of spiritual comfort makes you a much-revered and much-loved person within your community.

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registration is required. Sign up on the Events Calendar on our website. The class will be conducted by Bob Joyce, firefighter and EMT.

The Friends of the Library are giving away a Valentine's Day Dinner and Dessert package. From February 1-12 tickets will be on sale for a drawing of a \$50 gift card and a 9-inch cheesecake. All proceeds benefit the Friends, who support Library programs and events.

Please remember that the Library will be closed Monday **February 19** for President's Day.

Questions? Please call 508-763-8600 or email (info@ plumblibrary.com). As always, we hope to see you soon at the Library.

Rochester Republican Town Committee

The Rochester Republican Town Committee will meet on Wednesday, **February 14** at 6:30 pm, at the North Rochester Congregational Church, located at 247 North Ave, Rochester. You do not have to be a committee member to attend. All are welcome. Candidates running for State Committee Woman & Man will participate in a Candidates forum. Come, meet the candidates, and hear what they can do for you and also what you can do for them.

Marion Democrats to Elect Caucus Delegates

The Marion Democratic Town Committee will hold an election for delegates to the Democratic State Convention at 5:30 pm, **February 15**, in the Community Room at the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street. Signin for the election will begin at 5:00 pm. Only Marion's registered Democrats and pre-registered Democrats shall be allowed to vote. Preregistered Democrats must be 16 years old by the day of the caucus and may register from 5:00 to 5:30 pm prior to the actual caucus meeting. No absentee or proxy voting is allowed at the caucus. The Massachusetts Democratic Convention will be held on **June 1** at the DCU Center in Worcester.

For more information about the caucus, please contact the Marion Democratic Town Committee Chair, Sharon Matzek – sharonmatzek@yahoo.com or at 603-759-9287.

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Marion Republican Town Committee

The Marion Republican Town Committee will conduct its next monthly meeting on Monday, **February 12** at 7:00 pm at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street, Marion. The Public and new members welcome.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

Drop in for treats and crafts and meet some new titles at our Blind Date with a Book Event, Tuesday through Thursday, **February 13 to 15**. Explore our diverse collection showcasing a wide range of authors and genres, you might just fall in love.

Join us to celebrate Black History Month at the Elizabeth Taber Library. All month long check out new releases, displays, programs, giveaways and more.

Storytimes for all ages are held on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 am.

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library, visit us at www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org or call us at 508-748-1252

UCT Banner Night

Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School is excited to announce that our student athletes have achieved remarkable success this year with the golf team, boys' soccer team and the girls' basketball team all

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Check out the the Fairhaven native's heroic story online.

Celebrate February, American Heart Month with a heartfelt donation and enter to win one of the many exciting prizes!

Tickets sold at the following businesses:
Seconds Count in Fairhaven
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Blossoms Flower Shop in Mattapoisett

Over 25 prizes will be given away including gift cards to local restaurants and shops, rounds of mini golf, and even a heating maintenance program!

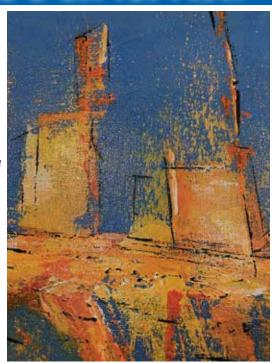
Giveaway drawing date: February 29

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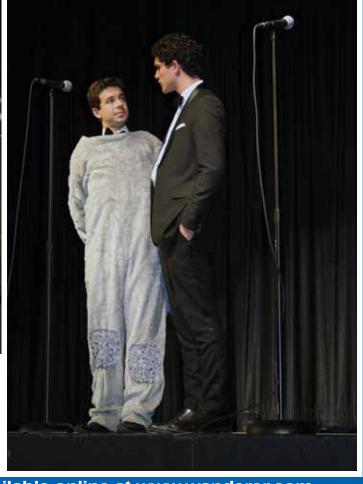


Too many days without sunshine got you down? Get your spirits lifted and saturate your soul in color at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library's latest art installation featuring the thrilling, primarily abstract works of Dartmouth resident Iria DeValles Vieira. After a long career in nursing, DeValles Vieira retired to pursue her first love, art. The works, on display now through February 29, demonstrate the artist's ability to use color in surprising ways that capture one's imagination. Photos by Marilou Newell





Old Rochester Regional High School Class of 2025 president Emerson Gonet was asked for her assistance, as the Harvard University Krokodiloes acapella singing group performed on February 3 at ORR to raise funds for the class. Emerson's older brother Eddie Gonet, a Harvard sophomore, is a two-year member of the Krokodiloes, and this year acts as the group's tour manager. Photos by Mick Colageo



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achieving the title of Mayflower League Champions. three February School vacation we

To celebrate this outstanding accomplishment, UCT will be hosting a special banner reveal during the halftime of the Boys' Varsity Basketball game this Friday, **February 9** at 6:30 pm in the Upper Cape Tech gymnasium.

We invite parents, students, faculty and the entire community to join us in celebrating the success of our athletes and to cheer on the Boys' Varsity Basketball team as they take on Diman Regional Tech.

Mattapoisett Republican Party Meeting

The Mattapoisett Republican Party welcomes all to join us on Thursday, **February 22** from 6 to 8:00 pm for our monthly scheduled meeting. Be a part of the discussion on local initiatives, support of candidates in future elections and share ideas with like-minded neighbors.

Guest Speaker begins at 7 pm. The topics to be discussed: Updates on the District Attorney Office, Crime Stats, Impact on new gun restrictions and Immigration impact.

Join us at the Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett. There is always good food, good people and a cash bar. For additional information contact Paul Criscuolo, Chairperson, Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee. Email: PCMattyGOP@proton.me.

February School Vacation at the MAC

The Marion Art Center (the MAC) announces



three February School vacation workshops for children led by Benares Angeley. The programs will be held in the downstairs MAC studio at the Marion Art Center. The cost for each workshop is \$35 for MAC members, \$40 for nonmembers. More information can be found at marionartcenter.org/events.

Cat Camp will take place on Tuesday, **February 20**, 10:00 am-12:00 pm. This program is geared to children ages 5-10 years old and will feature cats across mediums. The children will paint portraits of cats, sew a mini cat, make printed cat paper and more. Sew Fun will run Thursday, **February 22**, 1:00-3:00 pm. The Sew Fun Program is perfect for ages 8-10 years old. The children will learn simple sewing techniques to create their own



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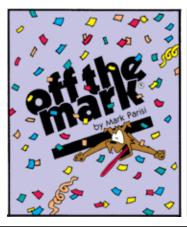
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stuffed penguin. They will also create a fabric collage and a tiny pillow, perfect for a special stuffed animal. Painted Houses & Homes is scheduled Friday, February 23, 2:00-4:00pm. This program welcomes children between the ages of 5-10 years old. Students will design and create cardboard houses and embellish them with paint, glitter, markers, yarn and more. They will also create tiny clay animals and people to go along with these magical abodes.

Tri-County Symphonic Band

On Sunday, February 11 at 3:00 pm, the Tri-County Symphonic Band, under the direction of Philip Sanborn, will offer a salute to the office of the President of the United States titled "A Presidential Portrait." What better way to celebrate a truly American weekend with a pre-Super Bowl concert featuring such iconic symphonic band classics as William Schuman's "George Washington Bridge", Charles Ives' "Variations on 'America'" and Aaron Copland's "Lincoln Portrait." A special guest appearance by Massachusetts State Senator Michael Rodrigues will cap off the concert, as he is the featured narrator on "Lincoln Portrait." Other selections on the program include "The President's March" by Victor Herbert, "On Shoulders of Giants" by Andrew David Perkins, "Armed Forces Salute" by Bob Lowden and three pieces by John Philip Sousa: "Presidential Polonaise", "President Garfield's Inauguration March" and "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

The concert will be held at the Our Lady of Light Band Banquet Hall, 664 Quarry Street, Fall River. Adult tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Children aged 12 and under admitted free. Tickets may be purchased in advance at The Symphony Music Shop in Dartmouth, The Marion General Store in Marion or online at tricountysymphonicband.org

Please visit tricountysymphonicband.org for more detailed information.

February Children's Programs at the **Mattapoisett Library**

February brings all sorts of fun to the Children's



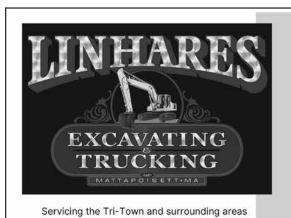
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room of the Mattapoisett Library. Our storytimes will continue with Winter Storytime for all ages taking place on Thursday mornings at 10:30 am. Baby Storytime for ages 0 to 24 months takes place on Friday mornings at 10:30 am. There will be no Storytime the week of February vacation February 22-23. No registration required.

On Tuesday, February 13 at 3:30 pm, to join cartoonist Cara Bean for Doodle and Tranquility Workshop. In this hands-on, visual thinking, mindfulness workshop, Cara will walk participants through a series of creative exercises intended to lessen anxiety, build confidence, and grow creativity. Recommended for ages 10 and up. Visit our website or call the library to register.

On Wednesday, February 14 at 11 am, join us for Mindful Moments where we explore mindfulness with our littles. Mindfulness is beneficial for children as it helps them develop self-awareness, emotional regulation, and the ability to stay present in the moment. At this program, we will do some simple mindfulness exercises, read a story, and play a game. Recommended for ages 3 and up. Visit our website or call the library to register.

On Friday, **February 16** at 3:30 pm, join us for Healthy Bodies with Lynne Belfiore. Your body is a marvelous machine. How can you keep your body healthy? Learn about the skeleton, basic body parts, and healthy habits. There will be an activity after the program and book recommendations as well. Recommended for ages 4 and up. Visit our website or call the library to



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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings are held in the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference room; 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted) New format of meetings; start time is 6:00 pm. This meeting is IN PERSON.

Case #1533: Application of: Sakonnet Properties, LLC, P.O. Box 4023, New Bedford, MA 02740 RE: 26 County Road. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under section 3.1.2.1. as provided by Section 7.2.2. of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to allow the upgrade to this existing structure to support multi-use, commercial & residential use. The property is further described as Plot 9, Lot 4 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, February 15, 2024

Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours. Sincerely,

Susan Akin, Chairperson, Anthony Tranfaglia, Co Chair

Kenneth Pacheco, Colby Rottler, Jordan Rodrigues 2/1, 2/8

TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1202

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Robert & Christine Thompson, for property located at 24 Bennett Rd, identified on Assessor's Map 44A, Lot 53, who are seeking a Use Variance under the provisions of Chapter 18.10, Section B.3., and Chapter 20.40, F.6., for a one-bedroom in-law apartment, a use not specifically allowed under the By-Laws, and a Variance for the minimum required side setback for the proposed one-bedroom in-law apartment, under Chapter 20.40, Section D.1., of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws.

The public hearing will be on February 15, 2024, at 7:15 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA.

David Arancio, Chairman 2/1, 2/8

TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1203

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning

LEGAL NOTICES

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.

The public hearing will be on February 15, 2024, at 7:15 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA.

David Arancio, Chairman 2/1, 2/8

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Stephen Brodo, 30 County Rd #1824, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to build a detached 24x36 garage. The project is located at 1 Mattakiset Road and is further identified as Lot 15A on Assessor Map 122.

**Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 2/8

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on February 14, 2024, at 3:00 pm, in the conference room at the Town Hall, and on Zoom Meeting ID: 839 0533 8414 Passcode: 478437, Mobile 1 646 876 9923, for the purpose of changing the fees for disposal at the Transfer Station. Interested residents may review the proposed rate changes at Mattapoisett.net and provide written comments to the Board of Health or attend the Public Hearing. 2/8

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Kristine Murray, 12 Angelica Ave, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to construct a 12'x35' deck. The project is located at 12 Angelica Ave, and is further identified as Lot 5.A on Assessor Map 145.0.

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**Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 2/8

TOWN OF MARION DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OPERA-TIONS FACILITY INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Town of Marion, acting through the Office of the Town Administrator and Chief Procurement Officer, invites sealed bids from qualified, licensed, and registered contractors to provide new construction of a new single-story Pre-Engineered Wood Post Frame Building System to be used as Operations Facility for the Town of Marion Department of Public Works.

Bid documents are only available electronically. Information for Bids (IFB) documents may be obtained electronically by email request to wendy@saltonstallarchittects.com with subject: "Marion DPW Operations Facility – FY24-001: IFB REQUEST" on or after Thursday, February 22, 2024, (Monday thru Friday – 8:00 am – 4:00 pm).

Sub Bid deadline is March 21, 2024 at 10:00 am. General Bid deadline is March 28, 2024 at 10:00 am. The Town of Marion reserves the right to reject any and all bids if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so. Minority and Women's Business enterprise are encouraged to submit bids for this project.

Geoffrey Gorman, CPO Town Administrator 2/8

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by Michael Amaral, 3 Harbor Road NK, Assessors Map 12, Lot 196 in Mattapoisett, MA. The applicant proposes to expand the existing driveway. **Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 2/8

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

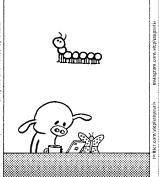
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis









register.

On Tuesday, **February 27**, join us for Paint Your Own Piggy Bank. This is a fun craft to keep track of your change or to give as a gift. Recommended for ages 5 and up. Visit our website or call the library to register.

During the week of February vacation, **February 18 to February 25**, stop in the library for a take home activity kit. We will be offering two kits, a STEM kit, for ages 8 and up and a Unicorn kit for all ages. Available while supplies last.

Our Quahog Award Reading Program continues. Registration remains open until Sunday, **March 3**. Those interested in participating can register at the library. We have two Quahog programs this month. Quahog Jeopardy is taking place on Thursday, February 8 at 4 pm. Our second Quahog program for the month of February is Upcycle Book Hedgehog Craft taking place on Thursday, **February 15** at 3:30 pm. No registration required.

All programs are free and open to the public. If you have any questions please contact Michelle Skaar at mskaar@sailsinc.org. You can also find more information on our website at MattapoisettLibrary.org.

Celebration Gospel Choir

The Mattapoisett Museum and the Trustees of the Mattapoisett Christian Church at 5 Church Street are proud to present Tabor Academy's Celebration Gospel Choir on Thursday, **February 29** at 6:15 pm. The Tabor Celebration Gospel Choir is a 20-voice choir, composed of faculty, staff, and students. It was founded in January, 2023 and had its debut at Tabor Academy's MLK Jr. 2023 chapel service.

The Choir is led by Tyrone Black, Associate Head of School at Tabor Academy. Its members sing mostly traditional gospel music with a few contemporary pieces. When asked why he founded the Choir, Black said, "Most places where I have worked, I started a gospel choir/ensemble as a way of bringing people together from all walks of life and singing about the Good News of Jesus Christ, and to spread the love of God through the ministry of song. I felt that Tabor had the right atmosphere/environment to start something new and inviting. It's a part of my identity, my spirit, my essence. It helps me and probably others find their place of belonging in a spiritually challenging world."

Most of the songs that will be sung are more traditional gospel songs from the late 20th and early 21st century. They will range from old traditional pieces such as God Is by the Late Reverend James Cleveland, to more contemporary pieces called Glory by New Direction. The Choir will also sing a piece with a Caribbean flare, entitled He Reigns Forever.

Mattapoisett Street Tree Removals

The Mattapoisett Tree Committee voted at their January meeting to hold a public presentation about

the impact of the proposed Main Street/Water Street/Beacon Street/Marion Road project for the street trees on these roads. Residents who would like to hear more about how our scenic roads will be impacted should plan on attending the meeting which will be held **February 28** at 6 pm at the Fire Station training room. There is a Friends of Mattapoisett Trees Facebook group where links to proposed plans, letters and articles are being posted. Please join.

MAC Theater

The Marion Art Center is pleased to present Arsenic & Old Lace, written by Joseph Kesserling and directed by Donn Tyler. Performance dates are March 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24. Friday and Saturday shows will start at 7:30 pm, while the Sunday matinee will begin at 2:00 pm. The cast includes Kiah Allaire, Ron Biever, Jack Boesen, Chris Clark, Tom Conway, Ann-Marie Foley, Bethany Lamoureux, Susan Salvesen, Jacqueline Sophia, Aidan Weaver, Jess Wilson, and Harvey Ussach. Kiah Allaire is Assistant Director, Sound and Lighting tech is Steven McManus, and set construction is by Dick Sullivan and Connor Sullivan.

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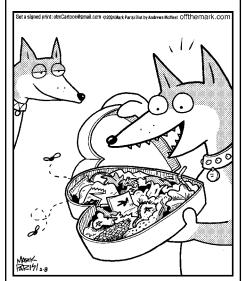
A public hearing has been scheduled for February 12, 2024, at 5:35 pm in the first floor Conference Room of the Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA and ZOOM, upon the application of What the Taco, 20 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 requesting an Entertainment License.

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the two old women aren't just aware of the dead man in their parlor, they killed him. Between his aunts' penchant for poisoning wine, a brother who thinks he's Teddy Roosevelt, and another brother using plastic surgery to hide from the police — not to mention Mortimer's own hesitancy about marriage — it'll be a miracle if Mortimer makes it to his wedding. Arsenic and Old Lace is a classic black comedy about the only thing more deadly than poison: family

Tickets are on sale now for MAC members (\$20) and go on sale to nonmembers (\$23) on February 15; tickets can be purchased online at marionartcenter.org/events. The MAC is a participant in Mass Cultural Council's Card to Culture program, in collaboration with the Department of Transitional Assistance, the Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Nutrition Program, and the Massachusetts Health Connector, by broadening accessibility to cultural programming. Learn more about the MAC's free or low cost ticket offerings at marionartcenter.org/about.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

As mentioned before, many roads and intersections in town hold the names of Rochester families. In the current museum exhibit, we have a map of Israel Cowen's land. He was the first Cowen to build a house at the intersection of Neck and Burgess Roads.







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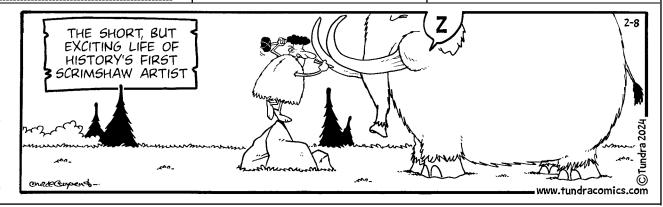
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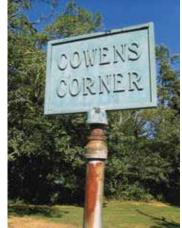


Israel built his house sometime around 1810 at what is now 214 Neck Rd. The map we have shows the boundaries of his farm. It has a good-sized burn hole in it so maybe he was a cigar smoker. Israel had two sons, Jonathan and Seth who both built nearby. Jonathan built a home at 7 Burgess Road and Seth at 221 Neck Rd. All three houses are still standing today.

The Cowens were well known for their carpentry

skills, building sea chests, chairs and other furniture. Seth's two sons also lived here and along with their offspring are listed as a farmer, a teamster, carpenters and a cranberry grower.

Over the ensuing years, the houses had many owners. According to the 1854 map, Israel was still owner of his home. In 1879, J.D. Webster is listed as owner and by early 1900's, the owner is Charles S.



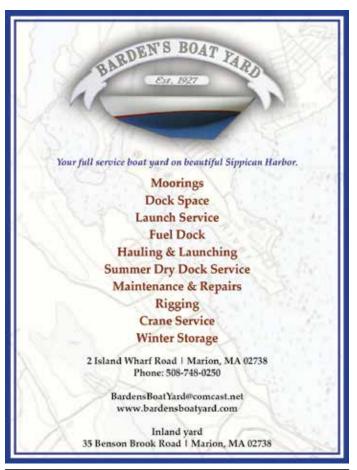
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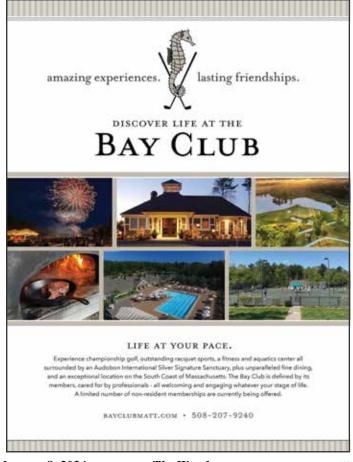
By 1929, John Gayorski and his wife, Mary, had bought the property at what was now known as "Cowen's Corner." Gayorski was a poulterer (he raised chickens.) As time passed, other Gayorskis lived in nearby houses. Further down from Cowen's Corner at the intersection of Burgess Ave. and Alley Rd. is a triangular piece of land with a sign proclaiming it Thomas Gayorski Corner.

At one time, Jonathan Cowen's property was the home of the Cape Cod Cranberry Company. Seth's property remained in the Cowen family for the longest number of years. Cowens were listed living there up to 1933. In the 1997 resident list, it shows Carolyn Cowen Lawrence in residence at 221 Neck Rd. She is a direct descendant of Israel Cowen.

In 1949, the townspeople voted to declare the corner of Neck Rd. and Burgess Ave. as Cowen's Corner in honor of Chester Cowen for his contributions to the town.







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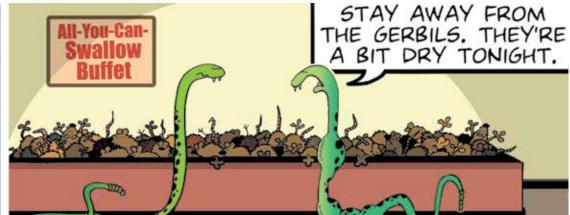
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Marion Cares Community EMS Program

Chief Brian Jackvony is pleased to share an update on the Marion Cares Community EMS Program following its first full calendar year in operation.

Marion Cares provides outreach and community educational risk reduction programs to the residents of Marion. During the full 2023 calendar year, the program logged 111 calls for service. The program launched in Marion in August 2022 and logged 46 calls from August-December 2022.

The mission of Marion Cares is to keep residents in their homes as long as possible through prevention, education and collaboration with community partners. Programs offered by the Community EMS initiative include Well-being Checks, Home and Community Falls Prevention, Fire and Burn Prevention and Education, and Emergency Preparedness Individual Evaluation. These programs are offered individually but often become hybrid programs as they are tailored to personal needs.

The most common program is the Well-being Check, which has about 15-20 patients who are seen monthly to be assessed and monitored. During the visit, the patient's weight, blood pressure and blood sugar are evaluated. A medication confirmation can also be conducted during which program personnel review newly prescribed medications for a recently discharged patient and ensure the patient understands discharge instructions. Personnel also review medication for any duplicate prescriptions. Any issues trigger an immediate referral to the patient's pharmacy or primary care provider.

During the initial wellness appointment, a home evaluation is completed to ensure that there is sufficient smoke detector protection in the residence. The home evaluation also assesses trip and fall hazards, as well as potential egress concerns in the event of an emergency.

Data collected through the program has helped the Marion Fire Department understand the challenges residents face that may lead to repeat incidents and the reasons behind increases in calls for falls in repeat patients.

As part of the Fire and Burn Prevention and Education aspect, EMS personnel provide education on the prevention and treatment of burns, and guidance on when to call 911. Personnel also share the importance of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, check water heater temperature and evaluate heat sources in the home.

Through the Emergency Preparedness Individual Evaluation program, EMS personnel provide individuals or families with an evaluation of their home's emergency preparedness. They review the current supplies and plans that help families prepare for emergencies. They also discuss home safety, evacuation procedures and necessary supplies to help people and pets in the household stay safe.

First responders have seen the positive effects of Marion Cares firsthand. During a vaccination clinic in 2023, the Marion Fire Department offered blood

pressure monitoring, which resulted in the discovery of an acute hypertensive crisis in a patient. The individual was transported to an area hospital and the stroke team was able to immediately activate. Additionally, first responders were able to intervene during a routine wellness check and ultimately transport a patient to the hospital following a lung evaluation that revealed abnormalities.

"Oftentimes patients are reluctant to seek help until the situation becomes emergent. The Marion Cares Community EMS program has allowed us to become more involved in the ongoing health, well-being and successful proactive medical treatment of our community members," said EMS Director Lt. Lyle McKay. "We would like to thank our partners, the Board of Health and our community members for their support in making this program a reality and a success."

The Marion Cares Community EMS program continues to evolve and its objectives expand according to patient feedback. Ultimately, the goal is for the initiative to become a Mobile Integrated Health Care program, which is a multi-agency collaboration that delivers a coordinated continuum of care.

"While we are still in the early stages of the program, we saw great success in risk reduction and community interaction during the first full year of the initiative," said Marion Public Health Director Lori Desmarais. "We look forward to seeing additional





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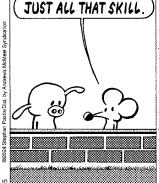
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis









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There are no Obituaries this week.

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.

positive effects as Marion Cares continues to evolve."

2024 Season at the Rochester Historical Society

February is when we all start to think of spring and a new season. We will be resuming meetings for the Historical Society beginning in April. Our meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month and begin at 7:00 pm and are open to all. However, we are always looking for new members. There are membership forms at the Plumb Library or you can contact me (Connie) at 617-750-2818 or eshbach2@aol.com to join.

We will begin on **April 17** with a discussion by members of the Rochester Land Trust. They will share their maps and their several new sites around town. This will tie in with our current exhibit Maps Signs and Celebrations which will soon be leaving. As always, there will be refreshments and conversation after the meeting.

Our May meeting will tie in with our upcoming exhibit "Our Past times: How we've entertained ourselves for the last 337 years." For many years going back to the 1920's, one didn't have to go far to find entertainment. Over the decades, plays, dances, sports and musical entertainment could be found in town or nearby. One musical group was The Woodchoppers. With guitar, accordion and banjo, they performed around the area.

On **May 15**, we will be reliving that experience with descendants of some of the original members performing.

June will bring the biggest event of 2024 with our new improved and expanded Historic Faire which will include music, games, living history, many activities for children and adults along with a bake sale. It will



take place the weekend of **June 22 and 23** and will take the place of our monthly meeting. More on additional activities later.

July will be music with Tom and Sheila Perry followed by our annual ice cream social on the 17.

There will be more later on the remaining events planned but a heads up - this year's yard sale will be **August 3 and 4**.

Mattapoisett Congregational Pancake Supper

It has been 3 years since we held our very popular Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. The pancake supper will be on Tuesday, **February 13** (day before Ash Wednesday), from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm, in Reynard Hall, 27 Church Street in Mattapoisett. All are welcome to attend for pancakes, sausage, toppings, drinks and fellowship. Freewill offering will be accepted to help support the church's work.

Shrove Tuesday is a day of celebration as well as penitence, because it's the last day before Lent. Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving something up. So Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to include yourself and to use up the foods that were typically not allowed in Lent.

For more information, please call the church office Monday - Thursday 8:00 - 1:00 at 508-758-2671.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS See past listing on our website: www.wand					
Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Pavao, Justin J	Paradise, Karen ATR	56 Marion Rd	Rochester	01/17/2024	640,000.00
Renauld, Jennifer L	Paradies, Karen ATR				
	Karen A Paradies RT				
Wojtasinski, Dana W	Long Built Homes Inc	33 Mattapoisett Neck Rd	Mattapoisett	01/18/2024	829,135.00
Wojtasinski, Joana					
Barker, Tracey L TR	Uva, Louis	12 Thistle Ln	Rochester	01/19/2024	680,000.00
Tracey, L Barker TA					
Lavely, Eugene	Popitz, Michael D	64 Indian Cove Rd	Marion	01/23/2024	1,850,000.00
Lavely, Julia Stiffler	Popitz, Frederique A				
Popitz, Michael D	Lewis, Judith G TR	11 Ryder Ln	Marion	01/23/2024	1,397,250.00
Popitz, Frederique A	Mcintire, Andrew F TR				
	Gee, Clark K TR				
	Barbara B Gee RT				

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by Mark Parisi



Local Tides						
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Day	Date	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	
Thursday	February 8	6:21	6:44		12:40	
Friday	February 9	7:11	7:34	12:26	1:25	
Saturday	February 10	7:59	8:23	1:21	2:09	
Sunday	February 11	8:48	9:13	2:15	2:50	
Monday	February 12	9:37	10:04	3:07	3:29	
Tuesday	February 13	10:28	10:57	3:57	4:07	
Wednesday	February 14	11:21	11:52	4:49	4:47	
Thursday	February 15		12:17	5:50	5:32	
Friday	February 16	12:49	1:14	7:36	6:27	
Saturday	February 17	1:49	2:14	9:16	7:37	
Sunday	February 18	2:55	3:21	10:24	9:05	
Monday	February 19	4:07	4:29	11:17	10:21	
Tuesday	February 20	5:12	5:27		11:10	
Wednesday	February 21	6:03	6:16	12:01	11:50	
Thursday	February 22	6:46	6:58	12:35	1:02	
Friday	February 23	7:23	7:37	12:30	1:27	
Saturday	February 24	7:58	8:13	1:10	1:53	
Sunday	February 25	8:30	8:47	1:50	2:20	
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I Found the Aardvark!

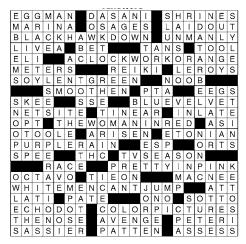
Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

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

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*In the February 1, 2024 edition the Aardvark was on page 22

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION



SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Prized 2. Sweet;

3. Simple; 4. Kidnap

Today's Word

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Friday, February 9 - Thursday, February 15, 2024

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Newman's Own 24 oz. Selected (Excludes Organic) Pasta Sauce	\$ 3 39
Minute 14 oz. White Rice	^{2/\$} 6
Full Circle Market 15 oz. Selected Organic Beans	2/\$3
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Friends' Premium Certified Black Angus Boneless Ribeye Steak

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Kayem 12 oz. Pkg. Selected Small Batch Bacon.....

Boar's Head PitCraft

Smoked Turkey.....

Store Made Tuna Salad.....

Boar's Head 10 oz. Pkg. Selected

Hummus Boar's Head

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Friends' Fresh Baked Turkey \$999



Catena 750 ml Argentina Malbec Wine \$7799

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Stonyfield
32 oz. Selected
(Excludes Greek)
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Quality Produce



Strawberries. \$499

California Navel Oranges. \$149

Cara Cara or Blood Oranges. \$199

Florida Green Peppers. \$169

Fresh Green Cabbage. 796

1 lb. Pkg. Organic Carrots. \$2/\$3

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