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Local Author Livens up Old Tale

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

Author Steven Dahill remembers his grandmother in Mattapoisett threatening to make misbehaving children disappear like the Mary Celeste crew.

The often-uttered threat would later serve as a source of inspiration for Dahill, who became an author and a sailor.

"It's a story I have heard for a long time," Dahill said.

Dahill lives in Boston but owns a home in Marion. He has many ties to the south coast and last summer released his first book in a trilogy about the 1872 disappearance of the Mary Celeste ship.

"The Secrets of Mary Celeste" can be purchased on Amazon.com and directly from the publisher at Jumpmasterpress.com.

Dahill and his editor Ghia Truesdale characterize the mystery as one of the greatest unsolved ones of all time – and a quick Google search would corroborate that claim.

Both Dahill and Truesdale say this seafaring mystery was the talk of towns all over the world until the Titanic crashed into an iceberg several decades later. It still endures as an intriguing mystery, spurring theories from extraterrestrial abduction, a giant squid attack, rogue tidal



On the Cover: There wasn't a lot of accumulation with the snow that fell on the weekend over the coast as the storm started with rain, but there was enough snow on Brandt Beach in Mattapoisett for a family to have some fun creating this feline creature with seashell eyes. He even has a tail. Photo courtesy Noi Sabal

wave to a Bermuda-Triangle-like disappearance.

Dahill said it even inspired a 19th century surgeon to change careers. That surgeon, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, is known for his character Sherlock Holmes.

The ship set sail for the Azores from New York in 1872 and was bound for Italy. It was found just around 400 miles off the coast of Azores. The approximate 10 passengers, including the captain, were missing. All cargo – including around 1,700 barrels of alcohol – were still present.

The sails were tattered and the lower levels of the ship were filling up with more than 2 feet of water, evidence that the Mary Celeste had become a ghost ship for several days before it was found by the Dei Gratia.

Dahill said ship piracy was prevalent during the time period, but there were no signs of struggle and no items stolen.

"If pirates had come aboard, they would have taken everything they could," Dahill said.

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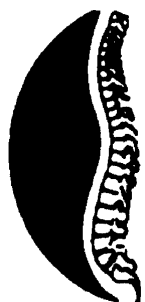
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Dahill said a British Admiralty court conducted a short investigation and ruled out foul play, but the captain of the Dei Gatia collected a portion of the insurance money.

"Was the captain of the Mary Celeste in cahoots somehow?" Dahill asked. "You really can't rule anything out."

Dahill's book looks to terrestrial causes, rather than piracy or supernatural elements, and his sailing experience also plays a role in the narrative. In fact, Dahill says he derived inspiration from Sherlock Holmes' approach to mysteries, believing that the most impossible mystery can be solved.

Truesdale says that although Dahill's sailing experience plays a pivotal role in his writing, the content is still accessible for those without much seafaring vocabulary. She recommends the book for middle school and high school students, as well as mystery lovers of all ages.

It's filled with a strong female character and a coming-of-age story, Truesdale says. Readers so far say it's a "page turner," according to Truesdale, who says she has "had the honor of reading the book 100 times over."

"The quality is wonderful for sailors and nonsailors," according to Truesdale. (Dahill) knows his stuff and uses the sailor vernacular. But for a nonsailor, it is a wonderful way to learn about sailing."

Dahill said that despite the unhappy ending for the crew, the book has a positive outlook on life, unlike many dystopian stories today.

The book recently sold out three times at the Sippican Historical Society.

It also further enhanced the Dahill name. His family has strong roots in the south coast. His great uncle was fire chief in New Bedford, and his great grandfather was a fire captain. Fire Chief Edward F. Dahill invented the first ladder hoist, which became known in 1902 as the Dahill hoist.

Meanwhile, Steve Dahill has made his name a popular one outside of writing and off land. He has been known to race boats along Buzzards Bay.

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Thing I Don't Understand

Thoughts on...

By Dick Morgado

January 14 is the anniversary of Andy Rooney's birthday, the late columnist, essayist and reporter. He was best known for his curmudgeonly commentaries on the TV magazine "60 Minutes." He was a proud veteran and successful writer. In honor of his journalistic legacy, I thought I would write a column he might just like. So, here goes.

Rooney would often start his essays with "I've been thinking...." Well, I've been thinking about things I don't understand. For example: Why do TV weather forecasters insist on saying a half-foot of snow instead of six inches? Six inches doesn't sound as bad, does it? You probably wouldn't even shovel six inches. Just drive over it, but half a foot, you better get out the snowblower.

On that same point, why say a half-dozen when you can say six? Six is only three letters. A half-dozen is nine letters plus a space. Life is too short to be wasting time.

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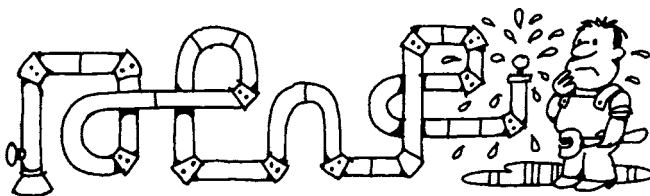
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Does anybody know why Wednesday has an N in it? Nobody says "Wed-nes-day."

Why do we have laws we don't enforce? Have you walked through our village lately? There are cars parked on the sidewalk everywhere; landscaper's trucks are the worst, especially in the summer. I once saw a fellow struggling to get his wheelchair up North Street because there were so many cars parked on the sidewalk. Are the police rationing paper to save money? I don't think a book of parking tickets would increase the tax rate much. Do you?

Why don't people pick up their dog's business? Why do some who do put it in a bag leave the bag on the sidewalk? I don't get it. I don't have a dog anymore, but if I did, would they like me to put my dog's doo on their front walk?

Why are concussions a big deal in football, but boxers get their brains beat up regularly, without a peep from the boxing commission or some other concerned organization?

Have you noticed that football players are required to wear padded helmets over their real helmets in practice? Why do they have to wear them in practice when they *don't* hit each other and not in games when they do?

Getting back to 60 Minutes, why do they say, "60 Minutes will follow immediately after the football game." It never does. They always show the end of another

game, then a postgame wrap-up and a half-dozen ... er, six, commercials. In all the years it has been on, I have never heard of anyone suing them for false advertising. Someone should.

Why does the local news cover national stories when the network repeats the same story right after? Why do the local stations cover the national news at all? If they just covered local news and let the big boys cover the national stuff, it wouldn't seem like there was as much bad news. We could sure use less bad news.

Why do the national news networks have one anchor when they cover the news of the whole world, and local newscasts employ two anchors when they cover local news?

Why do the local news stations have three weather reports in a 23-minute newscast? Does the weather change that fast?

By the way, the rest of the half-hour is filled with commercials for drugs. Why do they have to show them during the evening news? Because old people watch the evening news, and *we* know you can't get any of them without a prescription from our doctor. In fact, why do they advertise prescription drugs at all? They could save all those advertising dollars and lower the cost of the medicines. It is enough to make one sick.

Why does that junk removal company on TV with the blue trucks say in their commercials "All you have to do is point." Don't you have to pay? Or they say, "We'll be there before you hang up the phone." No, they won't! Isn't that false advertising?

Why do people pay attention to polls? Why does the news media fawn over them? One poll I saw said "A majority of Americans disapprove ..." of such and such a candidate. How do they know that? Read the fine print and you will find that they polled 1,000 people out of 260,836,730 Americans of voting age.

What!?

I'm not good at math, but that makes no sense to me. A thousand might be a majority of say, 1,500 people, but maybe there is another group of 1,000 people who feel otherwise. Sometimes the headline will read "40% of Americans disapprove of ..." something. Doesn't that

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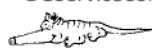


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mean that a majority feel otherwise? Maybe even 60% approve?

Why do newspaper columnists write these silly "Best of ..." or "Top 100..." or "Things I Don't Understand" columns?

Editor's note: Mattapoisett resident Dick Morgado is an artist and retired newspaper columnist whose musings are, after some years, back in The Wanderer under the subtitle "Thoughts on" Morgado's opinions have also appeared for many years in daily newspapers around Boston.

FDA Needs More Sticklers

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Ed Hoffer

The high point of the FDA (Food and Drug Administration) showing its worth came in 1960, when Dr. Frances Kelsey refused to let thalidomide be marketed in the U.S. She prevented the U.S. from experiencing the epidemic of babies born with deformed limbs to mothers who were prescribed the drug for morning sickness in Europe.

Do we still have similar guardians? Recent years have seen a raft of drugs and devices of dubious value approved by the FDA.

Example: Zurzuva was approved in August 2023 to treat postpartum depression. This is a major depressive disorder that begins during pregnancy or within four weeks after delivery. Standard recommended care is psychotherapy or the well-studied group of antidepressants called SSRI's (selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors.)

Zurzuva works on the same brain receptors as benzodiazepines (think Valium, Xanax) and barbiturates, and so not surprisingly causes sedation, sleepiness and dizziness, and most people who take it for over a week suffer withdrawal symptoms when they stop.

Two studies of 'Z' were done in women with severe postpartum depression, and in both it was compared to placebo, not SSRI's. It was superior, but the placebo group saw about 75% of the improvement seen in active drug users. The real test would have been in



comparison with a safer SSRI, not a placebo.

Moreover, even though only patients with severe depression were studied, the drug was approved for all patients with the disorder. I'd avoid it.

Example: In December 2019, the FDA approved the oral drug Olaparib for treatment of pancreatic cancer. This drug is priced at \$12,000 *per month*. The study leading to approval showed a very modest improvement in survival: 18.9 months versus 18.4, with no quality-of-life benefit. Statistically significant perhaps, but clinically? I'd also question using placebo rather than existing approved drugs as the comparison.

In addition to drugs, I could describe many devices of dubious value, but will only mention one in the

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interest of brevity.

In 2023, the FDA approved two devices that destroy nerves to the kidney to treating high blood pressure without medication. Two studies have been done. One showed no benefit, and one showed statistical lowering but by an average of 3 millimeters – less than the usual variation I would see between two measurements in the same visit. Is that worth the estimated \$6,000 that using the device will cost? Do we have data showing long-term benefit? (No!)

We should require that the pharmaceutical and medical-device industries fund studies that clearly define which patients will benefit from new drugs and devices. We should then also require our regulators to protect the public by forcing new innovations to pass a proper bar before being allowed on the market.

"Might help some people," at high cost and with potential side effects is not a high-enough bar, not when lives are at stake.

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.

Station Tour Showcases Team Effort


Tri-Town Select Board

By Mick Colageo

The Town of Rochester would like to replace its aged main fire station on Pine Street with something like what the Town of Mattapoisett built along Route 6 before the COVID-19 pandemic, but post-COVID construction costs and supply-chain issues are straining the building industry at large.

Nonetheless, Rochester officials were quite interested in checking out Mattapoisett's new public-safety facility during Tuesday's Tri-Town Select Board meeting.

Mattapoisett Fire Chief Andy Murray, who would conduct a group tour and take questions, estimated the hard construction cost of the 16,500 square-foot structure at \$7,400,000.



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"Other than that, we were able to stay under budget," said Murray, who leaned heavily on the expertise of Mike Hickey, a retired engineer and former call firefighter for a decade. Hickey chaired Mattapoissett's building committee.

"Through the whole process, we had to scale back and change. We started the project as much larger. ...," explained Murray.

As built, the Mattapoissett station completed in 2021 has nine garage doors with 4.5 bays. The two-floor facility has four full-time employees on site and can sleep many more. Equipment includes giant touch screens on the walls of the meeting and conference rooms and a grant-funded fitness room.

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Asked by Rochester Select Board member Adam Murphy if there were issues that came up for Mattapoisett that Rochester officials could proactively address, and Murray recommended a soil test.

"We ran into unsuitable soils," he said, noting that the resultant dig went down to the groundwater table.

Rochester Town Administrator Glenn Cannon asked about contingencies. Murray said the town set aside over \$500,000.

The rest of the Tri-Town Select Board agenda consisted of some substantial discussions about issues especially affecting one of the three communities but of interest to all three.

Marion Town Administrator Geoff Gorman asked the stakeholders as to any interest in discussing a potential municipal agreement with the towns' departments of Public Works to share services and especially heavy equipment.

With each town's DPW projecting out 10-year capital plans, the opportunity to join forces was considered mutually attractive.

Mattapoisett Select Board member Jordan Collyer asked if such a cooperative would complicate insurance coverage. Gorman indicated belief that need not be a sticking point.

Rochester Select Board member Brad Morse said, "It's up to our Highway (Department) guy (Jeff Eldridge.) Are we in favor of it? Absolutely."

Murphy suggested sharing equipment is better for the equipment itself and noted that the Tri-Towns' Fire and Police departments share mutual aid.

Town officials will discuss the matter among themselves.

Rochester Select Board Chairman Paul Ciaburri indicated that the town would like to leave its regional dispatch based in Duxbury, and he asked if there is any mutual interest in a Tri-Town dispatch.

"Unless we find another regional center to go to, our hands are tied," said Murphy, noting that Rochester is currently under contract and pays for dispatch service. "We're looking for something closer."

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Rochester is in the first year of a two-year contract with the Duxbury-based dispatch (18 months remaining.) Murphy said the State 911 office wants regionalization in order to minimize feedback.

Rochester has another complication, as its Police Department recently went to a digital system but the Fire Department has not.

Expanding the concept to address road repair, Marion Select Board Chairman Toby Burr considers it worthwhile for the Tri-Towns to join together when it can on bid processes for repairs to various roads. A coordinated effort would minimize redundancies and save each town money.

Mattapoisett Select Board Chairman Jodi Bauer said she would love to see a solar array in the Old Rochester Regional High School parking lot. In discussing Rochester's complications in trying to reach agreement with the contractor in the case of the solar canopy planned for the elementary school, Macallister indicated he can help. Murphy plans to contact Macallister to consult on the matter.

Cannon suggested a regional approach to the broadband grant program. He said that the Southeastern Massachusetts Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) is involved with the Municipal Digital Equity Grant Program that provides towns with a signal-gap analysis. "A regional application usually carries more weight with the state," he said.

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The membership agreed that it has been over two years since the Tri-Town Select Board has met. It was agreed that the boards will reconvene in the middle of June and that Marion will host the meeting.

The Rochester Select Board voted to enter an executive session, while Mattapoisett members took a short break in advance of their own public meeting.

The next meeting of the Tri-Town Select Board was not scheduled upon adjournment but is anticipated in June.

Historic District Will Take Time

Marion Select Board

By Mick Colageo

With the assistance of two consultants, the Marion Historic District Study Committee created a working list of over 250 Marion properties covering three and potentially five historic districts.

So reported Will Tift to the Marion Select Board during its January 3 public meeting at the Town House.

One of several residents appointed to the committee by the Select Board, Tift said the committee has conducted surveys on the Wharf village (including Cottage, Water and parts of Pleasant Streets based on an 1855 surveyed map.) An informational presentation displaying the suggested district with a 40-page preliminary proposal for the consumption of area citizens packed out the Music Hall.

Tift explained to the Select Board on January 3 that the request to study the prospects for such a district came with the promises not to spend any town money and to conduct the study "in a reasonable amount of time."

"Our feeling was that we could get this done in time for the next Town Meeting," he said, qualifying that with the suspicion that it might take longer and should not be a hurried process.

The year-old effort, Tift said, was to produce a decision that would benefit residents inside and outside the district.

As Town Administrator Geoff Gorman explained, the committee is working with a consultant and with Marion's legal advisors to create an historic district, using adequate exemptions to ensure that members in the town's proposed district are made comfortable with the action.

Tift said the committee is considering two options: creating a district using MGL 40A as a zoning bylaw and using the Zoning Board of Appeals or using MGL 40C (the chapter used to create the study group) as a general bylaw and using a yet-to-be-formed Historic Commission.

The primary difference between these two options is that MGL 40C and a historic commission has a much more restrictive exemption list, and there's no legal support for local changes.

Delays in correspondence at the state level are

leveraging a decision that some would rather be made slowly anyway.

As the committee has sought guidance from the attorney general regarding the legalities involved, the delay makes it clear to Tift that it would be impossible to meet the state's 60-day review schedule and the town's review in time to make the annual Town Meeting.

Tift said he was representing the committee's request to take more time with an eye on a special fall Town Meeting. Tift told the Select Board that all committee members are willing to continue volunteering their time in order to further educate the public about the district.

Select Board member Randy Parker asked Tift to explain what "Historic District Light" means. Further, board member Norm Hills asked Tift if the committee can provide any documentation explaining the difference between the two approaches.

Tift offered a verbal explanation, saying that an "historic district light" offers property owners many more exemptions so that they can do things on their own property that would otherwise not be allowed under a more traditional, stricter historic district.

He said one of the more common comments is the concern that people don't want to be told what color they can paint their front door. "Light" would allow homeowners more flexibility even as it concerns design features.

Parker applauded the committee for its thorough process and issued a motion that the committee be granted an extended time to continue to pursue the facts that would enable a more complete presentation to the board.

Tift suggested that much of the committee's ability to follow suit depends on the state government.

Select Board Chairman Toby Burr said something of this importance should be decided by voters at a spring (Annual) Town Meeting. "If we don't make this spring town meeting, we should go to next spring town meeting," he said.

The board agreed to extend the commissioning of the committee to spring 2025.

Gorman told the board he would provide the members information on the case of Hancock Village LLC versus the Town of Brookline.

In other action, the Select Board voted to approve the Annual Report to the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC.) It voted to approve a one-day liquor license for ICJ Corporation for an event to be

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The board met on January 4 solely to approve a one-day liquor license for a private event held Friday at the Music Hall and took part in Tuesday's tour of the Mattapoisett Fire Station and the Tri-Town Select Board meeting that followed.

The next meeting of the Marion Select Board is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, at 6:00 pm at the Town House Annex Building accessible off Main Street.

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Village Tree Cutting Years Away

Mattapoisett Select Board

By Marilou Newell

Deep into a long night of meeting with the Tri-Town Select Board and then holding their regular meeting, the members of the Mattapoisett Select Board heard from Sandy Hering, chairman of the Mattapoisett Tree Committee.

Hering once again stated her concerns that residents didn't have the information needed to make an informed decision regarding the Village Street reconstruction project. The project pegged at an estimated \$8,000,000 is nearing the completion of 25% design

necessary for Massachusetts Transportation Department review for possible funding via the TIP program.

Hering reiterated that earlier meetings weren't well-attended and thought the Select Board needed to hold well-publicized public meetings before moving forward with designs that she believed would change the quaint seaside landscape of the village area. "Our citizens are not informed," Hering stated, asking the board to do what they could.

But the Select Board responded that some 20 public meetings had been held, primarily in 2017-18 and that if people wanted to share comments or had questions those would be answered, provided emails and letters with residents' names were submitted to the board.

Jordan Collyer, Select Board member, said input would be responded to and taken into consideration, but board member Tyler Macallister pointed out that substantive changes to plans accepted by MassDOT would likely not be considered.

Hering suggested that the town not take the grant money but instead break the work up into smaller pieces, doing it themselves. Town Administrator Mike Lorenco reminded Hering that property owners would have to pay over \$3,000 each to make up the difference.

The Tree Committee chairman returned to previous points made about ideas and a presentation the committee had submitted for the engineers, VHB, to take into consideration as they drew up the 25% design, submissions she said were never incorporated into the planning. Hering again asked for a public meeting be held to educate the public on the full scope of the proposed village streets reconstruction.

Mike Rosa, a member of Capital Planning and the Holy Ghost Grounds Reuse Committee, said people don't attend public meetings for a variety of reasons including meetings he holds. "People aren't that interested unless it's something big." He also wondered why Hering wasn't focusing public information meetings on agendas for the Tree Committee.

After about 20 minutes, the board determined to place the subject of a possible public meeting on a future agenda, telling Hering that even if the 25% design is accepted by the state, it would be several years before shovels would turn the ground.

In earlier business, the board accepted an updated flag policy for public buildings and properties. The board felt it was important to ensure that the public understands what flags may be flown on town-owned locations, given recent issues that arose in neighboring communities. The last sentence of the policy (available in the Select Board office) reads, "No other flags shall be allowed to be flown on Town-owned flagpoles as those flagpoles and this policy are not intended to establish or serve to create a forum for private expression."

Lorenco noted that several grants were

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pending or had been received, namely \$132,479 from the Community Compact for IT upgrades, \$90,000 for broadband upgrades and an ADA grant which is pending. Lorenzo also said that the Finance and Capital Planning committees have met several times, ramping up financials for the spring Town Meeting. He hoped to have a draft FY25 in the near term.


Lorenzo said a public-input session addressing the Holy Ghost Grounds project will be held on Wednesday, January 24, at 6:00 pm at the Fire Station.

The board also approved a letter to be sent to the ABCC (Alcohol Beverage Control Commission), attesting to Mattapoisett's seasonal population increase to 10,800. Lorenzo stated that alcohol permitting is based on populations.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board was not announced before adjournment.

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Fire Department Makes Modest Requests for FY25

Mattapoisett Capital Planning

By Marilou Newell

The January 8 meeting of the Mattapoisett Capital Planning Committee found the members reviewing the needs of the Mattapoisett Fire Department as presented by Chief Andrew Murray for FY25. The list of needs totals a mere \$37,000, small potatoes when contrasted against previous years' needs, as well as needs on the 10-year capital plan.

The list contains a request of \$8,000 for a new pump for the department's forestry pump truck, \$18,000 for hose replacements and \$11,000 for new helmets. Regarding the need for new helmets, Murray explained that helmets have a 10-year life span before NFPA (National Fire Protection Agency) regulations require their replacement.

When asked the frequency of use for the pump truck, Murray responded up to 10 times a year. However, it is the primary vehicle slated for use along the bike path.

A Firefighter Safety Equipment grant in the amount of \$15,500 has been secured, Murray noted, reducing the amount needed from the town's coffers for the purchase of new hoses.

Regarding funding of the three capital planning requests, Murray noted they would be funded via free cash. Town Administrator Mike Lorenzo stated

in a follow-up that free cash stands at approximately \$1,000,000.

The need for a ladder truck has been discussed in several meetings but for now is merely a place holder in the department's capital planning. Murray said that Marion would continue to provide that equipment in the mutual-aid scenario.

On the capital planning 10-year horizon for the Fire Department are: \$800,000 for Engine 2 replacement FY26; \$150,000 for new frame for Engine 1; and for FY28, \$800,000 for a new rescue truck.

Lorenzo cautioned that while the immediate financial future of the town remains strong, judicious spending should continue to be the rule.

Lorenzo was to have given the committee his capital needs report for Town Hall, but pressing attention to replacing several department heads has had to come first.

The town of Mattapoisett needs to replace a library director, a treasurer/collector, a town accountant and a director of inspectional services.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Capital Planning Committee is scheduled for Monday, January 29, at 5:30 pm.

Abutters Have Say on Solar Array

Rochester Planning Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

As it faced a roomful of abutters concerned about the installation's effect on their neighborhood, Rochester's Planning Board Tuesday continued until February its public hearing on the Special Permit and Site Plan Review application for BWC Snows Pond LLC's plan to build a solar-energy array on 12.55 acres of a 31-acre parcel at 0 Cushman Road.

Abutter Melinda Sherman-Morris asked engineering consultant Andrew Hamel why the developer needs to take out approximately 2 acres of trees in the area and much of a stone wall to fit his project. Hamel said these steps were needed to squeeze the installation into the area of the parcel that the developer is being restricted to use.

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Abutter Claudette Tobin noted her grandfather sold the Cushman Road property to the parcel's previous owners. She said she now has concerns about how the installation would "scar" the area and have a serious environmental impact on the neighborhood. She wanted to know what will happen to groundwater quality should the industrial batteries that will be installed leak.

The installation is expected to include a 2.39 MW DC single-access tracking PV array and associated battery energy storage. Hamel said no study he has ever seen has indicated a solar installation will impact groundwater in any way.

Tobin was then asked if these batteries have ever caught fire. Hamel said that hasn't happened with any project he has been involved with.

He added that the developer will not know what type of batteries he will use until later in the planning process, considering the permitting process for such an installation will take over a year, out of a concern over changing technologies.

This response led Planning Board members to raise their own concerns. John DeMaggio said he did not like approving a solar installation plan that includes not knowing that factor.

"I don't like not knowing that," he said. "Should we ask them to come back when they know?"

"We'll need more specifics before they start construction," board member Lee Carr said.

Board Chairman Arnold Johnson prodded Hamel to agree to state the type of batteries the developer will use on the plans the panel approves but would be allowed to change, with approval, at a later date.

Johnson noted the board is now awaiting the developer's full response to the town's engineer review of the plans. He said the Planning Board will likely make the decision on February 27.

Hamel said that, because of delays from Eversource's part of the permitting process, installation may not begin until 2027.

In other action, the board endorsed an Approval Not Required application for a 14-acre parcel on Mendell Road filed by 15A Mendell Road Realty Trust. It then

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reviewed a Special Permit Application for a residential back lot at that Mendell Road address for a plan to subdivide the lot for residential use.

Johnson concluded this review by telling project consultant Walter Hartley that Town Planner Nancy Durfee would immediately draw up a board decision.

The board continued its review of the Site Plan Review application for JPF Development's plan to build a 15-acre self-storage facility at Kings Highway and Route 28 until January 23, in response to the applicant's request.

The board voted to recommend Zoning bylaw amendments regarding revising the Cranberry Highway Smart Growth Overlay District at 621 County Road to include an additional 1.3-acre parcel at the County Road end of the district at the January 22 Special Town Meeting.

The board approved releasing \$771,500 of the performance bond for The Village Phase III project, leaving \$208,500 remaining.

The board extended the Route 495 40R housing development project by 18 months due to planning delays caused by an appeal filed in 2021 by the Buzzards Bay Coalition.

The Rochester Planning Board will meet next on Tuesday, January 23, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.



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Path Drainage A Complex Matter

Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission

By Mick Colageo

The Point Road Bike Path will take shape this spring, but it is a matter of carefully stacked layers of materials designed to hold the grade and also properly process drainage.

Deb Ewing, Chairman John Rockwell and Marc Sylvia represented the Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission at its January 4 Zoom meeting.

The meeting began with discussion of a December 27 meeting of vendors to discuss gravel placement and compacting. Rockwell forwarded questions and received several emails from vendors.

Expecting to read about a gravel surface, resident attendee Shaun Walsh pointed out that the donation being made by Makepeace A.D./Reed Custom Soils is listed as "a very fine sand."

Walsh says that is one step away from silt, which would mean no drainage after compaction, but Rockwell explained that the sand is a sub-base material to be under base and top materials. "This is just to bring it up to grade," said Rockwell.

Walsh also sought to clarify that the town will remain the responsible party for compaction testing.

"I'd be surprised if 10 years from now there isn't some settling," said Rockwell. "One of the issues that we're going to have to look at is this issue of drainage coming off Point Road."

He recommended putting in stakes and taking note of low spots to fill in and address those areas at the same time the final top is being put on.

Rockwell estimates the finished product will contain a top material of 3 inches of gravel to the 8-foot width of the path. It is yet unknown if that material will also be donated.

Ewing clarified that the current bidding process is regarding the fine sand and sought to establish direction for next steps.

Rockwell suggested that drainage requires on-site observation because, with every 1 to 2 inches in rise, water will flow in different directions.

Walsh articulated concern about the contract to grind down large boulders and asked about the vendor's schedule. He thought the project would be completed by now but no longer knows what to expect.

Ewing said she would reach out to Arne Excavating, which had agreed to take 6 inches to a foot off the stones. Walsh called that activity a roadblock to the project's progress.

Bids on the rest of the project were due January 10.

Walsh asked if Rockwell will be working on the next bidding document for the top material. Rockwell is thinking gravel with process stone on top, a fine material that does not hold up well against rain if placed on a slope. He intends to consult with experts before embarking on that piece of the project.

All MOSAC meetings except for site visits are held via Zoom, so Rockwell's southern travel and Ewing's will not impede their ability to hold meetings.

Resident Carol Molander volunteered to take photos of the work while Rockwell and Ewing are away.

The next meeting of the Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission is scheduled for Thursday, February 1, at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Old Landing to Get DIY Treatment

Marion Marine Resources Commission

By Mick Colageo

Former Marion Harbormaster Isaac Perry, now serving the Town of Mattapoisett, will be sought out by the Marion Marine Resources Commission for his help.

The dock is no longer in service at Old Landing after the last storm tore it away from the pilings. As of Monday, the Harbormaster Department was in the process of removing it from the seawall.

"That float is no longer able to be used," said Marion Harbormaster Adam Murphy in his report to the Marion Marine Resources Commission on Monday night. He described a giant hole in the middle of the gangway, having been torn up by the cleats.

A repair business from Bellingham visited and determined it would cost the town \$150 per square foot

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to replace the dock with a concrete float. The dock would cost \$65,000 and the gangway another \$13,000.

The idea would be to build two, 20-foot floats that will tie into the 30-foot float at the end. Deputy Harbormaster Dave Wilson estimated a \$3,100 cost for the hardware.

"We're going to have to ask for a transfer (of funds) ... we're going to have to have those in the water in April," said Murphy. "We can build them in March and April in the parking lot. ... as crazy as it sounds, ... we'll just have to borrow space."

The boat ramp, he said, is fine, but the gangway is no good.

"We've been band-aiding up those gangways for a decade," he said, noting they are full of salt. "The infrastructure ... it's time we took a good look at it and started budgeting things one thing at a time."

Murphy called the insurance company but reported a lack of interest in supporting a claim, contending that flood damage was the cause. Murphy insists the damage was not from the flood but the wind. He said insurance adjusters will make a determination, but the burden falls on the town to demonstrate its claim for coverage.

"Call it another \$80,000 hit to the Waterways (Account) if we have to replace it," he said. "Even if we ordered one today or in a few months, we're not going to see it until after the summer anyway ... this is really problematic. ... We have to do something, we can't do nothing."

This is where Perry would be of significant help in drawing up plans to build two floats for an in-house construction project, something common in the department back when the town owned property on Atlantis Drive and several, part-time workers were readily available for such projects.

Harbormaster Department member Andrew Miller has been working 40-hour weeks but will be attending the state police academy and will be unavailable for the entire 2024 boating season. Murphy hopes he can get interns from nearby Massachusetts Maritime Academy.



As its new Maritime Center is built over the next nine months at Island Wharf, the Harbormaster Department faces other major issues.

The department's workboat lost its lower unit, and Murphy reported a repair estimate of \$5,600 and said he is working with the insurance company on the matter.

Murphy credited the Marion Fire Department for offering use of its fire boat, especially as a 5:00 am call came in from a group of hunters whose boat had drifted away from them.

As for the department's capital-projects outlook, grant funding will be researched, especially considering the Coast Guard's pullback from round-the-clock policing of Cape Cod Canal.

Murphy said, under its new schedule, the Coast Guard station in the canal will operate 40 hours from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

"Cape Cod Canal, one of the most important waterways. We're the gatekeepers of it," said Murphy, noting that Marion responds to the worst calls and the majority of calls. "And now the Coast Guard is going to be on call. That's a bad thing as far as the government stepping back, but ... when we write that grant (application for the workboat) ... basically we're at the gate of that canal ... that's Homeland Security. We have a pretty good argument."

Other capital costs going forward will include the three main floats in front of the department office at

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\$6,000 or \$7,000 each, a replacement of the shellfish upweller at \$30,000, ammunition and new dry suits that Murphy says have been reduced to powder.

"We're still trying to do a lot of those things in-house," he said, estimating it would cost a total of \$250,000 to repair everything at Old Landing.

There was more interest expressed among the membership to raise fees, but Murphy cautioned against seeking more fee increases. He said he has a meeting with new Finance Director Heather O'Brien on Thursday, January 11, at 3:00 pm to discuss the Waterways Account.

MRC member Tad Wollenhaupt continues to seek clarity on how it gets decided what goes in and comes out of the Waterways Account. Referencing his upcoming meeting with O'Brien, Murphy noted other personnel changes in town offices that he hopes will help bring an end to some of the MRC's frustration.

Murphy said the state's Seaport Economic Council has done everything it can for the town in regards to the new headquarters under construction. He has been quite impressed with the work of Marion Building Commissioner Bob Grillo, who is acting as site manager for the project.

Murphy anticipates an article on Bird Island and the lighthouse on the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

The next meeting of the Marion Marine Resources Commission is scheduled for Monday, February 12, at 7:00 pm at the Police Station on Route 6.

Library Seeks Volunteer Web Design

Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library Board of Trustees

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library needs an up-to-date, easier-to-use website and to make its lower-level entrance more accessible to people with disabilities. Both concerns were the feature of the Library Board of Trustees' meeting Monday.

The January 22 Special Town Meeting will be asking voters to spend \$3,000 from Capital Improvement Funds to install an accessible walkway to the lower-level, side-door entrance. Library Director Kristen Cardoso told

the board Monday that Facilities Manager Andrew Daniel considers the walkway an accessibility issue because otherwise, the door leads to a sharp drop from the floor inside to the ground outside. She said Daniel had to convince the Select Board against dropping the expense from the Jan. 22 meeting warrant.

The trustees indicated they were fully behind the project. Trustees Chairperson Kelley Medeiros said it's a project that has needed to be done ever since the basement was renovated to host programming and a new entrance built. "It's a project that's we've waited to be done a long time," she said.

Cardoso also reported that she recently asked the company that donated the library's original website to the town at no cost, how much it would cost to redesign the site so that the library staff can rewrite its components on its own. She said she was told the cost would range between \$5,000 and 6,750 to redesign the site. The cost would be \$8,000 for a totally new website.

That led the trustees to consider other options. Medeiros asked what about a donated effort from a local school or college? She noted the board has received no response after reaching out to Old Colony Regional Vocational High School. But what about Old Rochester Regional or any of the local colleges, she wondered aloud.

"It could be a special project for a student," trustee Michael King said.

But we'd also love to simply get a volunteer, Medeiros added.

The trustees decided to share the responsibility for each member to email a local school or college with a plea for volunteer help. (Medeiros also asked The Wanderer reporter attending the meeting to spread the word that the library needs volunteer help creating a new website. Consider it done.)

In other business, Cardoso noted in her report to the board the flattering results of the recent Master Plan Update public survey. The survey revealed that 40% of respondents were "satisfied" with town library services and 35 percent were "very satisfied."

The Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library Board of Trustees will meet next on Thursday, February 8, at 6:30



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New Year, Same Bulldogs

Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

The Old Rochester Regional High School boys' basketball team defeated Seekonk, 68-43, away on January 5. Zack Mourao had 18 points, including six 3-pointers, as Chase Besancon also had 18 points and had another great rebounding and defensive game. The game was tied at 19-19 in the second quarter, and the Bulldogs went on a 13-0 run and led 38-25 at half. Seekonk cut into the lead in the third quarter, but ORR put the game away with a 20-7 fourth quarter.

The Bulldogs took a 7-2 (4-0 South Coast Conference) record into Tuesday night's home game against Somerset Berkley. They visit Fairhaven on Friday, January 12, at 6:30 pm.

Swimming

The ORR boys and girls swim teams were victorious, defeating Bishop Stang High School on January 5. Anna McCarthy won the 100 butterfly and 500 freestyle for the girls, and Katie Anderson won the 200 freestyle. For the boys, Sam Raynor won the 200 and 100 freestyles, and Riley Karo won the 100 butterfly. The Bulldogs were scheduled to swim at Seekonk on Tuesday and visit New Bedford High on Thursday, January 11, at 4:00 pm.

Girls Basketball

ORR girls' basketball defeated visiting Seekonk, 62-49, on January 5. Emerson Gonet was named player of the game. The Bulldogs were scheduled to visit Somerset Berkley on Tuesday night and host Apponequet on Tuesday, January 16, at 6:30 pm.

Hockey

The ORR/Fairhaven hockey team broke a five-game winless skid with a 7-0 victory over host Monomoy Regional on January 6 in Dennis. The Bulldogs host Monomoy in a rematch on Saturday, January 16, at 2:00 pm at Tabor Academy.



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Mattapoisett Holy Ghost Committee

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

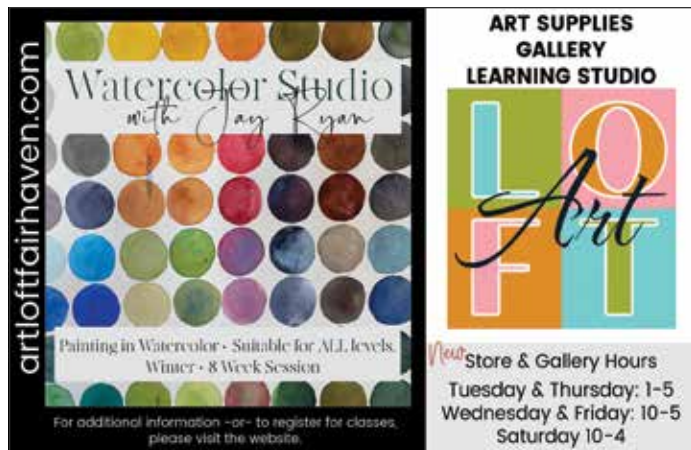


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on that survey with opportunities for additional public input. Any residents that wish to share their thoughts on potential reuse options are encouraged to attend.

Mattapoisett Library Artist Series Meet & Greet

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



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

Academic Achievements

Husson University is pleased to celebrate the academic achievements of students recently named to the President's List, Dean's List and Honors List for the Fall 2023 semester of the 2023-2024 academic year, including **Elizabeth Bungert** of Mattapoisett – Honors; **Tessa DeMaggio** of Rochester - President's List; **Emma Mello** of Mattapoisett - President's List.

It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates **Peter Garcia** of Marion, **Joseph Reardon** of Mattapoisett, **Aaron Bates** of Mattapoisett and **Lynne Moody** of Mattapoisett on being named to the Fall 2023 President's List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Luke Mullen of Mattapoisett has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Fall 2023 Dean's List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Torsten Charles Brickley of Mattapoisett, a freshman majoring in engineering studies, was named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2023 semester at Clarkson University.

Julia Jeffries, of Marion, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the College of Charleston.

Matt Dems to Hold Speakers' Forum

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

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

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

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

Marion Community Preservation Committee

Applications for Community Preservation Act funding are now available in the Town Clerk's office at the Marion Town House located at 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738. The Community Preservation Act is a Massachusetts Law that allows participating cities and towns to adopt a real estate tax surcharge supplemented by State matching funds in order to fund community preservation. Eligible projects must be directed towards: open space/recreation, historic preservation or community housing. Applications must be received no later than 4:00 pm on **February 5** to be considered for presentation at the May 2024 Annual Town Meeting.

Past Community Preservation funds have been used to:

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

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

One Up Games presents a playable history of video games - Saturday **January 20** from 12 to 3 pm at the Marion Music Hall - Learn about the evolution of video game consoles by playing retro & modern games. A great time for all the gamers in the family.

Marion Arts Center Presents Creative Writing Sessions – **January 23** at 6 pm - Writing is normally a solitary endeavor, but join a writing prompt session for a social twist. Spur ideas and explore writing techniques. Bring your favorite writing tools. Find registration link on our website.

Homeschool Meet-Up – Thursday **January 25** at 11 am - Meet other homeschool families and learn about library resources.

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

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

In 2026, the United States will be celebrating its 250th Anniversary. Just recently, an official government committee came up with a logo for the celebration. It will

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be interesting to see how Rochester chooses to celebrate. As mentioned in a previous article, the Bicentennial Celebrations included a Ball and plans for a small parade, a time capsule (to be opened on the 250th) and a town picnic, among other events.

One such event was the Beard Growing competition. It must have been popular, as it was repeated



at a later celebration. Records don't say how many beards were entered. The judges were members of the Old Dartmouth Militia who had an encampment on the Green during the festivities. They were Roland Trahan, Gary Golus and Richard Schweidenback.

The winners pictured here won in three different categories. From left to right are: Louis Ouelette for most unusual, George E. Church for the longest beard and Herbert Wood for best groomed. Each of the winners received a U.S. Savings bond, an apt prize for a Bicentennial contest. With just two years until the Nation's 250th, we all need to think about how to celebrate, either by borrowing from the past or by coming up with new ideas and oh, yes, we need to find that time capsule.

Native American Archaeological Sites

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

Financial Peace University at FCCR

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Classes meet every Saturday at 9:00 am for nine (9) weeks and last approximately 1.5 hours. They begin with fellowship as we grab some breakfast grub, continue as we check-in on the week's progress and watch a session of the video-led curriculum and end with open discussion as we journey alongside one another to stay on track. Classes are coordinated by Jeff and Amanda Costa



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Pinecone Bird Feeder Craft with MLT

Drop by Dunseith Gardens at the corner of North Street and Route 6 between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm on Monday **January 15** to craft your own pinecone bird feeder to hang in your backyard. Mattapoisett Land Trust will have a tent set up and all supplies needed for you and the family to make pinecone bird feeders.

There is plenty of parking for this free, drop-by event. Come by with the family and make a fun winter



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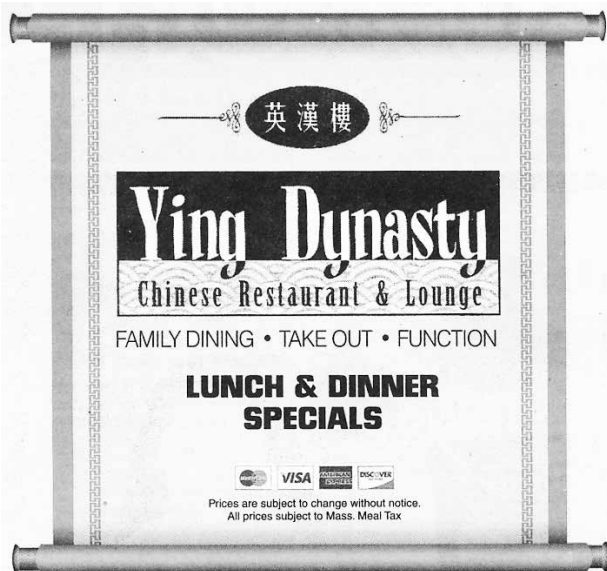
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Thursday January 11, 2024

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

Friday January 12, 2024

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

1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Christmas in the Tri-Town
3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road
3:30 PM This is America and the World
4:00 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
5:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Christmas Concert
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Sipican Choral Society - Christmas Concert
8:00 PM Sipican Historical Society - Celebrating the Archive with Leslie Thayer Piper
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday January 13, 2024

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

Sunday January 14, 2024

6:00 AM Health Source
6:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape

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

Monday January 15, 2024

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

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

Tuesday January 16, 2024

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

Wednesday January 17, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:00 AM Mattapoissett 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 Mattapoissett 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 Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
4:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Christmas Concert
5:30 PM Building the Future
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Let's Talk Business
7:30 PM Sipican Choral Society - Christmas Concert
9:00 PM ORR Football vs Attleboro
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

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GOVERNMENT

Comcast Channel 26

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
7:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission
8:00 AM Marion Planning Board
10:30 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
11:30 AM Marion School Committee
12:30 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
1:30 PM Marion Finance Committee
2:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
3:30 PM Marion Board of Health
4:30 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission
5:00 PM ORR School Committee
6:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
7:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission
7:30 PM Marion Planning Board
10:00 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
11:00 PM Marion School Committee

ROCHESTER

GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
8:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
9:00 AM Rochester Planning Board

10:30 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
11:00 AM Rochester School Committee
12:00 PM ORR School Committee
1:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
2:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
3:30 PM Rochester Planning Board
5:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
5:30 PM Rochester School Committee
6:30 PM ORR School Committee
8:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
9:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
10:00 PM Rochester Planning Board
11:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

EDUCATION

CHANNEL

Comcast Channel 8

Verizon Channel 37

Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM Bulldog Sports Show
8:00 AM ORR School Committee
9:30 AM Center School Kindergarten Info Session
10:30 AM Old Colony Jungle Book Play
11:30 AM Old Colony Robotics Competition
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM Bulldog Sports Show
1:00 PM ORR Pep Rally
2:00 PM ORR Call Olympics
3:00 PM ORR Theater - The Addams Family Shakespearean Adventure
4:00 PM ORR Unified Basketball vs Tri-Town Police
5:00 PM Old Colony Welding Class Graduation
5:30 PM ORR Hall of Fame - Buddy Thomas
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM Bulldog Sports Show
7:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Groton-Dunstable
8:00 PM ORR Student vs Staff Basketball Fundraiser
9:00 PM ORR Girls Softball vs New Bedford Vocational Tech
11:30 PM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs Apponequet

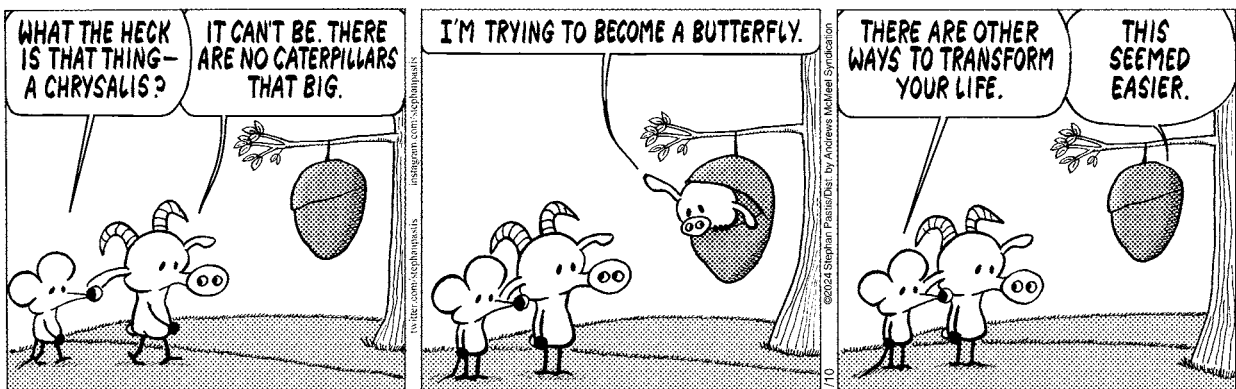
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Tracks and Traces with MassAudubon and MLT

MassAudubon and Mattapoissett Land Trust have partnered up to run a fun family hike this winter, Tracks and Traces. Join us for a hike on Saturday **January 13** in the Old Aucoot District where we will be searching for signs of wildlife. We will learn about animal tracks and other clues that help us to identify wildlife.

The hike will go from 10:00-11:00 am, beginning from the Mattapoissett Land Trust trailhead at the Prospect



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Mattapoissett Republican Party Meeting

The Mattapoissett Republican Party invites everyone interested to join us on Thursday, **January 18** from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoissett. Doors open at 6 pm and guest speaker at 6:30 pm. To start the 2024 election year

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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Preceded by rain, the snow that fell on the Tri-Towns was wet and sticky, as seen on the icy tree limbs melting in the Monday afternoon sun in Rochester. Photos by Mick Colageo



Ruth A. Griffin shared this photo she took at Ned's Point in Mattapoisett.



The Tri-Town Select Board meeting began Tuesday with a tour of the Mattapoisett Fire Station conducted by Fire Chief Andy Murray. The Town of Rochester is facing a massive building project that will upgrade its Fire and Police facilities. Photo by Mick Colageo

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

off strong, you do not want to miss this month's guest speaker Bill Gillmeister. Bill is a man of faith, family and country. He provides campaign trainings, Advocate Leadership Trainings for local grassroots initiatives. He has over 25 years' experience driving public policy in local, state and federal government while working for the MA Department of Agricultural Resources, Financial and Policy Director for the Coalition for Marriage and Family and Executive Director for Renew MA Coalition. He also served 15 years on his local school committee.

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

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

Quahog Book Award Returns

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

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

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

New Year Classes at the Marion Art Center

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

register online at marionartcenter.org/adult-classes.

Chuck's Fantasia - Artwork by Chuck McIntyre

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

Great Decisions Program

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is offering their Great Decisions 2024 Program. The program begins on **January 17**, the third Wednesday for eight consecutive weeks, ending Wednesday **March 6**. The program meets from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm at The Mattapoisett Public Free Library, on 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett, MA, downstairs in the Community Room. Please enter at the side door where there is accessibility with an elevator. The topics are very current and full of global affairs based on international issues. We watch a 20-minute DVD session that corresponds with the reading.

Some of the topics include US & China trade rivalry, Climate Technology and competition and NATO's future.

The program is open to all community members on a first-come basis. The Zoom platform is also available.

To register: Please send a check for \$40.00, Mattapoisett Woman's Club, Box 1444, Mattapoisett MA 02739, Attn: Treasurer (memo on check Great Decisions.) On a separate paper, please print your Name, Address, Email address, Phone Number (both landline and cell # if available) for the records.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Overwhelming

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

***The Boy and the Heron.* An animated film directed by Hayao Miyazaki. Running time: 124 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. Now playing in theaters.**

Much of Hayao Miyazaki's masterful new film *The Boy and the Heron* deals with grief, desolation, and the need for a veteran creator to contend with his own legacy. Heavy stuff, but moment to moment, there is such enormous pleasure in the little things that Miyazaki takes care to animate. When the wind picks up, it stirs hair, beard hair, even eyebrows and eyelashes. When people climb into and out of a pedicab, or cycle rickshaw, the conveyance tilts or sinks or lifts according to the weight of the passengers. As wild as the events get, they hold to a rigorous sense of physical realism. *Everything* in the frame has been thought about — why animate it if it shouldn't be there? why not animate it *correctly* if it *should* be there? — and *every* frame is dazzling, and sometimes more than that. Some of the images gleam with an almost cruel beauty.

Because of all this, and because of an incredibly dense narrative loaded with bizarre creatures doing irascible, not-always-understandable things, *The Boy and the Heron* is, like other Miyazaki, the sort of banquet that may strike some as a bit much. Miyazaki will give you more movie than anyone else or die trying. It's frankly too much for the eye and brain to take in at one sitting. That's not a demerit in a movie marketplace that frequently gives us not enough movie. But I do advise just going along for the ride, letting the enchanting milieu wash over you, and not getting caught up in "what's going on."

What's going on is that Mahito, a boy growing up during World War II, misses his mother. She died in a hospital fire. Mahito's dad soon takes up with Natsuko, his late wife's sister. Mahito and his father move out of Tokyo and in with Natsuko. A gray heron appears to Mahito and claims it can help him find his mother. Mahito is also looking for the pregnant, missing Natsuko. Along the way there are pelicans, and strange little ambling servants and their doll counterparts, and little globes called *warawara* that ascend from some sea world to the surface world to become human souls, unless the pelicans eat them, unless the master of fire Lady Himi torches the



pelicans first.

Some of the fierce gush of Miyazaki's imagination seems borderline punitive. He doesn't want to give us our bearings in mundane reality (even while respecting the lumpy, creaky physics of the "real world"); past a certain point it's just chaos. (Miyazaki is said to have appended a statement to a preview screening: "Perhaps you didn't understand it. I myself don't understand it.") It's a classic love-it-or-loathe-it experience; I can't imagine someone just shrugging at it neutrally. Miyazaki must set out to show us something we've never seen before (or never seen it this way before) in *every scene*. And he's got so much plot here, so many pet themes to attend to, that the film runs about two hours, and I hate to say it, but we begin to feel the time. The pacing feels anecdotal; it's like looking into separate boxes filled with magical things — we don't feel much continuity between the scenes. This happens, then *this* happens, then something *else* happens. (Perhaps not coincidentally, many of Terry Gilliam's films play similarly.)

Yet *The Boy and the Heron*, for all its ornery refusal to cater to newcomers' sensibilities, feels like a work of high devotion and high craft. (Miyazaki and his sixty animators hand-drew every frame; the finished film has some CGI augmentation, as every Miyazaki has since *Princess Mononoke*.) Some critics seem to want it to be Miyazaki's swan song, though he has said he wants to make another film — the core of the thing has that farewell-tour vibe to it, an artist accounting for what he's brought into the world. If you watch it (a second or third time) with that in mind, it might hang together more neatly. But what Miyazaki is doing here isn't neat, and shouldn't be. It's his artistic legacy all bound up with sorrow and bereavement and the impossibility of sensitive souls to live in a cold sharp world but living in it anyway. Why? Because, Miyazaki says, damn it all, it's *worth* it. And so *The Boy and the Heron* is worth it.

Meeting will be held Tuesday, **January 30** at 7:00 pm at the Fairhaven Council on Aging located at 229 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven.

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

Intro to Acting & Theatre Workshops at the MAC

The Marion Art Center with Watermelon Alligator Theatre Company, and Instructors Garrett Olson and Jess Wilson, present a series of theater workshops including a free informational session on Saturday, **January 20**. Cost for each session is \$40 for MAC members and \$50 for nonmembers, and those enrolling in all three paid sessions receive 10% off registration. The fourth and final session is free and open to all. A foul weather date is February 10. See all details and register online at marionartcenter.org/events. Attend any or all of the following workshops:

Session One, 10 am-12 pm, Theatre Tips and Tricks: You Want to be in the Theatre but Not on Stage: Do you love theatre, but hate the spotlight? There are lots of ways to be involved besides appearing on stage. In this 2-hour informative workshop, you will have a relaxed and casual conversation with experienced theatre professionals. From box office and front of house staff to backstage crew, from designers to marketers to

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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Dec 31-Jan 6

- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious MV
- Bullivant Farm Rd – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Follow up
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Main St – EMS/medical
- Vine St – Follow up investigation
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – Found property
- Front St – General service
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Pinehurst Dr – EMS/medical
- Briggs Ln - Fraud
- Holmes St – Emergency services
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Mill St – MV stop/citation
- Mill St – Abandoned property
- Beach St – EMS/medical
- Route 195 East – MV collision
- Parkway Ln – Health/welfare
- Mill St – Suspicious MV
- Register Rd – EMS/medical
- N Great Hill Dr – Follow up
- Quail's Crossing Rd – Animal complaint
- Point Rd – Officer wanted
- River Rd – Parking enforcement
- Point Rd – MV collision
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Cove's End Rd - Suspicious activity

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Dec 31-Jan 6

- North St – MV violations
- Acushnet Rd – Medical assist
- Sagamore Rd – Medical assist
- County Rd – Officer wanted
- Pine Island Rd – Animal control
- Aucoot Rd – MV violations
- Randall Rd – MV crash
- Church St – Harassing phone calls
- Oakland St – MV violations
- Hamlin Rd – Harassing phone calls
- North St – Summons service
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- County Rd – Property lost
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – MV crash
- Harbor HB Rd – MV crash
- Ridgewood Rd – Restraining order
- Ridgewood Rd – Unwanted person
- Ocean Dr – Follow up investigation
- Brandt Island Rd – Arrest/warrant
- Brant Beach Ave – MV crash
- Wildwood Ter – Harassing phone calls
- County Rd – Protective custody
- Fairhaven Rd – Suspicious MV
- North St – Health/welfare
- Acushnet Rd - Disturbance
- Mechanic St – MV violations
- Marion Rd – MV/theft
- Marion Rd – Animal control

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Dec 31-Jan 6

- North Ave – Animal control
- Bishop Rd – Suspicious activity
- Perrys Ln – Suspicious activity
- Forbes Rd – Noise complaint
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity
- Mendell Rd - Threats
- Alley Rd - Investigation
- New Bedford Rd - Burglary
- Randall Rd – Suspicious activity
- County Rd – Road hazard
- Hartley Rd – Noise complaint
- Marys Pond Rd – Erratic MV
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/towed
- Stevens Rd - Fraud
- Bishop Rd – Animal control
- Old Schoolhouse Rd – MV complaint
- Neck Rd – MV collision
- Randall Rd – Past burglary
- Dexter Ln – Assist other agency
- North Ave – General services
- Walnut Plain Rd – Panic alarm
- Negus Way – Suspicious activity
- Dexter Ln – Suspicious activity
- Rounsevell Rd – Mv stop/citation
- Alley Rd – Missing person
- Mayflower Ln - Threats
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- Mendell Rd – Well being check
- Mendell Rd – Suspicious activity

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



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Jan 15: Holiday – no meals served

Tuesday, Jan 16: Macaroni & cheese, tomato Florentine, snowflake roll, Mandarin oranges

Wednesday, Jan 17: Cream of broccoli soup, grilled chicken parmesan, Italian style pasta, oatmeal roll, mixed fruit

Thursday, Jan 18: Meatloaf w/ onion gravy, cheesy mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, whole wheat bread, chocolate pudding, diet: sugar-free pudding

Friday, Jan 19: Crispy fish sandwich, tartar sauce, potato wedges, hot German slaw, hamburger roll, peaches

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Jan 15: Holiday – no school

Tuesday, Jan 16: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots

Wednesday, Jan 17: Pancakes, maple syrup, yogurt cup,

hashbrown patty

Thursday, Jan 18: Baked ziti, garlic breadstick, savory green beans

Friday, Jan 19: Stuffed crust pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, roasted chic peas

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Jan 15: Holiday – no school

Tuesday, Jan 16: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots

Wednesday, Jan 17: Pancakes, maple syrup, yogurt cup, hashbrown patty

Thursday, Jan 18: Baked ziti, garlic breadstick, savory green beans

Friday, Jan 19: Stuffed crust pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, roasted chic peas

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Jan 15: Holiday – no school

Tuesday, Jan 16: Crispy chicken

sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots

Wednesday, Jan 17: Pancakes, maple syrup, yogurt cup, hashbrown patty

Thursday, Jan 18: Baked ziti, garlic breadstick, savory green beans

Friday, Jan 19: Appetizer

Basket: meatballs, onion rings, breaded mozzarella sticks served w/ warm marinara sauce, savory green beans

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Jan 15: Holiday – no school

Tuesday, Jan 16: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots

Wednesday, Jan 17: Pancakes, maple syrup, yogurt cup, hashbrown patty

Thursday, Jan 18: Baked ziti, garlic breadstick, savory green beans

Friday, Jan 19: Stuffed crust pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, roasted chic peas

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Jan 15: Holiday – no school

Tuesday, Jan 16: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots

Wednesday, Jan 17: Pancakes, maple syrup, yogurt cup, hashbrown patty

Thursday, Jan 18: Baked ziti, garlic breadstick, savory green beans

Friday, Jan 19: Stuffed crust pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, roasted chic peas

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Jan 15: Holiday – no school

Tuesday, Jan 16: Dino chicken nuggets & fries

Wednesday, Jan 17: Chicken parmesan & spaghetti

Thursday, Jan 18: Hot dog & fries

Friday, Jan 19: Assorted pizza

scenic artists to hair & makeup... it takes a lot of people to create the shows you love to applaud. Join us for an introductory look at what goes on "behind the scenes." Workshop participants are encouraged to bring any and all questions regarding all aspects of theatre.

Session Two, 1 pm-3 pm, Theatre Tips and Tricks: You Think You Want to Try Acting: Have you dreamed of being in front of the camera, up on stage or standing in the spotlight? Not sure where to begin? In this 2-hour informative workshop, you will get a very basic overview of the first steps, from theatre terms and the difference between stage and film acting to how to get started with headshots, monologues, best audition practices, stage etiquette and self-care. This workshop will be an informative and casual conversation with professional working actors. Join us for an introductory look at "What's next?" so you can turn your dream of acting into reality. Workshop participants are encouraged to bring any and all questions regarding acting.

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

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

Friends of the Mattapoisett Bicycle and Recreational Path

Friends of the Mattapoisett Bicycle and Recreational Path ask residents who are enjoying the Shining Tides Mile to consider the "bike path" in their year-end giving plans. We're now working with the Town on Phase 2 which will extend the Mattapoisett Rail Trail from Depot Street into the Park Street neighborhood and over to Marion. We've pledged a \$50,000 contribution as the local match to a \$200,000 MassTrails Grant which will finalize design for Phase 2A so that construction funding for a "shovel ready" project can be requested. We're ¼ of the way to our goal using the funds raised by the 2023 Tour de Crème. A generous donor is matching all contributions up to \$2500.

Hopefully, people have read about the significant progress on the Marion Pathway. Friends' funding match of the last mile in Mattapoisett will keep the safe connection to Marion moving forward without pauses, creating protected road crossings of Route 6

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19 Narcissist's problem
21 Actress Andress
22 Ate, as prey
23 Football Hall of Famer Bronko
24 Arrive on wheels
25 Frankie or Cleo of song
26 Start of a riddle
29 Noise in a comic book gunfight
30 Exotica singer Sumac
31 "The Human Stain" novelist Philip
32 Cure-all
37 Race of people in an H.G. Wells novella
39 Some sorority letters
40 Donations to the destitute
44 Riddle, part 2
48 Like much greasy food

- 49 See 83-Across
50 Corp. leader
51 Skip over, as a vowel
52 World War II film, when tripled
53 Charged bit
55 Place — (be active on eBay, say)
57 Cheap cigar
58 Riddle, part 3
63 Simile middle
66 Chaney of film
67 Song-belting Merman
68 On a pension, maybe: Abbr.
69 Military draft gp.
70 Riddle, part 4
75 ZZ Top album whose name is Spanish for "The Crazy One"
76 Hamm and Farrow
77 Neither's partner
78 Tingly feeling
82 Totally tired
83 With 49-Across, touter of green eggs and ham

- 84 "Yes" vote
86 Early arcade giant
87 End of the riddle
93 — -Flush (bathroom brand)
94 Architect I.M. —
95 Made angry
96 Florida fruits
97 R&B great Marvin
99 Not at all new
100 Golf club
102 Riddle's answer
111 Stalin-era labor camp
112 Polecat's kin
113 Urge against
114 Muscat native
115 Do over
116 Office squawker
117 Fender dings
118 Mimics a mad mutt
119 Helper of Frankenstein
120 Inventor Whitney

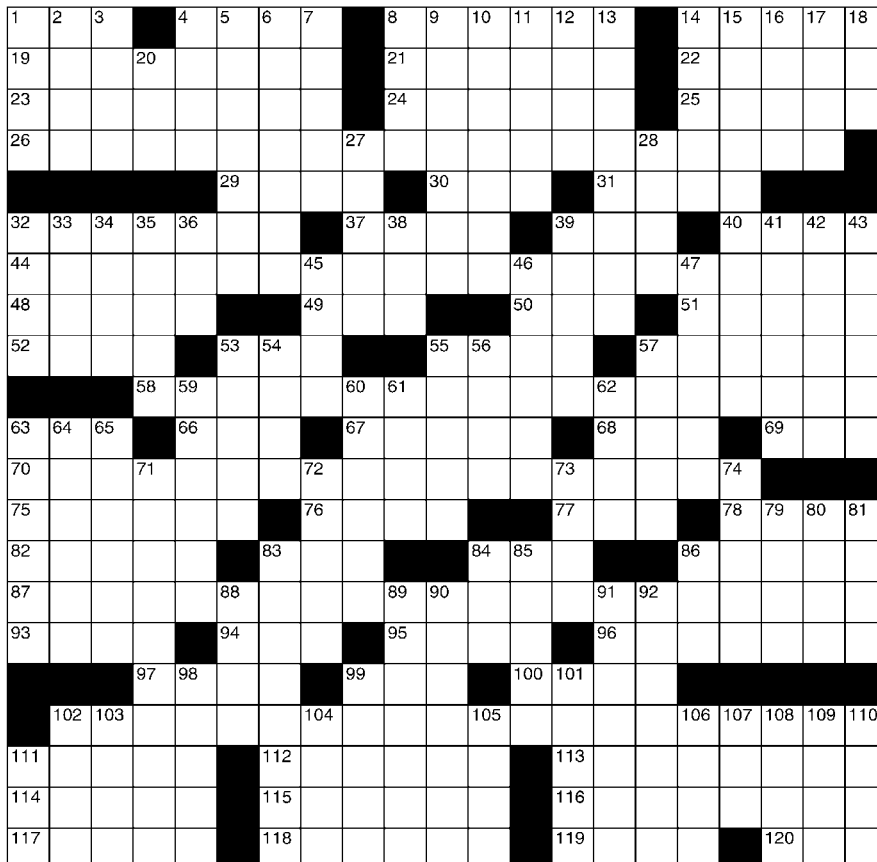
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- 1 "—, vidi, vici"
2 "The Keep" novelist Jennifer
3 Forum wear
4 Angel's instrument

- 5 Drunk
6 Writer Gogol
7 Third-largest city in Israel
8 Ride a wave
9 Eighth-brightest star in the sky
10 Like a hajji's religion
11 Second-largest city in Oklahoma
12 Charles Lamb's alias
13 Bay Area California city
14 Equivalent of A sharp
15 Lee Tracy's "Bombshell" co-star
16 Like praiseful poetry
17 Gossipy Barrett
18 Bakersfield-to-Boise dir.
20 Letters before 39-Across
27 Swiss watch brand
28 Clueless
32 Fizzle sound
33 Sleek, informally
34 Hair removal brand
35 Top squad
36 Mooer's mouthful
38 On the — (fleeing)

- 39 "— say more?"
41 Actresses Vivien and Janet
42 In — res (mid-plot)
43 Clay pigeons to be shot, informally
45 Three x three
46 Frozen spear
47 Eats away at
53 "Were — it all over again ..."
54 "It can't be!"
55 One of the Three Musketeers
56 Nickname for singer Justin, with "the"
57 Derisive smile
59 One of the three Furies
60 R&R alone
61 "— boy!"
62 Pisa's river
63 Nuclear trials, for short
64 Class of antimicrobial drugs, in the British spelling
65 Actress Sorkin who once hosted "America's Funniest People"

- 71 Like animals that don't roam
72 So-called "fifth taste"
73 Apartment near the super's, perhaps
74 Mesh well
79 Piquancy
80 Ontario tribe
81 Cat's warning
83 Pittsburgh footballers
84 "Chances —"
85 "Catch my drift, bro?"
86 Pie-mode link
88 1974 CIA parody film
89 More lacteal
90 Not cardinal, as a number
91 Plundering
92 Writer Sábato
98 Patronage
99 "— Loompa"
101 Half-diameters
102 Journalist Brit
103 Zing
104 Lucy Liu's "Kill Bill" role
105 Insect traps
106 Exploiter
107 Mongrel mutt
108 Frilly material
109 Shrine figure
110 Moore of "G.I. Jane"
111 Shrine figure



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The new year holds promise for all you Lambs who know how to take advantage of the opportunities out there. The key is keeping a positive attitude.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Over the course of this new year, you beautiful Bovines will continue bulldozing the barriers that stand between you and the success of your long-term plans.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The new year kicks off with a major decision about a job change that could involve a lot of travel.

The choice you make could influence other decisions down the line.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Familial relationships continue to have a strong influence on whatever long-term decisions you make involving both your career and your personal life.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Any decisions that you put off making last year should be confronted and dealt with as soon as possible. You need to clear away the past and make room for the future.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Last year's disappointments are history. Expect to see more opportunities opening up and waiting for you to use them to your advantage.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You still have some trouble spots lingering from last year. Resolve them so that you can move on to tackle more rewarding situations.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Developments in the year ahead can be more challenging than you had expected, but the rewards will be well worth your efforts.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You are the Philosopher of the Zodiac, and your wisdom will go a long way in helping you deal with the challenges of the upcoming year.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Take stock of what you propose to do in the new year and get started as soon as possible. On another note, last year's critics turn into this year's admirers.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This year, the typically gentle Water Bearer can reveal a hidden streak of steel that few people suspected you had; they will be surprised to see how you use it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Although new friends open up different social vistas, your penchant for privacy is still strong and allows you the quiet time you need to indulge in your creative gifts.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have deep reservoirs of strength that give you extraordinary staying power amid the most difficult conditions.

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Mattapoissett Cemetery and Memorials Advisory Committee

Mattapoissett's newly formed Cemetery and Memorials Advisory Committee has several areas of responsibility.

Acting in an advisory manner, the committee will assist the Select Board in matters related to the municipal cemeteries Barlow and Hammond.

They will advise and assist in the coordination of memorial bricks and benches. New forms are available for the purchase of memorial bricks from Town Hall, the Library, or the Council on Aging.

They are also seeking information for the future recognition of all veterans, either buried or interned in Mattapoissett. The committee is working with the Sons of the American Revolution to establish a commemorative plaque naming those Patriots.

Expanding on the identification of all Veterans' graves, if you have information that can assist the committee, please contact Chairman Ray Hanks through the Select Board's office.

George's Pony Pasture Stone Wall Restoration

The Rochester Land Trust has launched a fundraising campaign to restore the stone walls at "George's Pony Pasture" on Mattapoissett Road. The campaign has raised \$16,000 so far, \$8000 from Land Trust members and another \$8000 from an anonymous donor who offered to match every dollar raised, up to \$10,000. Masons began work on the wall this past weekend and will continue through November, weather permitting.

The property is named after philanthropist and town legend George Church, whose pony often grazed in the field beyond the wall. George passed away in 2014 at the age of 90. The Rochester Land Trust acquired three properties from George by virtue of "bargain sales", where land is purchased for less than market value. All three properties offer the iconic landscapes that are indicative of the rural character that the Land Trust seeks to preserve. While only three acres in size, George's Pony Pasture has over 1,000 feet of road frontage, bounded by dry field stone walls front and back.

Russ Keeler, Treasurer at the RLT, opined "not only does this project enhance Rochester's rural character and honor George Church himself, but it also honors

the now forgotten craftsmen who originally built this wall. It boggles the mind to consider the amount of effort expended to clear the field and build this wall, especially before the age of mechanized equipment. We are heartened by and grateful for the close to 50 townspeople who have supported this project so far."

It is not too late to support this project. "It is unrealistic to think we can fix the entire wall, front and back, but the more money we raise, the more of it will be restored," said Keeler. Contributions may be made to the RLT at PO Box 337, Rochester, MA 02770, or by using the PayPal link on their website at www.rochesterlandtrust.org.

BBAHFH Seeking Land

The Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity is currently seeking partnerships to secure low-cost land for their next home. A local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, BBAHFH mission is 'building homes, communities and hope'. BBAHFH was first established in 1996 and serves the nine communities of Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoissett, New Bedford, Rochester, Wareham and Westport.

Explains Executive Director Christine Lacourse, "We are currently looking for land in our territory that is a suitable spot to build a house or duplex. Ideally, the land

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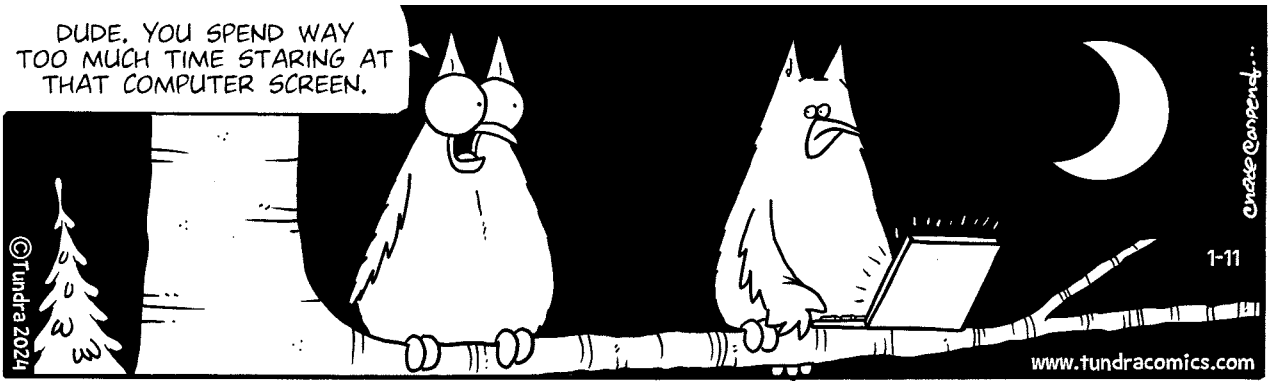
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Anne Quinlan, 83, wife, mother, gma, sister, aunt, cousin and friend, left this world peacefully on December 3, 2023. She was surrounded by family and passed away at home after a 2-year journey with cancer.

She was born to Gerald and Abigail Fitzgerald in March of 1940 in New York. The family moved to Mattapoisett in 1945. Anne graduated high school from Sacred Heart Academy then went on to graduate from Stonehill College where she studied to become a teacher. It was at Stonehill where she met the love of her life, Paul Quinlan, whom she married in 1963. Paul remained her lifelong love even after his death in August of 1992. Together, they had 4 children: Kelly Morten of Forest Park, IL, Scott (Anne) Quinlan of Scottsdale, AZ, Katy (Kornel) Balon of Nokomis, FL and Shannon Quinlan of St. Petersburg, FL. Paul's job brought the family from Massachusetts to Illinois in 1976. In 2014, she joined her 2 youngest daughters in FL and eventually settled in Venice, FL.

Anne taught middle school grades at St. Joan of Arc Church in Lisle, IL for 25 years. She stayed busy with endless sewing projects in her work as a seamstress especially during prom and homecoming season for the school kids. She played cards in various bridge groups and maintained many friendships along the way. She returned home to Mattapoisett, MA with her children every summer to reunite with all of her family and extended network of aunts, uncles, and cousins. She gifted her love for Mattapoisett to her children and grandchildren and countless others that visited over the years. "Mattapoisett, it's Special" and Anne made sure everyone knew it!

Anne is survived by her brother, Michael (Anne) Fitzgerald of Mission Viejo, CA, her 4 children, 8 grandchildren, 1 great grandson, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She is preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Paul Fitzgerald, her sister, Kathleen Maune, her cousin and best friend, Marylee Barrett and her dear cousin, Miles "Tony" Murray. Anne's cremated remains will be buried in a private ceremony in Mattapoisett, MA in July of 2024. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Anne's lifelong church home, St. Anthony's Church in Mattapoisett, MA.



Jean Garvey, 93, of Andover, died peacefully on Monday, December 25, 2023.

Born in Dover, NH, daughter of the late Leo and Evelyn (Morin) Garvey, she spent most of her life living in Washington, D.C. After retiring Jean lived in Jefferson, Maine where she built her own house.

Jean was formerly employed as a linguist for the federal government for many years. She held her pilots license and enjoyed playing the fiddle. Jean liked going out to eat and

socializing with others. She loved cats.

Jean was a graduate of Emmanuel College in Boston.

Survivors include her brother, Richard Garvey and his wife Pat of Rochester; her sisters Susie Garvey of Rochester, Mary McLaughlin of Andover; and a sister-in-law Joan Garvey; and many nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by her siblings, Leo, Jr., John, and Patricia.

A private burial will take place at a later date. For online guestbook please visit www.saundersdwyer.com



Alan G. Inman, 82, of Marion, died Thursday, December 28, 2023 at his home unexpectedly.

Born in Taunton, he was the son of the late Clayton and Lillian (Rogers) Inman. A longtime resident of Marion, Mr. Inman worked as a utility operator for the Town of Marion Water and Sewer Division for many years. He retired in 1999.

Known to friends and family as "Lanny", he could be found boating on Buzzards Bay in his vessels, "Leprechaun" and "Bossa Nova". He took many trips to Red Brook Harbor and the Chart Room. He enjoyed clamming and quahogging so much that his friends and family also called him "Clamming Lanny".

Alan was an animal lover and enjoyed cat, "Susie". He also enjoyed New England sports teams, especially the Patriots and taking trips to Florida to visit family.

He was the brother of the late Stephen J. Inman and his late wife Virginia Inman.

Services were private.

Arrangements by Chapman Funerals & Cremations – Wareham. To leave a message of condolence visit: www.chapmanfuneral.com



Beverly A. Briggs (Nickerson), 91, of Marion, MA passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on January 3, 2024 after a brief illness. She was predeceased by her husband Carlton "Carly" F. Briggs. She was the daughter of the late Robert and Edith Nickerson of Marion, MA (formerly of Brockton, MA). Born

and raised in Brockton, Beverly spent much of her childhood summering at family homes in both Scituate and later Marion, where she met Carly in her teenage years. Beverly moved to Marion upon marrying Carly in 1952.

"Bev" as she was known, worked with her husband supporting him however she could after Carly successfully launched C.F. Briggs, Inc. in 1964. Bev busily balanced the

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South Coast Chamber Music Series (SCCMS) Artistic Director Janice Weber is pleased to announce the full program for the 2023-2024 season. "Welcome to another season of spectacular chamber music performed by artists of the NBSO. This year The Brass join in for a brilliant blowout and throughout the season, masterworks traversing three centuries are leavened with a selection of delectable duos. Our precious heritage of American chamber music – startling, majestic, and unique – features on each program. With special gratitude to Patty Plum Wylde for her sponsorship of our February concert, we look forward to seeing all of our steadfast supporters for another exciting journey together.

This SCCMS season features NBSO musicians Jesse Holstein, violin; EmmaLee Holmes-Hicks, violin; Ethan Wood, violin; Anna Griffis, viola; Leo Eguchi, cello; Janice Weber, piano; Peter Zay, cello; Christopher Nunn, viola; Zebediah Upton, trumpet; Geoffrey Shamu, trumpet; Seth Budahl, trombone; Michael Bellofatto, horn; James Monaghan, bass trombone; as well as SCCMS

Artistic Director Janice Weber, piano.

Concert Listing:

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Trifecta: **March 9 & 10**


Banquet: **April 27 & 28**

Saturday concerts will take place at 4:00 pm at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, 124 Front Street, Marion. Sunday concerts will take place at 4:00 pm at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 351 Elm Street, South Dartmouth. Individual concert tickets are \$25 and must be purchased in advance. Save 20% by subscribing to all 5 concerts for \$100. Tickets and subscriptions are available online at nbsymphony.org/chamber-series-2023-2024 or by calling the NBSO office: 508-999-6276 ext. 222.

The NBSO is a professional orchestra that annually presents a concert series of classical and pops music with internationally acclaimed guest artists, as well as an outstanding chamber music series. In addition, the NBSO's innovative and nationally recognized educational programs reach 8,000 students each year. The NBSO is dedicated to building a community of music in the South Coast. Visit www.nbsymphony.org today.

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various tasks in support of the business while caring for her four children and managing the home. This continued until Carly's passing in 1977 and the transitioning of the business to son Dale Briggs.

Being very much a people person, Bev would eventually work at the Marion & Mattapoissett Pharmacy, which she enjoyed immensely. With her fun-loving personality and good listening skills she was loved by both co-workers and customers alike. For leisure activity Bev enjoyed boating, trips to Cuttyhunk, and most importantly time spent with family and friends. She would often meet a few of her many friends for a walk or coffee at Uncle Jon's or Dunkin' Donuts. Bev also spent many enjoyable hours gardening and taking care of her yard.

Bev's wish was to be able to remain at home throughout the course of her life and recent illness. This was accomplished in large part by her granddaughter Nicole who provided much of the day-to-day care and compassion to have this wish fulfilled.

Bev is survived by her brother Robert Nickerson and wife Joan of Brockton, sister-in-law June (Briggs) Martin of Middleboro, son Dale Briggs and wife Laura of Marion, daughter Deb Thornhill and husband Dan of Acton, ME,

daughter Diane Lynch of Mattapoissett, and son Scott Briggs of Marion.

Also survived by several grandchildren; Nicole VanDerPol and husband Matt of Marion; Timothy Briggs and fiancé Chas Willis of Rochester; Andrew Fatula of Mattapoissett; Jessica Murphy and husband Adam of Rochester; Jennifer Wilson and husband David of Fairhaven; and Brittany Briggs of New Bedford.

Several great grandchildren: Alexandra (Lexi), Isabella, Ava and Matthew Jr. VanDerPol; Hailey and Adam Jr. Murphy; Kynlee, Connor and Kendyl Briggs.

Several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

All are welcome to attend her graveside service at Old Landing Cemetery, Spring St., Marion, on January 19, 2024, 11:00 am.

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.

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<p>TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #819</p> <p>The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, January 25, 2024 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Planting Island 25 West Avenue LLC, represented by David M. Davignon, P.E., for a Special Permit under sections 230-6.1A and 230-6.1C of the zoning by-law to allow the construction of a single-family dwelling to replace the existing non-conforming dwelling, which will decrease the current non-conformities but increase the building area and volume, as allowed under section 230-7.1, 230-7.2 and 230-7.3.</p> <p>The property, located at 25 West Avenue, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 3 as Lot 35. Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 1/4, 1/11</p> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1203</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Michael Walsh, for property located at 405 Neck Rd, identified on Assessor's Map 26, Lot 17, who is seeking a Variance for the construction of a garage greater than 1000 square feet allowed under Chapter 20.40, Section E.2, of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws.</p>	<p>The public hearing will be on January 25, 2024, at 7:15 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA. David Arancio, Chairman 1/11, 1/18</p> <p>TOWN OF MARION SHARED USE PATH NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING</p> <p>Shared Use Path Construction (Phase I) from the Marion-Mattapoissett Town Line to Point Road Marion, MA</p> <p>The Town of Marion and MassDOT will hold an Open House Public Meeting in the Main Room at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street, Marion MA, with regard to the project's Expanded Environmental Notification Form (EENF) submittal and 100% project design on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at 6:00 pm. The petitioners are seeking to construct a Shared Use Path for pedestrian and bicycle use in the Town of Marion from the Mattapoissett/Marion Town line to Point Road. This section of path is also part of a larger network immediately connecting Mattapoissett to Wareham, and on a larger scale a part of the Bay State Greenway priority 100 miles and the SouthCoast Bikeway.</p> <p>A copy of the EENF submittal may be requested through Project Manager Kevin Slattery, PWS, of HDR Engineering at (207) 239-3842 and via email, Kevin.Slattery@hdrinc.com. Reference: MassDOT Project #607979. 1/11, 1/18</p>	<p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 7:05 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Meeting Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by John P. Kendall Trust for the demolition and removal of an existing dwelling. A new single-family dwelling will be constructed at the same location which is within the 100-foot buffer zone to Sippican Harbor and within Coastal Flood Zone AE-16 at 39 Water Street.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lots, 172, 173A, 173C on Marion Assessors' Map 16. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair *Please contact Terri Santos at tsantos@marionma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 1/11</p> <p><i>Continued on page 42</i></p>

the needs of budding and seasoned makers and artists, the Media Lab is now open and ready for use. Building upon an existing 3D Printer and worktable, the Media Lab is now equipped with tools to help users design and produce innovative and original projects with ease. Details about equipment and rules for usage are located on the Media Lab page on our website, mattapoissettlibrary.org.

The purpose of the Mattapoissett Library's Media Lab is to provide library users with a space where they may use various digital media, creative software and associated technologies that support their educational, professional and personal goals and endeavors. Within the Mattapoissett Media Lab, users will be able to utilize tools like the Media Lab computer, 3D Printer, 3D Scanner, Cricut, Cricut Smart Heat Press, Animation Studio Kit and more. Software that users can take advantage of includes the Corel Suite and the Adobe Creative Suite.

If you would like to learn more about the Mattapoissett Media Lab or reserve a time to use it, please call the library at 508-758-4171 or email Michelle Skaar at mskaar@sailsinc.org.

New Bedford Symphony 2023-2024 Season

The New Bedford Symphony Orchestra and Music Director Yaniv Dinur are pleased to announce the 2023-2024 concert series, taking place at New Bedford High School's Bronsiegel Auditorium. Subscription tickets for the season are now available, and individual concert tickets will go on sale in August.

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NBSO 2023-2024 Season:

January 20, Movie Pops: Let's Get Animated

March 16, Growth: Jesse Holstein, violin and Anna Griffis, viola

April 13, Many Contrasts: Katherine Chi, piano

May 18, The Way of Passion: Sergei Babayan, piano

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TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 7:15 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Meeting Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by Maxwell Ruditsky for construction of a single-family dwelling and associated driveway with sewer and utility connections at 0 Old Knoll Road.

The site is further identified as Lot 20K on Marion Assessors' Map 17. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair

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TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 7:25 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Meeting Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by James Fogarty to construct 14'x15' enclosed deck addition to existing residence. Deck to be supported on sono-tube footings and will be located 25 feet from bordering vegetated wetland approx. 155 feet from a perennial stream at 58 Holly Road.

The site is further identified as Lot 127 on Marion Assessors' Map 2. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 6, 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 Michael Scully, 6 Island View Ave, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to remove an

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existing cement patio and retaining wall, install a new retaining wall across the back of the house, remove brush and trees from the back yard and plant grass in the back yard. The project is located at 6 Island View Ave, and is further identified as Lot 14.A-45 on Assessor Map Town Base Map. **Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 1/11

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM Notice of License Application Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91

Waterways License Application Number
23-WW01-0138-APP

The Weweantic Realty Trust

NOTIFICATION DATE: January 16, 2024

Public notice is hereby given of the waterways application by The Weweantic Realty Trust to construct and maintain a pier extension, gangway, float and float piles at 312 Delano Road, in the municipality of Marion, in and over flowed tidelands of Weweantic River. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received by within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more, with at least five of the 10 residents residing in the municipality(s) in which the license or permitted activity is located, to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comment Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).

Project plans and documents for the Waterways application are on file for public viewing electronically at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/> (enter the project address in the Search Page as the Location Address). If you need assistance, please contact Carlos.fragata@mass.gov or if you do not have access to email, please leave a voicemail at (617) 413-3768 and you will be contacted with information on alternative options.

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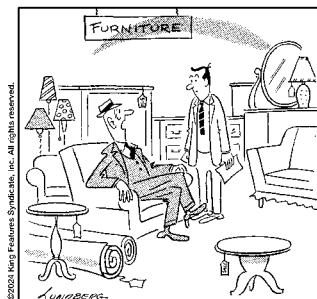
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Marion Natural History Museum

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Classified Deadline: Tuesday at
10:00 am for Thursday's paper.

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Classified Advertisements are \$5.00
for 3 lines or less per week. Each
additional line is \$1.00 per week. There
are an average of six words per line.
Bold is an addition \$1 per week.

Classified Guidelines:

- *As a general rule, there are
approximately six words per line in a
standard Classified Ad.
- *Blank lines cannot be used in
Classified Advertisements.
- *There is only upper case and lower
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- *No graphics may be used in Classified
Advertisements.
- *Classified Ads cannot be placed on
hold.
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the phone.

Mailing Classified Ads: Ads can be
mailed with payment to P.O. Box 102,
Mattapoisett, MA 02739

Placing Classified Ads On-line: Ads
can be placed on line at:
www.wanderer.com

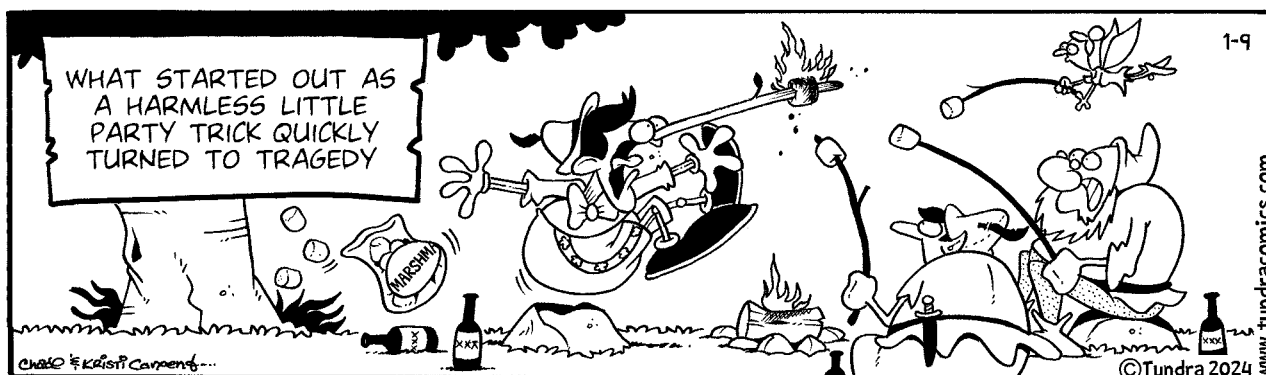
Dropping Off Classified
Advertisements: Ads can be dropped
by our office at 55 County Road in
Mattapoisett, Monday, Thurs, Fri -9am
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Payment Policy: All sales final, we do
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- *Legal Ads are \$1.00 per line, at a
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Tundra
by Chad Carpenter



the year.

If you feel that you would require assistance in an emergency, we would like to have a discussion with you so we can prepare a plan that will be ready to go when needed.

-If you rely on medical equipment at your residence that requires electricity.

-If you would require transportation to a shelter when such a need arises or live in a known flood zone.

-If you have a communication-related disability, we need to know the best way to communicate in an emergency state.

-If you take medications, we need a list.

-If there is any other targeted assistance that you may need.

Please call the Council on Aging at 508-748-3570 so we can compile this information which will be reported to Community Emergency Response Team (CERT.) We want to be prepared.

We encourage residents and family members who may reside out of town to sign up for E- alerts from the Town of Marion (Visit marionma.gov/subscribe.)

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at 7PM with Trainer Ed Dupont at Rochester
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Interior/Exterior
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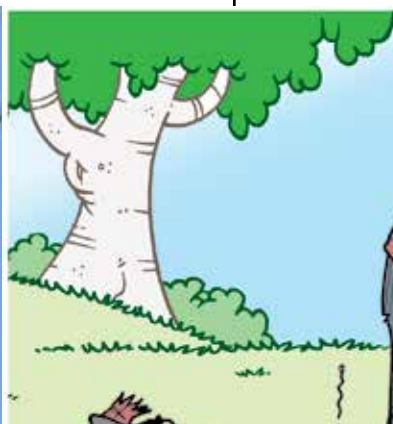


HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Don't forget to wish these people
a Happy Birthday!

Tim Watterson	January 11
Amanda Fillio	January 12
Debbie Morrell	January 12
Jeannine Lola Duchaine	January 12
Andrew Duval	January 13
Brendan Burke	January 13
Dean Vincent	January 13
Claudin Poyant	January 14
Gabrielle Choquette	January 14
Isabelle Choquette	January 14
Sophie Hubbard	January 14
Steve Wainio	January 14
Alexis Rezendes	January 15
Marcia Calusine	January 15
Abigail Bentz	January 16
Joann Price	January 16
Robert Luebke	January 16
Robin Lamb	January 16
Aiden Levasseur	January 17
Hope Perkins	January 17
Lee Hamilton	January 17
Marc Heon	January 17

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



assistance to older people in the communities of Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester who need help with paying the heat or electric bills.

The funds will pay for gas, electric, propane, wood or other heating needs to help reduce the financial burden for many elders who have difficulty with these purchases.

Funding for this project was made possible by the George E. Curtis Charitable Trust.

Please contact the Council on Aging in each town to complete a simple application. Only one older person in the household who qualifies for this program will receive a one-time assistance of \$400.

For the councils on aging in Marion, please call 508- 748-3570; Mattapoisett, 508- 758-4110 and Rochester at 508-763-8723.

Tri-Town Against Racism

Tri-Town against Racism (TTAR) announces they have developed a system to document discriminatory incidents experienced by community members in the Tri-Town. Collecting this information will help to identify how to best support the Tri-Town Region. The incident report can be completed online, either on a computer or mobile device, anonymously if preferred. Community

members can also choose to identify themselves to TTAR in the report. Their personal identifying information will never be shared outside of TTAR. The incident report allows for individuals or families to share their stories to inform local change. Completing the form and sharing your experiences with TTAR will help to make a positive impact! The incident report can be found by visiting this link: forms.gle/UGEsEmjBCZTEYKX56.

Overeaters Anonymous

Overeaters Anonymous (OA) is a fellowship that welcomes people seeking recovery from overeating, anorexia, bulimia and compulsive food behaviors. Weekly Saturday OA meetings take place in St. Gabriel's Parish Hall (Marion) at 8:00 am (Twelve Step meeting) and 9:00 am (OA Literature meeting.) For more information, visit www.scmioa.org.

Mattapoisett Republican Party

The Mattapoisett Republican Party has returned as an organization to Mattapoisett. Everyone interested in participating in the GOP should contact Bill Reidy, Chair Mattapoisett GOP, email: ChairMattGOP@Gmail.com; Mail: 82 County Rd., PMB #17, Mattapoisett, MA 02739; Mobile: 508-287-8008; Website: MattapoisettGOP.com.

Groundhog Cover Contest

The Wanderer is once again holding our Groundhog Day Cover Contest. The winner's artwork will appear on the cover of our February 1 issue. The winner will also receive a cash prize of \$100!



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

Entries are due in The Wanderer office, 55 County Road, Mattapoisett by noon on January 22.

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

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

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



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person to share my home in Mattapoisett. Must be
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bring their horse as well. Please contact me at 508-
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2001 Ford Ranger pick up extended cab
4 door, 2 wheel drive, no rust
Passed inspection then lost reverse gear.
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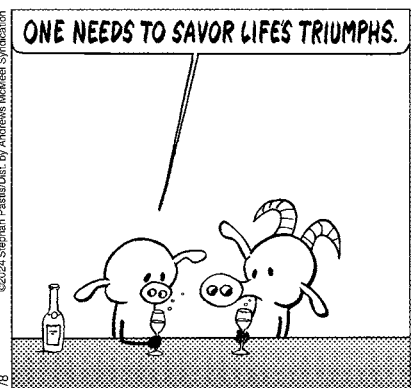
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



com; Facebook: Mattapoissett Republican Party; Twitter: Mattapoissett Republican Party, @MattyMAGOP.

Mattapoissett Boy Scouts

The new scouting year is underway for Mattapoissett Boy Scout Troop 53. Come check out Scouting. We offer activities, including biking, kayaking, hiking, climbing and fun monthly campouts and more. We are looking for boys ages 11 to 17 to join us for adventure. No previous scouting experience is necessary. Call 508-245-2948 or text for more information and check out our Facebook page at Mattapoissett Troop 53.

Mattapoissett Recreation Fall Programming

Mattapoissett Recreation is happy to announce that sign-ups are open for all Fall Programs! Many favorites are returning, Flag football, Kid Fit, Running & Track Club, Center Stage Kids, Tennis, Pickleball (Youth & Adult lessons), Crafting & Robotics. We are pleased to announce a new before-school program, Morning Movement Club. Visit our website at www.mattrec.net to see all offerings and program information. Sign up today, as many programs fill before registration deadlines!

Rochester Board of Health

The Town of Rochester and the Board of Health offer no-cost weekly Keep Well Health Clinics facilitated by Rochester's Public Health Nurse, Connie Dolan, RN. Services include answers to your health questions, blood pressure checks and monitoring, lung sound assessment, blood oxygenation assessment, medication review, information about health topics important to you and other basic clinical services. The Keep Well Health Clinics are held weekly at the Rochester Senior Center from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Wednesdays.



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American Legion: Florence Eastman Post # 280

All Southcoast Active Service Military, Reservists and Veterans are invited to join the monthly meetings of the American Legion: Florence Eastman Post #280 (Serving the Tri-Town area of Mattapoissett - Marion - Rochester and beyond.) We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 1900 (7 pm.) Florence Eastman Post is located at 3 Depot Street in Mattapoissett. Commander: Rachel Perron, Tri-Town Veterans Service Agent: Chris Gerrior. The Legion Hall is also available for single event or recurring rentals. For more information, contact Veterans@mattapoissett.net.

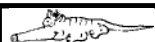
Mission: The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans' organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS			See past listing on our website: www.wanderer.com		
Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Potential Properties LLC	Lacomb, Frederick E Exr Pierce, James By Exr	370 High St	Rochester	12/20/2023	240,000.00
Mendes, Jacinto T Jr	Paim Real Estate Corp Inc	0 Dupont Dr	Mattapoissett	12/21/2023	20,000.00
Marceau, George A Jr Marceau, Lorraine G	Plumb Corner LLC	11 Katlyn Cir	Rochester	12/21/2023	701,925.00
Connolly, Maura A	Leclair, Leon R Iii Dale, Julie M Connolly, Maura A Leclair, M Donna Est	16 Beach St	Mattapoissett	12/22/2023	735,000.00
Long Built Homes Inc	Orourke, Brendan M Lord, Katherine M	0 Shagbark Cir Lot 63	Mattapoissett	12/22/2023	255,000.00
White, Justin	Rossi, Edward C Rossi, Christine B	58 Alley Rd	Rochester	12/22/2023	551,000.00



Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	January 11	7:27	7:52	12:36	1:47
Friday	January 12	8:16	8:41	1:29	2:33
Saturday	January 13	9:06	9:32	2:21	3:15
Sunday	January 14	9:56	10:25	3:13	3:56
Monday	January 15	10:49	11:20	4:05	4:37
Tuesday	January 16	11:44		5:00	5:21
Wednesday	January 17	12:17	12:39	6:10	6:11
Thursday	January 18	1:14	1:36	8:01	7:10
Friday	January 19	2:13	2:37	9:31	8:16
Saturday	January 20	3:17	3:43	10:36	9:22
Sunday	January 21	4:24	4:48	11:29	10:20
Monday	January 22	5:25	5:44		11:09
Tuesday	January 23	6:17	6:34	12:56	11:54
Wednesday	January 24	7:03	7:18	1:06	1:30
Thursday	January 25	7:44	8:00	12:38	2:00
Friday	January 26	8:23	8:40	1:22	2:27
Saturday	January 27	8:59	9:18	2:06	2:55
Sunday	January 28	9:33	9:55	2:47	3:23
Phases of the Moon		New Moon		January 11th	
		First Quarter		January 17th	
		Full Moon		January 25th	
		Last Quarter		February 2nd	



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 January 4, 2024 edition the Aardvark was on page 39

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION



SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Unite 2. Abrupt;
3. Lump; 4. Rascal

Today's Word

PUNCTUAL

Sudoku Answer

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

AND WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO REFUSE TO EAT TODAY?

off the mark by Mark Parisi



offthemark.com
Get a signed print: otmCartoon@gmail.com ©2024 Mark Parisi Diet by Andrews McMeel 1-8

Grocery, Dairy, & Frozen

Spindrift
12 oz. Cans, 8 Pack
Selected
Sparkling
Water
\$5.99
+ Dep.



Poland Spring
1 Liter Selected
Sparkling
Water
\$1.19
+ Dep.



Back to Nature
5.5-8.5 oz. Selected
Crackers
\$3.99



48 oz. Selected
Breyers
\$5.49



Quaker - 9.8-12.1 oz. Selected
Instant Oatmeal **\$4.49**

Prego - 24 oz. Traditional
Pasta Sauce **2/\$6**

Pomi - 26.46 oz. Chopped
Tomatoes..... **\$3.89**

Teddie
16 oz. Selected (Excludes Organic)
Peanut Butter **\$3.99**

Doritos, Cheetos, or SunChips
3.625-5.125 oz. Selected
Mini Snacks **2/\$5**

Buitoni
9 oz. Selected
Cut Pasta **2/\$5**

Wine

Chalk Hill
750 ml California
Chardonnay
Wine
\$18.99
Reg. Price: \$19.99



Bakery

Fresh Baked
18.5 oz. Loaf
Italian Bread..... **\$2.49**

Friends'
Fresh Baked, 22 oz. Pkg.
Coconut Pie **\$6.99**



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coffee & cold drinks on tap including:

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Fresh
Baby Back
Pork Ribs
\$3.99
lb



Boar's Head
16 oz. Pkg.
Bacon
\$9.99



Land O Lakes
Deli Sliced, White
American
Cheese
\$6.99
lb



Boar's Head
Flame Grilled, FireSmith®
Chicken **\$9.99**
lb



Boar's Head
American Cheese..... **\$5.99**
lb



Boar's Head
6 oz. Pouch
Pepperoni **\$3.49**



Boar's Head
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Gouda Cheese..... **\$5.99**



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SALE EFFECTIVE: Friday, January 12 — Thursday, January 18, 2024

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Friends'
Premium Certified
Black Angus. Boneless
Sirloin
Strip Steak
\$16⁹⁹
lb



Friends'
Store Baked
Ham
\$8⁹⁹
lb



Decoy
750 ml California
Merlot
Wine
\$21⁹⁹
Reg. Price: \$22.99



College Inn
32 oz. Selected
(Excludes Organic & Bone)
Broth
\$1⁸⁹



Cabot
6-8 oz. Selected
Bars, Shredded,
Cuts, Slices or
Shingle Pack
Cheese
2/\$7



Häagen-Dazs
14 oz. Sorbet or Selected
Ice Cream
\$4⁴⁹



Quality Produce



California
Navel Oranges..... **\$1⁹⁹**
lb

Sweet
Honeycrisp Apples..... **\$1⁹⁹**
lb

Fresh
Broccoli Crowns..... **\$1⁹⁹**
lb

14 oz. Pkg. Seedless
Mini Cucumbers..... **\$2⁹⁹**

On the Vine
Cluster Tomatoes..... **\$2⁴⁹**
lb

3 ct. Pkg. Crisp, California
Romaine Hearts..... **\$2⁹⁹**



SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVINGS THIS WEEK!