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Marion Teen Finds Camaraderie on New Stage

By Mick Colageo

Bree LeFavor, a swimmer in need of an alternative activity, got more than she bargained for in the world of pageant competition. Sidelined last year from her favorite competitive pastime, the 13-year-old, life-long Marion resident was encouraged by her music teacher to take her other favorite activity, singing, to a beauty pageant.

"Honestly, during the first pageant, the rehearsals and stuff, both my mom and I had the same mindset, but after we did the pageant, I got a lot of awards and ... met a lot of nice people," said Bree, a student at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School. "I think I've become a lot more confident ... I'm a lot better about public speaking now."

Bree's mother Julie LeFavor was taken aback at the thought of a pageant. "We'll do one pageant," was her answer. "We're not pageant people," she explained.

The one-and-done theory gave way to one, then two, then three, with more to come. After Bree came in as third runner-up and the receiver of multiple scholarships and Miss Congeniality recognition in the Miss New Bedford pageant held October 2023, she entered Miss Fall River and again finished as third runner-up.

Then came Miss Cape Cod's Teen, where Bree won first place and the congeniality and interview awards.

"Third pageant, she won it, that was shocking



On the Cover: Footprints dot an icy pathway off Tinkham Lane, as the morning sun brightens the frozen tundra in the neighborhood where an EF-1 tornado did most of its damage back on August 8, 2023. Many fallen trees still lay in the woods between the homes, an abiding reminder to residents of their ordeal. Photo by Mick Colageo

for me," said Julie, noting that Bree will next compete for Miss Massachusetts Teen (the winner of that pageant goes onto the Miss America Teen pageant.)

The whirlwind of sudden success in this new activity has not changed Bree, beyond the fact she has made several new friends.

"Everyone's very nice. Definitely, I think a lot of the friendships that I've made are going to be lifelong; it really is a sisterhood," said Bree, who has a special relationship now with New Bedford resident Ashley Clark, 22, a UMass Dartmouth graduate in Fashion Design who won the Miss Cape Cod title and as such, is Bree's big sister in the pageant life.

"Everybody's been very, very nice, and the girls are all genuinely rooting for each other. When the parents can't get backstage, they all have to help each other – get into their dresses. It was really an eyeopener," said Julie. "We didn't really tell anyone when she went to do Miss New Bedford ... then it was on Facebook so cat's out of

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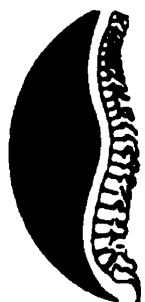
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the bag now. It was really a pleasant surprise, everyone was so lovely."

Along with a talent, each competitor has a Community Service Initiative, what they call a CSI. Bree's CSI is to teach children in public schools about water safety.

"I mean, yeah, because when it's about your CSI ... I know what I want to do so it's just about saying it in a good way," said Bree, who is back to swimming, competing with the ORR High School team as an eighth-grader.

Bree has always been a well-trained and capable swimmer, having survived a close call in the water at age four. Her mother says she has a faint memory of going under in a murky ocean. Julie screamed at the lifeguard without taking her eye off the mark where she last spotted Bree. Julie waded into the water and could see Bree underneath the surface treading the water but not coming up.

"I made it a mission, everybody's going to get waterproofed," said Julie, who also has a son. "(Bree) definitely wanted to make that her platform. We got them into good programs."

"The goal of this is that every delegate (Teen and Miss contestants) focus on a social impact initiative to bring to bring to community, cause and commitment for their year. It is their opportunity to make a difference and bring their cause to the forefront," said Jacquie Curran, the executive director of the Miss Cape Cod Scholarship Foundation, Inc. "We are a completely volunteer organization. I started the Teen program 2018 when I returned from living in Atlanta for 25 years and resurrected the 'Miss' title 2023 after 30 years in hiatus."

Under the new ownership of Robin Fleming, the Miss America Organization is looking to promote a better financial commitment from the delegates and families and to that end charges a one-time \$39.99 annual fee with no further entry fees required for multiple pageants.

"Raising scholarship funds and donations has been quite the challenge, especially with Covid and not being able to run the program, not getting to the school auditoriums with the restrictive policies as well

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as the prohibitive costs," said Curran. "We depend on ticket sales, fundraisers, raffles, donations from various businesses if they're able, discounts and sponsorships from families and friends. We have to get very creative."

Bree's go-to number for voice is "At Last" along with some Adele songs.

"I like to sing older music because it tends to resonate more with the community. 'At Last' everyone knows it and enjoys it," she said.

At last, Bree is singing, swimming and making sure other children know how to have fun in the water and at the same time, be safe.

Advice to Presidential Candidates

Thoughts on...

By Dick Morgado

If you have been paying attention to the upcoming presidential election, which is only a mere 10 months away and you are not already sick of the whole thing, you know that both major candidates for president

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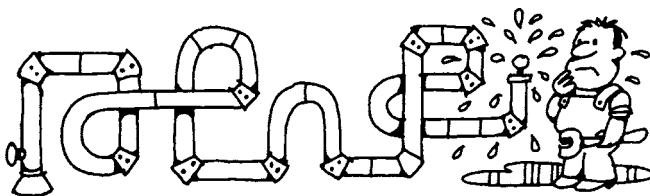
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are old. I can say that without bias or fear of picketers in front of my home, because I am old.

Since perception is everything and reality nothing in a presidential election, I have a few suggestions for the front runners (maybe "runners" is too generous a term for old guys) to look younger. Remember you don't get a second chance to make a first impression. I believe looking younger would guarantee the all-important youth vote, especially if it comes down to the wire.

I suggest taking multiple naps during the day and going to bed early and getting up late. Gravity can cause bags under your eyes, giving you the appearance of being tired. Frequent naps may not help you look younger, but they would help to cut down on public appearances and the annoyance of you being on our news all the time.

Barbara Seymour, a communications coach who has worked for Bloomingdale's and Neiman Marcus, who I assume because of that expertise must have vast experience in political campaigns, advises never to wear plaid pants. She says they make you appear heavy. Thin is in and thin radiates youthfulness and vitality. I bet she'd agree that you should wear jeans with holes in the knees as often as possible.

Chew gum. Experts say peppermint is preferred, or suck on peppermint hard candy. Research at Wheeling Jesuit University in West Virginia found that the smell of peppermint improves your mood and motivation, important to maintain as the campaign wears on. That

study complements previous research tying the scent of peppermint to "enhanced energy levels and cognitive functioning."

If you prefer, the good Jesuits have found that the smell of cinnamon boosts brainpower and improves mental dexterity and traits that, according to polls, voters seem to think older people lack.

Riquette Hofstein, world-renowned hair and skin expert, suggests washing your hair with beer will make your hair look fuller. Might I suggest a nice craft brew from a local brewery where you are campaigning. A light lager works well, she says.

Arrange to get caught rapping on a hot mike. Hold your cell phone in your hand at all times. Be sure your staff releases photos of you googling or texting. Research has shown that surfing the internet regularly helps the brain to stay sharp, which is important to appearing younger.

Talk fast. No one will know what you are saying so no one can disagree.

Use "vocal fry" such as "you know" and "like" frequently. (If you already know what vocal fry is, you are already ahead of the game.) Also say "my mom" when telling family anecdotes. I know from having taught in high school and college that "my mom..." is the most-used phrase among people under 30.

Quote Taylor Swift lyrics as often as possible.

Refer to your running mate as your "bestie."

Always be positive when speaking about your chances. Say the campaign is "buzzin'" even if the polls show it is tanking.

Be sure to refer to your wife as "Heather" even if that is not her name. Young people know that means she is admirable and should be liked. A likeable, future first lady is a valuable partner in a campaign.

And don't ever say your children are members of AARP.

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

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What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Ed Hoffer

If you have commercial health insurance or are one of the over half of Medicare enrollees who have a "Medicare Advantage" plan, decisions about your health care are not decided solely by you and your doctor(s.) There is a third party in the room: your insurer, whose interests are financial rather than health.

As medicine became more complex and much more expensive, one response of health insurance companies was to try to decrease the use of expensive tests and treatments. They developed lists of tests, medications and procedures that could in some cases be substituted by older, cheaper tests and treatments. When a doctor wished to order an expensive new approach, they had to justify why this was necessary.

If done properly, this was fair and reasonable. Every expensive new drug is not always better than a cheap old one. Every patient with back pain does not need a CT scan or MRI. The problem is that insurers went overboard.

The process works like this: Your doctor sends a prescription to your pharmacy or asks their staff to schedule you for an imaging test. They then hear from

the pharmacy or the radiology department that your insurance company requires "prior authorization." The cost will not be paid until the insurance company agrees it is needed. The doctor's office calls the insurer and is questioned by a clerk with no medical background using a checklist. Sometimes miracles happen, every box is checked and you get approval.

More often, your doctor is told that the request does not meet their criteria for necessity and will not be paid. There are now three choices: Do it anyway and have you, the patient, pay the bill; forget about it and try a different approach; request an appeal of the decision.

For all but the very wealthy, paying out of pocket is very difficult. If there indeed is a good, cheaper alternative, the system has worked as intended. Most of the time the request is necessary for the best outcome and the doctor must appeal.

A survey found that the average doctor's office devoted 14 person-hours a week to prior authorizations – time that costs the doctor money and takes away resources that could be better spent on care. Clearly the insurers hope that if they deny needed care, the doctor may sometimes decide it is not worth the time and effort to appeal.

Recent investigations by ProPublica and others have found that many insurance companies rely on biased algorithms to deny needed care. They have also documented that insurance company medical directors review 10,000 cases per year or more, and often make decisions without even looking at the patients' charts. Moreover, many companies employ (as medical directors) doctors who have been driven out of practice by disciplinary action or numerous malpractice suits.

If your doctor's suggestion is denied by your insurance company, what can you do? If you and your doctor agree that the denied service is truly best for you, insist on appealing. While the doctor's office has to take the lead, you can add your voice to the process. Get the HR office at work to intercede on your behalf. Threaten to – and do if necessary – contact the state office of consumer affairs.

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

Wells, Water Mains, Focal Points of DPW Report

Marion Select Board

By Mick Colageo

Becky Tilden, director of the Marion Department of Public Works, appeared for an appointment with the Marion Select Board on January 17 to give the members a rundown on DPW matters.

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Marion has 47.44 miles of road (up and down, so just under 95) to work, including the trimming back of road edges and filling of potholes. The DPW has replaced 80% of the town's road signs, paved County Road, Joann and Jenna Drive, repaired Coves End Road and crack-filled 15 roads.

The town's pavement-management plan is coming to fruition with update and new five-year plan, including a three-year maintenance plan. A sidewalk evaluation is also being done.

The Transfer Station had 15,485 visits last year, up by 5% over 2022, according to Tilden. The station is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The Swap Shed will open on April 10 on a trial basis with a Wednesday schedule so it can be staffed and to prevent the loitering that occurred last time Marion tried to operate a swap shed.

The DPW has been involved in site preparation for its new headquarters and also the harbormaster's new headquarters.

The town held 46 burials in 2023, including 18 full burials.

The plan for Spragues Cove is for the DPW to cut back the vegetation at the 3-acre area of shellfish beds in the western section of Sippican Harbor and to then follow up with a plan for the treatment of phragmites. An environmental consultant will help the DPW safely dispose of the vegetation removed.

Marion's annual water-flushing program added a directional program that Tilden estimates achieved 25% completion and will resume in the spring.

Wells at Mary's Pond are expected to be back online in March, followed by the east and west wells.

An asset-management grant program being conducted by Tata & Howard engineers will evaluate the Main and Perry Hill water stations and recommend a plan for the town. Select Board member Randy Parker asked about easements at Perry Hill and power lines. Tilden said wetlands have crept in, and the DPW is communicating with the Conservation Commission.

"This is a whole plan that will help us get a maintenance program in line," said Tilden.



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Wolf Island and the East well share a portable backup generator, but Tilden told the board a permanent solution is in the works. The generator will also serve Mary's Pond and the West well, all being in the same area. The Main and Perry Hill stations' old generators will be replaced.

The Creek Road Water main project now underway will correct the situation with the installed, 600-foot pipe that remains inactive. Tilden said that pipe's replacement will rid the town of the double dead end and help flows, including for fire emergencies and give water to the Creek Road Sewer Station.

The DPW is conducting its engineering work now with a plan to seek funding for the replacements in the

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Hydrants are about to go out to bid at various locations. One of Marion's newer hydrants on County Road was incapacitated by a recent car accident. Some of the older hydrants are operable but being scheduled for replacement. No movement on Route 105 will occur for the next three years due to a state-ordered moratorium on that road.

A fecal-coliform issue has been elusive for the DPW to locate, and Weston & Sampson is working with the town to figure out ways to isolate the source.

With 5 inches of rain over the first week and a half of January, Tilden reported "very high" flows and reported 916,352 gallons in the Main station as of January

11. Tilden anticipates an infiltration/inflow (I/I) report from Weston & Sampson.

On a sad note, Tilden reported that Frank Cooper, the first treatment-plant operator for Marion, passed away on December 31.

She concluded by crediting her team for its strong commitment and cooperation.

Select Board member Randy Parker asked about Delano Road. Tilden said not the entire water main will be replaced, but plans are in place and awaiting funding for culvert repair and partial force-main replacement.

Chairman Toby Burr asked Tilden's opinion of the recent discussion with Mattapoisett and Rochester officials on sharing equipment and combining bids on public projects that affect multiple towns.

"I think it's a great idea," said Tilden, referencing conversation with Town Administrator Geoff Gorman on the possibility of a Tri-Town, hazardous-waste drop-off event. "Because we really need to have one of those, and it would definitely be easier on all the towns if (the three towns took turns hosting such events.)"

Town Administrator Geoff Gorman and the board thanked Tilden for her thorough presentation, and Gorman recommended the Select Board entertain a department's visit for such an update on a monthly basis.

In his Town Administrator's Report, Gorman recognized the Alves family for Sippican Elementary School student Davin Alves' donation to the Marion Food Pantry exceeding \$1,000.

The foundation of the new harbormaster facility has been redesigned from helical piles to a mat (or raft) foundation after South Coast Improvement was unable to drill to the prescribed depths to accommodate the original plan. The mat foundation is designed to distribute the weight of the building evenly across its footprint.

Gorman told the board the schedule calls for the DPW building bid opening for late March. He said this will give the town plenty of time to complete the bid process in advance of the April 2 closing of the Town Meeting warrant and May 13 Town Meeting.

Marion's new website will debut on Thursday, January 25, funded by the Community Compact Grant from the state. Gorman publicly credited several individuals for their work.

Cemetery Regulations and fees are likely changing after Cemetery Commission member Margie Baldwin said the commission presently allows 12 inches of plantings in front of headstones. Jody Dickerson of the DPW said the biggest maintenance challenge is mowing around graves that exceed the allowable 12 inches of plantings in front of the headstones.

Burr asked if the commission would find it beneficial to hear from the public, but Baldwin noted that the town owns the land around the graves. "People get a little carried away with the mementos ... colored lights," Baldwin said. "It's not an amusement park, but it's not an arboretum either. ... We have to find the balance between

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the two." Baldwin said she received a complaint that a bird feeder at one headstone had led to desecration of the adjacent headstone.

New regulations would spell out what is and is not allowed. Parker agreed with Burr that a public hearing should be held to make the public better aware of what changes are proposed and why.

"If you let people talk, at least they have the opportunity to express their opinions," said Burr.

Select Board member Norm Hills sided with the commission that it is not a matter of a few dissenting opinions but only a matter of controlling town-owned property, but Burr and Parker reiterated their support of a public hearing.

The matter was officially postponed until February 6, when a public hearing is anticipated.

In other Action Items, an Administrative Consent order update was reviewed by the Select Board, which approved the dates therein.

Gorman was appointed approval agent, and Finance Director Heather O'Brien was appointed preparing agent for the administration of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Daniel Eling and Derek Krein were appointed as regular members of the Pathways Committee.

The board voted to accept from Vareika Construction the donation of a copper rooftop for the Bicentennial Park gazebo.

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The board voted to accept from A.D. Makepeace the donation of gravel for the Point Road Bike Path.

The board approved four one-day liquor licenses for the Marion Social Club, 44 Pumping Station Road, for events on January 27 (1:30 pm to 5:30 pm), February 4 (12:00 pm to 5:00 pm), March 24 (12:00 pm to 5:00 pm) and April 21 (12:00 pm to 5:00 pm.)

The board approved two one-day liquor licenses for ICJ Corporation for events at the Marion Music Hall on April 5 (a trivia-night fundraiser for Taber Library 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm) and May 4 (6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.)

The board approved a Water/Sewer commitment for \$671.89 (final readings January 4.)

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scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, at 6:00 pm at the Town House Annex Building conference room.

Building Commissioner Candidates Interviewed

Mattapoisett Select Board

By Marilou Newell

On January 22, the Mattapoisett Select Board began the process of interviewing candidates for the open position of Building Commissioner. The sitting commissioner, David Riquinha, tendered his resignation, opting to focus on his business ventures.

On hand as the board poised pertinent questions to Kevin Greiner of Acushnet (working for the Town of Easton) and Christopher Canney of Westport (working for the Town of Sherborn) was Building Inspector Nathan Darling, inspector for the Town of Lakeville.


The board asked the candidates to describe not only their managerial style but also to share what a typical day at work looked like.

Greiner stated that he primarily focuses on the documents associated with permits, "desk work," and supports the Zoning Board of Appeals through review of filings, providing comments, but not generally attending their meetings. Regarding his management style, Greiner said he oversees nine mostly part-time staff members in a hands-off manner.

"I let them do their job," he said, noting that his office processes approximately 30 permits per day. Greiner also shared that he believes in enjoying one's work. "I want them to have some fun."

With respect to interacting with Easton's boards and the Fire Department, Greiner attested to good working relationships. He said he understood the requirements of CMR 521, a specialized building code regarding access for persons with disabilities for buildings in the commonwealth. He also acknowledged full understanding of the Insurance Services Office (ISO) process, which creates ratings for fire departments and their communities, calculating the readiness of the department for fire suppression and other incidents.

When asked about FEMA regulations, especially

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related to flood plains, Greiner conceded that this was likely his weakest area of expertise, having worked primarily in areas of uplands versus coastlines. But he added that the codes governing construction in such areas was specific, and he was confident he could come up to speed quickly.

Greiner's resume lists previous employers as the Town of East Bridgewater, Town of West Bridgewater, Modern Continental Construction and Greiner Electric. He holds an associate's degree from Massasoit Community College, is a Massachusetts Certified Building Commissioner and is a journeyman electrician.

Canney began his interview by noting that he has been working in construction from a very young

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age in his family's business. Today he holds licenses and certification as a building commissioner and inspector, Massachusetts Construction Supervisor and Massachusetts Home Improvement Contractor. He received a bachelor of arts from Bard College.

The candidate also said that like Greiner, most of his work has occurred in uplands areas not necessarily governed by FEMA; however, there were major riverfront areas that required specific oversight.

Canney's management style was typified as "we are all a team. ... I still do inspections, so they understand I'm doing the same things they are doing – I'm a working commissioner. ... This is a public service job." He said he believes in treating people with respect.

On the topics of ISO and CMR 521, Canney stated he had good working relationships with the Sherborn Fire service and had worked with CMR 521 for years.

When it came time to switch places and grant the candidates the opportunity to ask the board questions, Greiner passed. Canney said Mattapoisett didn't seem to be screaming for growth but wanted to assist with solar or 40B housing.

Canney's resume noted working as the building commissioner for the Town of Sherborn since 2017, also as a part-time inspector for the Town of Dartmouth, former commissioner for the towns of Holliston and Medfield, as well as Concord and Framingham and owner of Canney Construction. Canney has also taught construction-supervisor classes for the Construction Certification Institute.

Both candidates said they work with on-line permitting platforms and GSA systems. Both also felt it is important for Mattapoisett to maintain its charm.

The board noted that there were other candidates scheduled to appear at a future meeting and that the board will be holding some Monday (versus Tuesday) weekly meetings that will include budget review ahead of the Spring Town Meeting.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board is scheduled for Monday, January 29, time TBA.

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Voters Keep COA Independent

Rochester Special Town Meeting

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Special Town Meeting's lone negative vote Monday was also its most debated.

After Council on Aging Friends Chairman Michael Cambra complained the town was trying to take away the council's power to govern itself, a quorum of 163 residents gathered at Rochester Memorial School voted down Article 8, a bylaw amendment that would have made the Select Board rather than the Council on Aging responsible for the hiring of COA employees.

Cambra entered the motion to disapprove the article, as he noted his group of seniors was taken totally by surprise by the article, had not been given advanced notice or consulted. The no-vote will allow the COA to follow the same hiring procedures and policies as other noncontract, bylaw employees, Select Board member Adam Murphy argued.

Cambra asked the town officials on the stage if they knew of any COA employees who are not following town employee policies. "Doesn't the (COA) director consult with the town on decisions?"

Murphy explained that right now, the COA bylaw is not in line with town bylaw, such as with the procedures for grievances and sexual-harassment complaints. "The COA is not under that bylaw," Murphy said. "Compensation is not equal."

Murphy added that, yes, he knows of COA employees not following town bylaw, but he would not name them in a town meeting. We're not taking away your ability to hire," he said. "This is to make sure there is a process that is the same."

Cambra countered that the article clearly states that "The Select Board shall appoint such employees as it may require."

"How is that not taking away our rights?" he said. "We're not going to give up our rights."

"For years we've hired our own," former Select Board member Woody Hartley said. "We made our bylaw so that we can be independent." Turning to the voters assembled in the Rochester Memorial School cafetorium, he added, "Please deny this article."

The resulting vote opposing the article drew a round of applause.

The Special Town Meeting, however, began with a more positive note.

Voters approved adopting a law that mandates the town boost the pay of any town employee who is away serving in the military "to receive pay without loss of ordinary remuneration as a public employee" during this service.

Police Chief Robert Small explained in a previous meeting that he has one employee now serving in the National Guard at the United States' southern border. Accepting this provision will allow him to pay that town employee to make up for what money he is losing as a

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They also approved Article 2, amending the town's senior tax work-off program by increasing the amount of tax liability that may be abated through a work-off to \$1,500. The previous limit was a \$750 abatement. On Town Meeting floor, officials added the amendment that anyone disabled and unable to do such work may have someone take their place to earn an abatement on their behalf.


Approval of Article 3 transferred \$400,000 from the town's Stabilization Fund to "improve various roadways in town."

Article 4 transferred \$54,380 from Public Safety Facility Feasibility Study funds, as this part of the



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planning process has been completed, to Public Safety Facility design funding.

Article 5 transferred \$30,000 from free cash for the cost of hiring a temporary employee or a consultant to fill unexpectedly sudden, vacant positions. Town Administrator Glenn Cannon explained in a previous meeting that people have been hired in this fashion to cover vacancies in the treasurer's and town clerk's office through other town funds. The purpose needs its own funding source.

Article 6 transferred \$21,270 from Capital Improvement Funds for a variety of town expenditures, including \$7,000 for Counsel on Aging walkway repairs, \$5,000 for a Council on Aging walk-in cooler and roof and \$3,500 to hire a consultant to review and revise Planning Board rules and regulations.

Article 7 authorized the Select Board to file a Home Rule Petition to allow Fire Chief Scott Weigel, who turns 65 in April, to remain in the position past his mandatory retirement age. Cannon has said the chief wishes to stay on to see the completion of the Public Safety Facility project. The article reads that he may not stay in the position past age 67.

Article 9 revised 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. Project developer Ken Steen explained on Town Meeting floor that the measure adds land where a house has been demolished after he acquired the additional property "after the fact."

Article 10 authorized the town to seek legislative approval to grant a liquor store license for that new Smart Growth Overlay District property. Cannon has explained that the town was granted one more liquor license than the town was allowed for the district. Now that license must be deemed allowable on the additional parcel.

Town Considering Dispatch Future

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

Could Rochester bring its police and fire emergency response dispatching department back to

town?

Town Administrator Glenn Cannon told Rochester's Select Board on January 17 that this is one of the options townspeople are discussing after recent problems with the Regional Old Colony Communications Center in Duxbury that it joined in 2017.

He said the options currently being talked about are creating a town-based emergency response dispatching department again or joining a different regional dispatching center. (The Rochester Select Board put out feelers to its Marion and Mattapoisett counterparts to gauge such interest when the three boards recently met to tour the Mattapoisett Fire Station.)

Fire Chief Scott Weigel said the discussion about a potential change started after the Old Colony center had problems responding in a timely fashion to emergency calls during a recent storm event. He said the source of the difficulty was a failure of the center's Highway Department broadcast bands.

It was a high-volume night with 800 calls within a 24-hour period, but the Old Colony center closed down the Highway Department band that night because the center serves a six-town region, and the system would otherwise be overwhelmed.

"But they are trying to learn from their mistakes and correct the problem," Weigel said.

Still Rochester Select Board Adam Murphy agreed the town should find a way to explore options. "If we don't look at our options," Murphy said, "we won't be able to fix something that's become a problem."

In January of 2017, the town's Select Board members approved joining the Regional Old Colony Communications Center that also serves the towns of Duxbury, Halifax and Plympton. The move made the town eligible for state funds that upgraded the town Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services departments' communications equipment. But it meant the local dispatch center had to vacate the Dexter Lane station.

Under Old Business, Cannon referenced a recent meeting with the Rochester Council on Aging to discuss Article Eight of the Special Town Meeting agenda, which with voter approval would change a town bylaw so that

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the Select Board has greater control over the COA's hiring decisions.

"There was a lot of concern about the language there in Article 8," Cannon told the board during its January 17 meeting. He told COA leadership that he would bring the matter back to the Select Board and did so with the recommendation that while the Special Town Meeting Warrant has already been voted its approval by the board and cannot be altered, the board not make a motion on Article 8 at Town Meeting.

The town bylaw currently reads the COA shall appoint its employees. The change would require the COA to follow the same hiring procedures and policies as other bylaw employees. Cannon explained that police patrolmen, librarians and COA workers are the town's only non-bylaw employees.

In other action, the Select Board approved a change of plan for the hydrological study that will gauge the health of the waterflow between Snipatuit Pond and Great Quittacas Pond.

Following Town Planner Nancy Durfee's recommendation, the board agreed that one of the two gauges that will be installed to test Snipatuit Pond's flow rate will be placed at 0 Forrester Road rather than the original plan of planting it on Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School property.

Durfee explained that Old Colony Superintendent-Director Aaron Polansky recently told her the school location is too close to the eastern end of the parcel, and the project would interfere with the school's renovation and expansion plans. That is why she is requesting use of a town-owned lot on Forrester Road instead. She said the alternative site is directly off Northern Avenue and very wooded. Yet she hopes that placing it there won't destroy many trees. The Select Board endorsed the plan with minimal discussion.

The other gauge will be installed at the town forest across from the Northern Avenue cemetery. The goal, Durfee said, when she proposed the plan last fall, is "to get a better understanding of the complex's aquifer." The flow gauges are being installed with ARPA funds totaling \$20,000, and it will be the town's responsibility to



monitor their data.

Also, the board approved Diane Knapp as the new assistant town treasurer. Knapp is also a member of Board of Assessors.

Anticipating the January 22 Special Town Meeting, the Rochester Select Board set its next regular public meeting for Monday, February 5, at 6:00 pm at the Senior Center, 67 Dexter Lane.

Fieldstone Case Continued

Marion Zoning Board of Appeals

By Mick Colageo

The owner of Fieldstone market will need to revise his plan for an expansion of his store and the parking around it.

Johnson Family Investments LLC, 806 Mill Street, applied for a variance from the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals for a variance from Section 230-5.2a of the Marion Zoning Bylaw allowing for lot coverage exceeding 40% of the lot area.

The January 11 public hearing drew plenty of attention from abutting residents concerned with the plan to expand parking in the back of the store.

Fieldstone owner Arnie Johnson, familiar to municipal public hearings as the chairman of the Rochester Planning Board, was represented by Bill Madden of G.A.F. Engineering.

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that had preceded Fieldstone at the site had been approved in 2012 for the same variance of lot coverage.

ZBA Chairperson Cynthia Callow read into the record Zoning Bylaw 230-2.3d, listing the conditions necessary to justify the granting of the variance requested. Callow also read from Zoning Bylaw 230-5.2 (exceptions to minimum lot requirements.)

Madden told the ZBA that Johnson is applying for site-plan review of the Planning Board and will make a Form A application to bring together two separate lots. Johnson will also apply with the Conservation Commission for a Request for Determination of Applicability regarding the wetland to the southwest of the lot that Madden considers very small.

Madden explained that the back lot will be used by employees, freeing up spaces for customers out front.

In discussing the soils, Madden called the area the low point of Route 6 where the water table is high and the soils do not match those of the Residence C zoning area. He considers the soils unique and in place because of their location.

Madden says the hardship faced by Johnson is the soil that he says is not consistent with the Residence C zoning area combined with the high-water table.

ZBA member Dana Nilson said he has a problem with the assumption that the high-water table makes the lot unique and thusly, a hardship. Madden said five test pits show a variety of water-table height. He said the house Johnson recently bought to expand his parking indicates a watermark 4 feet up the cellar wall.

Jeff Doubrava, a ZBA member (and chairman of the Conservation Commission), clarified that the expansion of the building takes away no parking spaces. But he took issue with the amount of impervious surface coming as a result of the expansion of the parking lot. Madden said a pervious surface would not serve a food-service business effectively.

Residents in attendance took issue with the parking expansion. Johnson explained that he could have 16 employees on site at once, that there are presently 33 on the payroll and that number exceeded 50 last summer.

Fieldstone closes at 7:00 pm and the ice cream

counter at 9:00 pm in season. Johnson said he wants no lighting in the back parking lot and doesn't believe it would be needed for the ice-cream-only hours.

He further said he needs a travel way to get delivery trucks around the back of the building. He noted that in six years open, this is the first he has heard of his dumpster being picked up at an inopportune time. He said he would call the service because "I want to be a good neighbor."

One resident challenged the public good of the expansion because of its impact on the residential neighborhood.

Having heard from abutters and as more questions arose, Callow recommended continuing the case to gain more knowledge.

With that, the ZBA voted to continue the case, requesting an alternate plan that better addresses the abutters' concerns. The case was continued to the ZBA's February 8 meeting, Nilson's being the lone dissenting vote.

The John P. Kendall Trust was voted a Special Permit to demolish a house and construct a new one at 39 Water Street.

Will Saltonstall was on hand to represent the Kendalls, and Callow read into the record Zoning Bylaw 230-6.1 c1 on nonconforming structures that among other things, must not be more substantially detrimental to their neighborhood.

Saltonstall explained that given the house's position in the flood zone, his choice was to limit renovation to less than 50% of the home's value (a \$200,000 renovation) or to replace the house altogether. The applicants have chosen the latter.

ZBA member Margie Baldwin said, without a building across the street, the height will not be an issue, and she appreciated the location of the garage in the new house being off to the side. Saltonstall clarified that the entry could come from the front or the side.

Building Commissioner Bob Grillo suggested that if one of the properties was sold, the Planning Board would need to vet a shared driveway. Saltonstall thought, in the case of an easement that a special permit from the



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Planning Board would not be required but added that he would have no problem making that application.

With one question during public comment, the board voted to close the public hearing and without dissent, approved the special permit.

The next meeting of the Marion ZBA is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, at 6:30 pm at the Marion Police Station on Route 6.

Historic District Sees Legal Hurdles

Marion Historical Commission

By Mick Colageo

The Local Historic District Study Committee appointed last year by the Marion Select Board had been leaning toward recommending a "historic district light," but that has become a complicated path according to Will Tiftt, who in Tuesday's meeting of the Marion Historical Commission said a developer in Brookline sued that town for its customized "architecture district," modifying the state's basic 40C rules, and won.

"Unfortunately, the study committee had very much decided to ... do something similar ... the focus was to emphasize and build slightly on top of existing Planning Board rules regarding demolition, new construction and new additions," explained Tiftt. "The end result was not getting into design features per se, except for what faces the street ... but looking at mass and scale with no plan to do more than recommend. ... Our town counsel has given an opinion that she would not, if asked directly in Town Meeting, be in position to make a strong opinion."

The study committee has since gone back to the Attorney General's office for direction and has missed the deadline to get the matter before voters at the Annual Town Meeting in May.

"We're on a hold until the Attorney General comes back and gives us some guidance," said Tiftt, who noted that the Marion Select Board has agreed to continue giving the study committee an extension that would allow it to prepare to bring a proposal to the 2025 Annual Town Meeting. Tiftt is not ruling out getting on the warrant of a Special Fall Town Meeting.



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In the meantime, the study committee will have the opportunity to spend more time on education and discuss with residents why someone would want to have an historic district.

In a December permits review, Tiftt noted that the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals (of which he is also a member) will discuss a teardown and construction proposal at 25 West Drive (Planting Island) at its February 8 meeting.

A new sense of optimism has emerged regarding the Percy Browne House after a January 18 meeting involving Marion Historical Commission Chairperson Meg Steinberg with Tabor Academy Head of School Tony Jaccaci and James Bonsey, Tabor's new chief financial



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"Tony said we are just as interested as the Historical Commission in preserving the Percy Browne House," relayed Steinberg but noted that there is no funding in place. Tabor first has to work out its Master Plan, and the safety and maintenance of the building will require frequent checkups.

According to Commissioner Bryan McSweeney, Dray stated that the internal woodwork is just as important as the outside.

Steinberg said there is interest in restoring the original 1881 design and adding a new addition in place of the addition that was later made. Jaccaci, said Steinberg, indicated interest in a new Tabor building adjacent to the Browne house that would serve faculty and students.

"We've got to get some pros involved in this thing," said McSweeney.

The Marion Historical Commission is standing down and not applying for any Community Preservation Act funding in the FY25 round. Chairperson Meg Steinberg explained this is because they still have funding for another year of work, but she thought the Local Historic District Study Committee should reconsider its decision to stand down.

Eric Dray is the group's consultant. "Eric actually grew up in Marion so he really gets it," said commissioner Shelly Richins.

The commission's Annual Report is under the review of the members who need to approve it in time for the February 1 deadline.

The CPA funds awarded the Historical Commission by the town's Community Preservation Committee for FY22 address Delano and Point roads, Allen's Point, a Planting Island report and Converse and Moorings road areas.

Steinberg asked Town Administrator Geoff Gorman about the situation at Silvershell Beach and has been told that town is on it. Member Bryan McSweeney said the town is planning to use Mattapoissett's new grader in the spring.

"They're aware it's a problem, and it's

particularly a problem after this storm," he said. The gate was closed but has since reopened.

"It is an open space," said Steinberg, stating that a survey form will be done and a presentation will be made on March 21 at the Music Hall in conjunction with a presentation being given by Lynn Smiledge of the Sippican Historical Society on the Tremont Campground inventoried last year.

Tifft reported on two CPC requests, one seeking funding for 10 historic sites in Marion that would receive signage. The proposal will list 20 properties considered worthy of the request in hopes of gaining approval for 10 of those properties.

The nature of the signage has yet to be determined. Some will be town properties. Gorman is believed to like the idea and was including it in his strategic plan, according to Tifft.

The other request is a curriculum for high school students on Marion's history. There are steps to be completed beforehand (the CPC application deadline is February 5.) The commissioners indicated that DePina Landing might fall under that category.

Tifft reached out to one of the town's more significant donors about Bird Island. The Sippican Historical Society has indicated to the town that they're on the verge of being tapped out on that fund. The administrator can be paid until June, then the town would need to take it over until funds are built back up.

The town owns Bird Island and wanted to know if Sippican Historical Society would consider taking it over as a project. Tifft, who also holds membership in the society, said it would certainly help but sees two obstacles, one being the society's three protocols for donating and secondly, that public access has taken over management of the site.

"I think we need a fundraiser," said Tifft, who would not rule out further involvement by a significant donor.

In other business, Tifft suggested the Historical Commission have a document of "lost Marion," documenting egregious examples of ill-advised change that has caused the loss of integrity in town.

"Some fixer-ups have been done well, but some bad things have been atrocious," said McSweeney.

Regarding a permit-review update on DePina Landing, Steinberg told the commission that the DPW's Jody Dickerson said he's trying to revive the old permitting process to avoid needing to bring the matter before the Conservation Commission.

The next meeting of the Marion Historical Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, at 5:30 pm at Elizabeth Taber Library.



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Neighbors Cite Neighboring Town Rulings

Rochester Planning Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

Worried neighbors of BWC Snows Pond LLC's plan to build a solar-energy array on Cushman Road returned to the Town Hall hearing room Tuesday as Rochester's Planning Board met once again regarding the project's Special Permit and Site Plan Review application.

The petitioner's representative, Andrew Hamel, said he is in the midst of following up on the second review of the Cushman Road plans by the town's consulting engineer Ken Motta. Also, at present, he said, he "owes" the town Conservation Commission a response to one of the conditions that board has placed on the project.

The Planning panel ultimately continued the hearing to the next meeting on February 13 to give Motta time to finish his report. But first the neighbors had more concerns to address.

Referring to a recent newspaper report, abutter Claudette Tobin noted the Wareham Planning Board recently denied a solar-array project planned for the area of Charge Pond Road due to the setbacks required from the pond. Similarly, the Snows Pond project is very close to the Mattapoisett River, she said. "Can you guarantee there will be no groundwater contamination from this project?" she asked.

The answer to whether contamination will occur with the type of battery storage system that Snows Pond LLC is planning is an unknown at this time, Planning Board Chairman Arnold Johnson said. "But the Mattapoisett River Valley (Water Protection Advisory Committee) has signed off on this," he added.

Neighbor Melissa Sherman-Morris, referencing the same news story, noted the Wareham board took the plan for a battery system off the table because of fear of groundwater contamination.

Johnson said Rochester is now working on regulations to better control battery storage near an aquifer. Before motioning for the continuance, he added that unfortunately, state regulations have made solar operations something towns must approve. "Marion

denied them twice and were sued over it twice," he said.

BWC Snows Pond LLC's application is to build a solar-energy array on 12.55 acres of a 31-acre parcel at 0 Cushman Road in a Residential/Agricultural District and a Mattapoisett River Valley Watershed and Groundwater Protection District. The plan is to build there a 2.39 MW DC, single-axis, tracking, photovoltaic array, including DC-coupled battery energy storage.

In other action Tuesday, the Planning Board approved a Special Permit application to allow the subdivision of a back lot at 0 Mendell Road for residential use.

The panel continued until February 13 its hearing into the Site Plan Review application for JPF Development's plan to build a 15-acre self-storage facility at Kings Highway and Route 28.

Town Planner Nancy Durfee announced the next Master Plan Workshop will be held on Thursday, January 25, at 6:00 pm at the COA Senior Center, Dexter Lane. The topics will be Land Use and Economic Development.

The Rochester Planning Board will meet next on Tuesday, February 13, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Win Streaks Abound at ORR

Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

The Old Rochester Regional High School girls and



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boys swim teams faced Durfee High School (Fall River) on January 19 and took care of business, as ORR's girls won 90-83 and the ORR boys won 103-74. The wins move the girls' record to 2-2 and the boys to 4-0.

Caitlyn Lund was named the swimmer of the girls meet with her dominance in the 200 freestyle. For the boys, Riley Karo was also named a swimmer of the meet, winning the 500 freestyle. Their next meet will be held on Thursday, January 25, against Apponequet (2-3) in Lakeville.

Girls Basketball

ORR defeated Apponequet (10-3), 44-40, in a close game played in Mattapoisett. Emma Johnson and Hannah Thorell were both named the players of the game. The Bulldogs then defeated visiting Case 39-33 and won 54-28 at Bishop Stang to make it eight straight wins. ORR took a 9-2 record into Tuesday's game at Bourne and will host Falmouth on Friday, January 26, at 6:30 pm.

Hockey

The ORR/Fairhaven hockey team rolled past Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech, 7-3, on January 17. Junior Paddy Carrier was named the player of the game. The Bulldogs followed up with a 5-0 shutout of Apponequet (4-7) on January 20 to move to 8-4-1. The Bulldogs jump the ferry for their next game on Saturday, January 27, at 2:00 pm on Nantucket.

Boys Basketball

ORR bounced back from a 90-47 defeat at home

against Wareham (10-2) with a 69-58 win on the road against Case in Swansea. The Bulldogs took a 9-4 record into Tuesday night's home game against Bourne and are back on home court Tuesday, January 30, against Dighton-Rehoboth (6:30 pm tip.)

Indoor Track

Boys and girls track split with GNB Voc-Tech on January 17, the girls winning their meet. Audrey Thomas was named the athlete of the meet. The teams' next meet will be against Apponequet on Thursday, January 25, at 6:30 pm at GNB Voc-Tech's Janiak fieldhouse.

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Academic Achievements

Jacob Pothier of Rochester, was named to the Dean's Honor List at Cedarville University for Fall 2023. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.75 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Lucas Pothier of Rochester, was named to the Fall 2023 Dean's List at Cedarville University. Students receive this recognition for obtaining a 3.5 GPA or higher for the semester and carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Lily-Ann Taber, a Lasell University student from Rochester, was named to the Dean's List for their academic performance in the Fall 2023 semester.

College of Charleston congratulates students who were named to the President's List and the Dean's List for Fall 2023 including; **Hadley Walsh** of Mattapoisett was named to the Dean's List (Distinguished). Walsh is majoring in International Business. **Jon Ciffolillo** of Marion was named to the Dean's List (Distinguished). Ciffolillo is majoring in Finance. **Kinsley Dickerson** of Mattapoisett was named to the Dean's List (Distinguished). Dickerson is majoring in Psychology.

MLT: Dates to Save for 2024

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of Mattapoisett Land Trust throughout 2024, there are dates worth saving for events that you won't want to miss. Mark your calendars for: Tour de Creme on Sunday **May 19** (with the Friends of the Bike Path); MLT's 50th Birthday Party on Sunday **June 30**; find us at Harbor Days on **July 20 & 21** and the Great Community Picnic on Thursday **August 1** (with the Mattapoisett Museum.) More details to come about all of our big events and many smaller programs and events to be announced. It's going to be a fun year with MLT, so stay tuned in. Follow MLT on Facebook and Instagram, and check out the events calendar on our website.

National Take Your Child to the Library Day

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library invites you to join us in celebrating National Take Your Child to the Library Day on Saturday, **February 3**, from 10 am to 3 pm in the Children's room. Come by to receive a complimentary book, engage in an exciting scavenger hunt, unleash your creativity with a special craft and seize the chance to enter our thrilling raffle. No registration is necessary – just drop in and enjoy the festivities.

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Skaar at mskaar@sailsinc.org or by calling the library at 508-758-4171. You can find more information about library events on our website at MattapoisettLibrary.org.



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ORRHS Artwork Selected For Exhibition

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Principal Michael Devoll are pleased to announce that artwork by three Old Rochester Regional High School students has been selected for the Emerging Young Artists and Designers (EYAD) 2024 Juried Exhibition.

The EYAD is hosted annually by the College of Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA) at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. The program received submissions from 808 students this year, from which 199 works were selected for the exhibition by CVPA's Associate Dean Ann Kim.

Beginning January 26, the EYAD will be available for viewing online. The work featured will represent

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students from schools around New England.

The selected ORRHS student work includes:

- Addie Crete's watercolor painting, created in Drawing & Painting class with Kate Butler.
- Mariana Sudofsky's color patch bowl set (wheel-thrown pottery), created in Ceramics class with Joanne Mogilnicki.



-Mitchell Mathieu's circulos mask, created in Ceramics class with Mogilnicki.

"Our Art Department provides amazing support and leadership to our students as they explore their talents," Principal Devoll said. "The works by Addie, Mariana and Mitchell are shining examples of the many talented artists whose work is cultivated at ORRHS under the supervision of Ms. Butler and Ms. Mogilnicki."

Added Superintendent Nelson: "Being selected for this exhibition is a wonderful achievement for our

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students and showcases their great creativity, passion and attention to detail. We look forward to seeing their work featured alongside dozens of other works by students across New England."

A virtual exhibition opening, reception and awards presentation will be held on Friday, **January 26** for the artists, their teachers, families and relatives.

Monies Allocated To Mattapoissett in Wake of Tornado

Rep. Bill Straus (D-Mattapoissett) is pleased to note that today up to \$100K will be distributed to the town to defray costs incurred from the August, 2023 tornado. The EF-1 tornado left homes, trees, power lines, including the town's water treatment building damaged.

"The funds going to the town will certainly help with the associated costs of the ongoing repairs and restoration." I applaud the Healey-Driscoll Administration for the inclusion of the Governor's year end closeout supplemental budget and recognizing Mattapoissett as a municipality that was affected by a natural disaster.

MCC Announces Memorials Scholarships

Mattapoissett Congregational Church is pleased to once again offer scholarships to students graduating from high school in June 2024 who reside in the town of Mattapoissett, Marion or Rochester or are a member of the Mattapoissett Congregational Church. Two \$2,500

scholarships will be awarded on the basis of scholastic achievement, community service and financial need. Applications and supplementary information are now available at the local public and private schools. The deadline for electronic submission of documents is Friday, **March 29**.

Students will be notified of their selection by April 26 via email. Scholarship recipients will be introduced in church on Scholarship Sunday, May 12 during the 10 o'clock service of worship.

If you are a graduating senior and have any questions about the scholarship application process, you are invited to contact the Mattapoissett Congregational Church office via email at mattconchurch@gmail.com.



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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Construction workers dig a trench that will bury power lines to Marion's new Maritime Center being built at Island Wharf. Photo by Mick Colageo



Over 40 Rochester Memorial School fifth- and sixth-grade chorus students sang the national anthem before the January 14 Providence Bruins game. Among those having a good time at the good ol' hockey game are sixth-grader Hayden Silva, the Realini family, Grade 5 teacher Mike Forns and Music and Chorus teacher Susan Audette. Photos courtesy ORR District



Photo by Steve Chicco



Winter Robins at Brandt Beach by Marcia Parker.

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

RWC Scholarship Fundraiser at the Ponderosa

The Rochester Women's Club awards three \$1,000.00 scholarships a year to Rochester graduating high school seniors that will be furthering their education beginning September 2024. The applicants must reside in Rochester Massachusetts. It does not matter where they attend high school.

The Rochester Women's Club was established in 1928 and is owned and operated by local women, not necessarily all from Rochester. Our property is located at 37 Marion Rd in Rochester.

A fundraiser is being held at The Ponderosa on Saturday **February 10** from 3 pm-6 pm.

Left Right Center is a dice game of chance and skill. We will have \$3.00, \$6.00 and \$10.00 tables.

The Ponderosa is located at 242 Robinson Road, Acushnet.

Entrance fee is \$20.00 per person. Tickets available at the door only. Space is limited. So it will be first come first served.

Kindergarten Parent Information Night

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson is pleased to share information on the upcoming Kindergarten Parent Information Night for Sippican School, Center School and Rochester Memorial School families. The meetings at all schools will take place Tuesday, **January 30** from 6-7 pm. All informational meetings will be held in person at the

respective school buildings.

-Sippican School, 16 Spring St., Marion

-Rochester Memorial School, 16 Pine St., Rochester

-Center School, 17 Barstow St., Mattapoisett

Incoming Kindergarten parents/guardians in the Marion, Rochester and Mattapoisett school districts are encouraged to attend the informational meetings for the 2024-2025 school year.

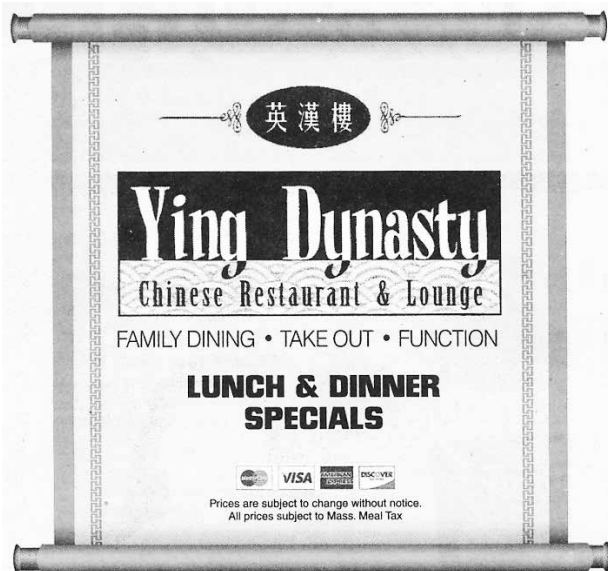
During the event, building principals will share a presentation regarding the school and the registration process. Families will also have the opportunity to meet their assistant principal, teachers and school nurse.

Kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 school year will open online on **February 1**.

Mattapoisett Recreation

We are thrilled to announce that our application for grant funding has been approved, and we have been awarded funding for our Summer 2024 Seahorse Explorer Program. We are excited to begin our cultural enrichment activities for Summer 2024.

Mattapoisett Recreation is pleased to announce that online registration for early Spring programs is now open. Robotics, Sport Fit, Finger Knitting, Crafting, Kid Fit and Center Stage Kids are all offered. See all programs offered at www.mattrec.net.



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Thursday January 25, 2024

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

Friday January 26, 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 Two Grannies on the Road
3:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
3:30 PM This is America and the World
4:00 PM Paltracast with Darren Paltowitz
4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
5:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Christmas Concert
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Sippican Choral Society - Christmas Concert
8:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - The Revolutionary Temper with Robert Darnon
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday January 27, 2024

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

Sunday January 28, 2024

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

Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion
11:00 AM Sippican Memorial Rededication
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
11:50 AM Christmas in the Tri-Town
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
2:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
3:00 PM Bulldog Sports Show
3:30 PM Paltracast with Darren Paltowitz
4:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
4:30 PM The World Fusion Show
5:00 PM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert
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 29, 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
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6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert
7:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
8:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 PM Let's Talk Business
9:30 PM Building the Future
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday January 30, 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
12:30 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 31, 2024

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

12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:20 PM Christmas in the Tri-Town
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Pine Meadow Alpaca Farms Animal Education
2:10 PM Mattapoisett Harbor Days
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday
3:00 PM A Conversation With...
3:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
4:00 PM Paltracast with Darren Paltowitz
4:30 PM Tri-County Annual Children's 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
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9:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Seekonk
10:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Dighton-Rehoboth
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

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7:30 AM Marion Planning Board
10:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission
11:00 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
1:00 PM Marion School Committee
2:00 PM Marion Finance Committee
3:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
4:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
4:30 PM Marion Board of Health
5:30 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission
6:00 PM ORR School Committee
7:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
8:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission
9:00 PM Marion Planning Board
11:30 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals

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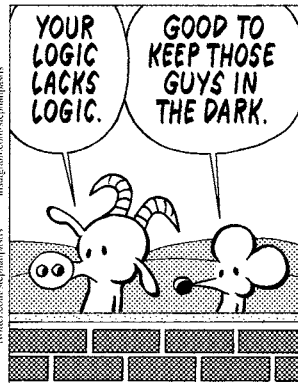
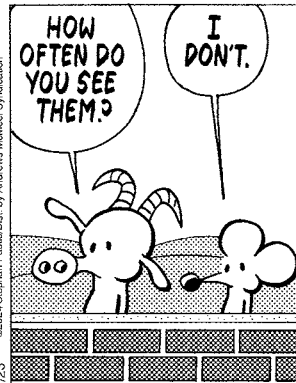
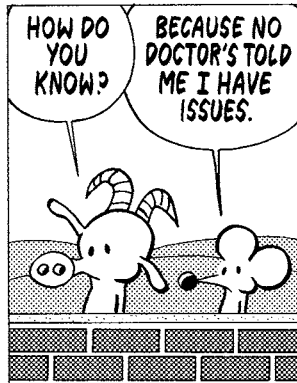
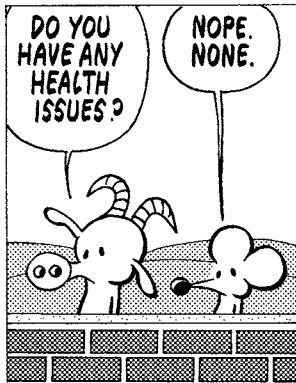
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Comcast Channel 8 Verizon Channel 37 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM Bulldog Sports Show
8:00 AM RMS 5th and 6th Grade Concert
9:30 AM FORM Instrumental Concert
10:30 AM Old Colony Robotics Competition
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM Bulldog Sports Show
1:00 PM ORR Hall of Fame - 1993 Undeclared Football Team
1:30 PM ORR Hall of Fame - Women in Sports at ORR
2:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Seekonk
4:00 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs Bourne
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM Bulldog Sports Show
7:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Groton-Dunstable
8:00 PM ORR Student vs Staff Basketball Fundraiser
9:00 PM ORR Girls Softball vs New Bedford Vocational Tech
11:30 PM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs Apponequet

MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 38

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



Auditions at the MAC

The Marion Art Center (the MAC) Theater announces open auditions for the June production of *The Minotaur*, written by Anna Ziegler and directed by Kate Sorensen-Young. A present-day version of a classic Greek myth, *The Minotaur* is a contemporary take on love, honor and human connection. With refreshing originality and wit, it explores how we break out of history in order to shape new stories for ourselves.

Auditions will be held in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater at 80 Pleasant Street in Marion on Sunday, **February 4** and Monday, **February 5**, 6:30-8:30 pm. A total of nine performance dates are scheduled: **June 7-9, 14-16, and 21-23, 2024**. Some dates may be subject to change. Friday and Saturday evening shows begin at 7:30pm and Sunday matinees begin at 2:00 pm with actors expected to arrive by 6 pm and 12:30 pm, respectively. The director will also be seeking a stage manager for the production.

All races, ages, colors, sizes, genders, gender-identities and experience levels welcome. Casting is at the discretion of the director and depending on the final ensemble. Auditions will be from the script; sides will be made available for review in advance of auditions for actors upon request. Actors are advised to wear clothes they feel comfortable moving in. For contact information and to view the announcement online, visit marionartcenter.org/auditions.

Jazz at the MAC Reboots for 2024

The Marion Art Center announces its first show of the year of its new series, *Unplugged* in the MAC Gallery on Friday, **March 1** with Matt Richard & Daniel Ian Smith. Head upstairs to the MAC's Patsy Francis Gallery to enjoy an evening of jazz. There will be two separate performances during the night, and each set will last about 45 minutes. Find a spot at a cabaret table to listen to a mix of jazz standards and original compositions by both artists. Guests will enjoy a refreshing setting at this "unplugged" performance featuring mainly acoustic sound, without the volume and density often experienced during larger concerts in the MAC Theater. Guests may bring their own beverages and snacks to enjoy in this intimate setting. The first seating begins at 7:00 pm and the second at 8:15 pm. The cost is \$12 for MAC members and \$15 for nonmembers. With only 24 guests per seating, advanced reservations are strongly recommended.

More jazz, please. Mark your calendars for three more unplugged dates this year: **April 12, September 13, and November 15** (musicians to be announced). Don't miss David Mitton and friends on the MAC Stage on Friday, **June 28**. Save the date for the annual Marion Art Center Jazz Jam will return on Friday, **August 30** to the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater. Be part of the long tradition of the jazz jam session complete with participation from community musicians. Our house band – Matt Richard on piano, Dave Zinno on bass, and

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MOVIE REVIEW

Old Jokes

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

***Blazing Saddles* (1974).** Starring Cleavon Little and Gene Wilder. Directed by Mel Brooks. Running time: 93 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Available on streaming and physical home media.

This year, Netflix is curating selections of notable films having an anniversary — 20th, 50th, and so on. One of them is Mel Brooks' *Blazing Saddles*, which turns 50 on February 7. The movie has in recent years been conscripted in the new culture war as an example of comedy that "could never be made today," because the "wokesters" and oversensitive Zoomers would "cancel" it, or some such thing. Yet there it is, on Netflix, with all thirteen "N-words" intact, along with other slurs. *Blazing Saddles* couldn't be made today because it's very much of its time — a spoof of '70s blaxploitation as much as westerns. Other satirical material with bawdy humor and language continues to be made. It's just that you're more likely to see it on Max than in the theater.

The movie, written by two Black guys and three Jews, has its heart in the right place when it comes to race. Today, it might come under fire more readily for its gay-bashing humor. Mel Brooks stops the movie cold during its climax so that Dom DeLuise can direct a bunch of flaming nellies in a song-and-dance number while himself playing a gay stereotype. It's one of several bumps in the narrative's road, as a Superposse of bad eggs has a traveling brawl with the heroes and townsfolk and keeps bursting in on other productions or the studio commissary, a shambolic meta-ending not unlike the non-climax of *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* a year later. The thing is, there's no mitigating satire here, no gay Cleavon Little figure. It's just making fun of the *faygelehs*. It's not great.

Neither is the rest of the movie, really. I adore Mel Brooks as a public figure, your hilarious uncle who's always "on" and says things in interviews that people quote for decades. May he live to be an *actual* 2000-year-old man. It's his movies that don't do much for me (though I have a soft spot for *Young Frankenstein* for its obvious love for the old Universal horrors and its dedication to getting the look right). As a writer/director, Brooks tends to elbow us too hard in the ribs trying to sell



the laugh. Some of the best moments were improvised, such as the "y'know...morons" line, which benefits from understatement (if Brooks delivered the line he'd have launched it into the cheap seats) and Cleavon Little's genuine chuckle at it.

Little, of course, plays Bart, the railworker turned sheriff — sent to a town ostensibly to guard it but really to destabilize it. A lot of *Blazing Saddles*' racial material, especially as regards white scheming against Black people, wouldn't offend today so much as seeming somewhat mild. Fifty years ago it was radical; then again, so was the campfire flatulence scene, which now plays both tame and obvious. I can say that *Blazing Saddles* was absolutely necessary *for its time*. That doesn't mean it needs to be driven into oblivion now. To say it hasn't aged well may only mean society has progressed in fifty years, and I imagine Mel Brooks would be depressed if we hadn't made any strides since 1974.

Well, in some ways we haven't. Things go in cycles, and fifty years ago a Black man in drag was on TV (*The Flip Wilson Show*, still running when *Blazing Saddles* was in theaters), and today some states are trying to outlaw drag queens. One step forward, ten steps back. The true sin of *Blazing Saddles* is that its humor is broad (Alex Karras' Mongo punching the horse — Mongo was reportedly Richard Pryor's main addition to the script) while its style is bland. The almost serene rapport between Little and Gene Wilder as the broken-down Waco Kid, two hipsters finding each other in a backward-ass town, is a source of pleasure. Harvey Korman, onscreen altogether too much, is not. Madeline Kahn, as the legendary Lili Von Shtupp, is majestically concupiscent while not exactly doing much for the then-fresh second-wave feminism. *Blazing Saddles* may be instructive in terms of the tropes it chooses to challenge (a group of Black railworkers crooning Cole Porter instead of "Camptown Races") and the ones it chooses to leave unharmed.

Gary Johnson on drums – will support the improvisers as they interpret many “jazz standards” in various style formats. Learn about the inner workings of a jam session as trombonist Phil Sanborn leads a question-and-answer session and explains how the songs are structured and how the “road map” for each selection helps the improvisers. Join us to listen in, or if you’re a musician, you’ll be able to join us on stage.

Learn more and buy tickets for upcoming events at marionartcenter.org/events.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

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

Groundhog Golf – Friday, **February 2**. Celebrate Groundhog Day with minigolf in the library! All day in the children’s department.

Take your Child to the Library Day – Saturday, **February 3**. Join us for Take your Child to the Library Day! Play together with kits and toys from our Library of Things and celebrate the kick-off of Black History Month with crafts and giveaways!

Storytimes – Wednesdays and Thursdays 10:30 am. Storytimes for all ages, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 am.

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

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

While Olive Winslow belonged to more than one town organization, she is no doubt best known for her many years as the town Librarian, now known as the Library Director. Serving in this position from 1941-1983, her 42 years holds the record for longevity. Over those years, she saw her salary increase in 1969 to \$2.00 an hour for a 10-hour work week. (In 1983, after her tenure ended, the salary went up to \$4.00 an hour for 15 hours.) In

1976, she saw her work area move from the library in the Rochester Town Hall to the brand-new Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library.

Two interesting facts connected to Rochester libraries, 1) they were made possible by the generosity of two women. The first was Mrs. Charles H. Leonard who provided money twice to establish a library in first, the Academy building in 1876 and second in Town Hall in 1891. The second woman was Mrs. Dorothy B. Plumb who provided the money in 1976 for the creation of the Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library in memory of her late husband.

The interesting fact #2 is that the almost 10,000 books and other items in the library collection were transported from the old Town Hall library to the new one by Donald and Eunice Jenkins, Roland Chevier and Barbara Besse.

But back to Olive. She died in 1983, and a moment of silence was held in her memory at a meeting of



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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Jan 14-Jan 20

- Wareham Rd – Building check/arrest
- Spring St – MV collision
- Bennets Neck Rd – MV collision
- Field Stone Ln – Health/welfare
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Health/welfare
- Mill St – General service
- County Rd – Suspicious MV
- Delano Rd – Found property
- Pleasant St – EMS/medical
- Spring St – EMS/medical
- Front St – animal complaint
- Rt 195 East – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Road hazard
- Spring St – Parking enforcement
- Spring St – General service
- Wareham Rd – MV stop/citation
- Front St – MV collision
- Quail's Crossing Rd – MV collision
- Point Rd – Follow up investigation
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Oakdale Ave – EMS/medical
- Tucker Ln – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Animal control
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Mill St - Fraud
- Front St – General service
- Field Stone Ln – Officer wanted

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Jan 14-Jan 20

- Main St – Open door
- Cove St – General service
- Barstow St – 911 call
- Innes Rd – General service
- Pico Beach Rd – Assist citizen
- Holly Ln – Assist citizen
- Acushnet Rd – Suspicious persons
- County Rd – Health/welfare
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Acushnet Rd – MV violations
- North St – Disturbance
- Marion Rd – General service
- Mattapoissett Neck Rd – Medical
- Barstow St – MV violations
- County Rd – General service
- Holly Ln – MV crash
- County Rd - Trespassing
- Shore Dr – General service
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- County Rd – Serve warrant
- Hiawatha Way – Health/welfare
- Fairhaven Rd – Suspicious persons
- Acushnet Rd – Unwanted person
- Fairhaven Rd – Missing person
- North St – MV violations
- Cove St – General service
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Deerfield Rd – MV violations
- County Rd – MCV crash

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Jan 14-Jan 20

- New Bedford Rd – Civil complaint
- Alley Rd – Animal control
- County Rd – MV stop/citation
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- New Bedford Rd – Failure to stop
- County Rd – General services
- Cranberry Hwy – Unattended MV
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV collision
- Burgess Ave – Suspicious activity
- North Ave – Suspicious activity
- Snipatuit Rd – Animal control
- North Ave – MV collision
- County Rd – MV collision
- Alley Rd - Larceny
- North Ave – Suspicious activity
- Snipatuit Rd – MV collision
- Snow Pond Rd – Animal control
- New Bedford Rd – Civil complaint
- North Ave – 911 call
- Robinson Rd – MV collision
- Edwards Ln – Animal control
- Dexter Ln – General services
- North Ave – MV stop/towed
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Boxturtle Dr - Fraud
- County Rd – MV stop/citation
- Alley Rd - Investigation
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/towed
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation

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



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Jan 29: Sausage, peppers and onions, pasta alfredo, sub roll, pears
Tuesday, Jan 30: Winter squash soup, pot roast w/gravy, red bliss potatoes, oatmeal roll, applesauce
Wednesday, Jan 31: Broccoli bake, hash browns, stewed tomatoes, whole wheat bread, mini key lime pie, diet: low sugar cake
Thursday, Feb 1: Roast turkey with gravy, parslid mashed potatoes, winter squash, whole wheat bread, peaches
Friday, Feb 2: Macaroni & cheese, tomato Florentine, snowflake roll, Mandarin oranges

CENTER SCHOOL
Monday, Jan 29: Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries
Tuesday, Jan 30: Loaded tator tot nachos, warm soft pretzel
Wednesday, Jan 31: Bulldog

breakfast sandwich, baked sweet potato rounds
Thursday, Feb 1: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, warm breadstick, savory green beans
Friday, Feb 2: Stuffed crust pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, roasted chic peas

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Jan 29: Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries
Tuesday, Jan 30: Loaded tator tot nachos, warm soft pretzel
Wednesday, Jan 31: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, baked sweet potato rounds
Thursday, Feb 1: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, warm breadstick, savory green beans
Friday, Feb 2: Stuffed crust pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, roasted chic peas

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Jan 29: Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked

beans, oven baked French fries
Tuesday, Jan 30: Loaded tator tot nachos, warm soft pretzel
Wednesday, Jan 31: Breakfast served – no lunch
Thursday, Feb 1: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, warm breadstick, savory green beans
Friday, Feb 2: Cheese quesadillas (OR) chicken quesadillas, fiesta rice, golden corn, black bean salad

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Jan 29: Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries
Tuesday, Jan 30: Loaded tator tot nachos, warm soft pretzel
Wednesday, Jan 31: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, baked sweet potato rounds
Thursday, Feb 1: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, warm breadstick, savory green beans
Friday, Feb 2: Stuffed crust pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, roasted chic peas

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Jan 29: Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries
Tuesday, Jan 30: Loaded tator tot nachos, warm soft pretzel
Wednesday, Jan 31: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, baked sweet potato rounds
Thursday, Feb 1: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, warm breadstick, savory green beans
Friday, Feb 2: Stuffed crust pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, roasted chic peas

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Jan 29: BBQ chicken bacon ranch flat bread
Tuesday, Jan 30: Macaroni & cheese or Buffalo mac & cheese
Wednesday, Jan 31: Chicken chow mein & chop suey veggies
Thursday, Feb 1: Italian sub & fries
Friday, Feb 2: Assorted pizza

the newly created Library Trustees. In addition, books and other memorial gifts were presented to the library, and a golden chain tree was planted on the library grounds in her honor.

By now, you're scratching your head and wondering what the picture of the stonewall being built has to do with all of this. Well, Olive was a descendant of Zebulon Thompson and she lived in his old home on New Bedford Rd. Thompson was known for many things which included giving the town \$2000.00 to build a Macadam road from the Marion town line to the center of town.

When Zebulon, a stone cutter by trade, built his house, he built a stonewall in front of the property, closing in the fields up to the Sturtevant property. Stonewall building in general is a laborious task, but in the 1880s, it bordered on herculean. All the work of cutting the stones, digging the ditches and placing the stones was done more or less by hand.

Now once again back to Olive. New Bedford Road needed to be widened and that meant removing the wall in front of what was now her home. This did not suit her at all, especially considering the historic nature of the wall. She insisted that if the old wall had to be removed, it should be rebuilt closer in on her property, and she got the town to agree. The craftsmen shown in the picture are constructing that wall.

Olive was definitely onto something. According to General law Part IV Title 1 Chapter 266 Title 105, "whoever willfully and without right pulls down or removes any portion of a stonewall or fence which is erected or maintained for the purpose of enclosing land shall be punished by a fine of not more than ten dollars".

Also, "Natural Resource officers and deputy Natural Resource officers of the office of the Secretaries of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs may arrest without a warrant any person violating this section."

I don't suppose that would apply to the town widening the road. I wonder if it was widened again as I went looking for the second wall and couldn't find it.

American Legion: Florence Eastman Post #28

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

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

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

Black History Month Creative Expressions Contest

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

"African American art is infused with African, Caribbean, and the Black American lived experiences. In the fields of visual and performing arts, literature, fashion, folklore, language, film, music, architecture, culinary and other forms of cultural expression, the African American influence has been paramount. African American artists have used art to preserve history and community memory as well as for empowerment. Artistic and cultural



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TOWN OF MARION SELECT BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Application for Transfer of All Alcohol, Off-Premises License

MDM Wine5 LLC, d/b/a Vinodivino

The Marion Select Board, acting as licensing authority, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 6:15 pm in the Marion Town House Conference Room, 2 Spring Street, Marion, on the application of the MDM Wine5 LLC for the transfer of an all-alcohol off premises license from Spirits, 154 Front Street, Marion. Carleton Burr, Jr. – Chair 1/18, 1/25

TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To be held at the Marion Police Department Conference Room

550 Mill Street

Also Available via Teams (Remote Meeting Option)

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

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

The public is invited to attend and comment on this matter and may inspect the full text at the Town Hall, 2 Spring Street, Office of the Planning Board, or Town Clerk during normal business hours, or online at the Town of Marion Planning Board website.

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

Tucker Burr, Chairman

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

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MARION

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #820

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

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

Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 1/18, 1/25

TOWN OF MARION

SELECT BOARD & CEMETERY COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Select Board and Cemetery Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Marion Town House Conference Room, 2 Spring Street, Marion, to discuss proposed cemetery rules, regulations and fee increases.

Carleton Burr, Jr. – Chair
Marion Select Board 1/25

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 Evelio D. Suarez, 5350 SW 163 Ave, Southwest Ranches, FL 33331. The proposed project is to remove existing & install new 2,000-gallon capacity sewage holding tank (tight tank); add 2nd-floor dormers to existing roof; and repair recent washout with approx. 20 cu. yds of fill + loam & seed. The project is located at 18 Shore Drive, and is further identified as Lot 39 on Assessor Map 4.

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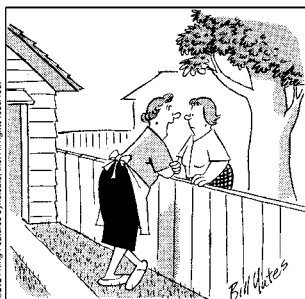
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Contest Details: The contest welcomes entries from any medium, encouraging students to express their creativity in diverse ways. Participants must be Jr. or Sr. High School students living or attending school in the Tri-Town area during the 2024 school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

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

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

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

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

Our mission extends to fostering understanding through Little Free Diverse Libraries, which provide a platform to share perspectives on racism and social justice, celebrate the diversity of BIPOC, LGBTQ+ and other marginalized voices and ensure an inclusive



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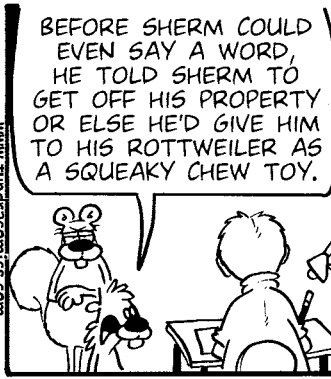




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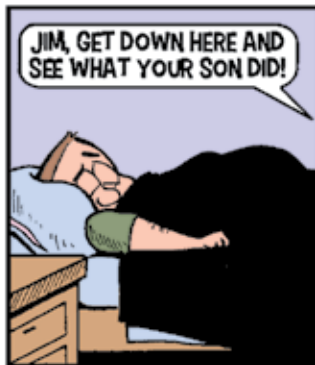


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Marion COA to Launch Book Club

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

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

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

Children's Author Katie Mazeika at the Mattapoisett Library


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



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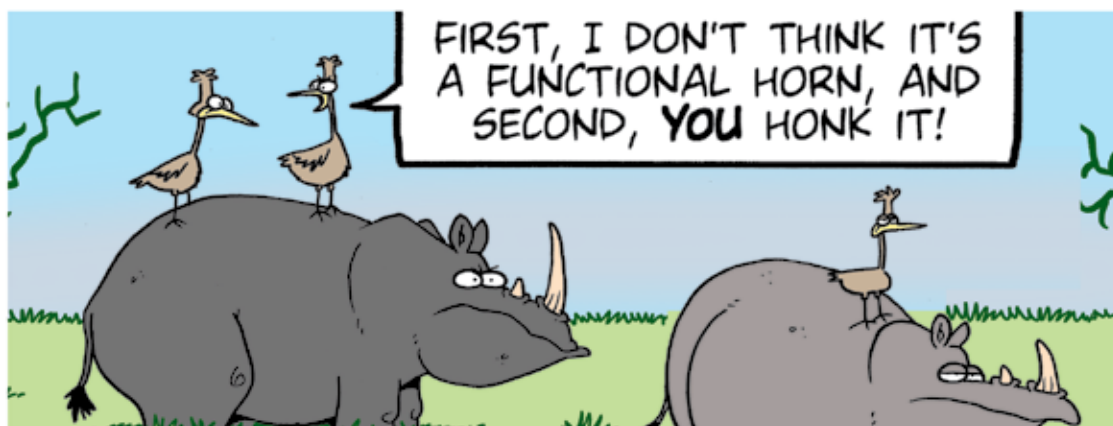


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Katie Mazeika is an award-winning author and illustrator, specializing in telling stories based on real people and events. She is passionate about highlighting disabled voices in her work.

Her author/illustrator debut, "Annette Feels Free: The True Story of Annette Kellerman, World-Class Swimmer, Fashion Pioneer and Real-Life Mermaid," was a Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection, a CBC Notable Social Studies Trade Book, a Banks Street Best Book of the Year 2023 and a Northern Lights Book Award winner.

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

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

From the Mattapoisett Town Clerk

Annual Census Forms have been mailed out to all households in Mattapoisett. If you did not receive one, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 508-758-4100 x 2. Please return them as promptly as possible, as failure to respond to the census may result in removal from the voting list. Dog license applications are on the



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Mattapoisett's Annual Town Election is scheduled for Tuesday, **May 21**. Nomination papers will be available beginning on Monday, **January 29** at the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The deadline for taking out nomination papers is Friday **March 29**. The deadline for returning nomination papers is Tuesday,

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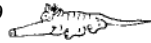
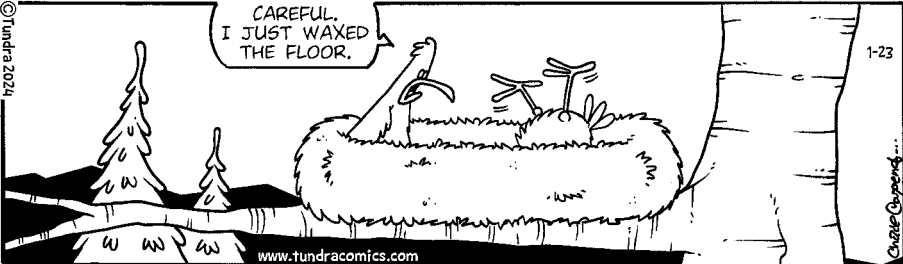
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April 2. There are several positions up for election this year. If you have any questions regarding vacancies, you may call our office. The Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, **May 13** at Old Rochester Regional High School. Please mark your calendar. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

Matt Dems to Hold Speakers' Forum

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

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

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

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

Marion Community Preservation Committee

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

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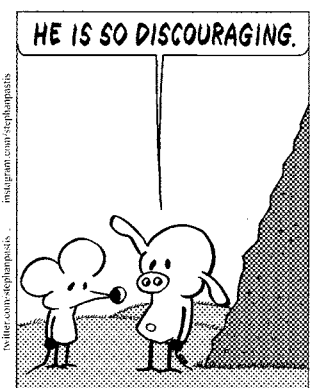
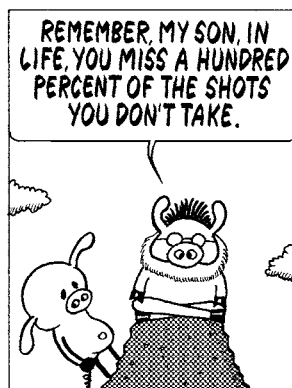
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



- 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
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- Install smoke and fire alarms at the Marion Art Center

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.

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.

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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.

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



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- 1 Combination spear and battle-ax
8 Provo native
13 Dawn deity
16 Some fast autos
19 Virtual merchant
20 Strong cordage fiber
21 Performs a charade of
23 Thai money used to buy a Jacuzzi?
25 Height when upright
26 Protest at which people lie on the ground
27 Bright red Indian money?
29 "Madam" counterpart
32 "The Dance" painter Henri
35 Biceps locale
36 Powerful auto engine
37 "You missed your chance for folding over that Korean money?"
42 Already-included tips, e.g.

- 43 Lima locale
44 "Rapa —" (1994 film)
45 Like even scores
46 Feel sore
48 Refusals
51 She sang "Constant Craving"
56 Rocker Brian
57 Facts, in brief
59 Gobble up Iraqi money?
62 Gal entering society
63 Jazz's Chick
65 Chaise place
66 Cognizant of
67 School where students learn about Swedish money?
72 Norway's capital
74 — facias (certain writ)
75 Used skillfully
76 "— favor, señor"
79 Forms Ghanaian money into a cylinder shape?
83 Brain tests, for short
84 Suffix with meth-
85 Venture out on one's own

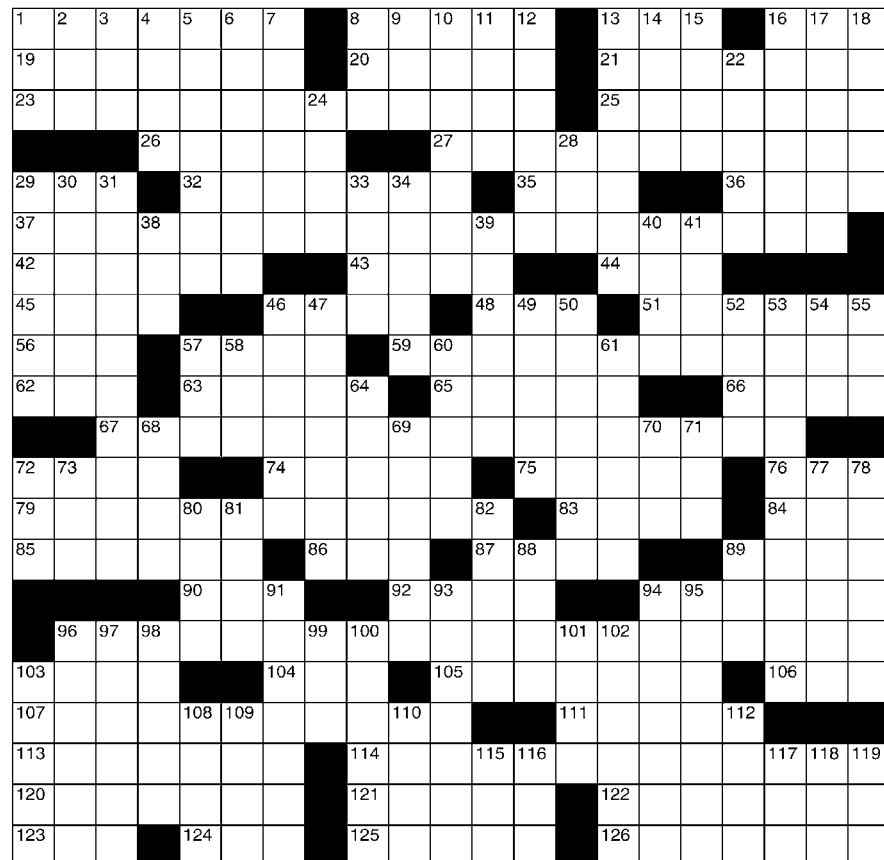
- 86 — Leppard
87 Some PC readouts
89 Kicked out of the game, for short
90 Radio spots
92 Bruins' sch.
94 Major shock
96 Query after someone is told they look like Iranian money?
103 German auto
104 Tampa Bay NFLer
105 Over browned bread
106 Houston-to-Madison dir.
107 Whack some Mexican money?
111 Rapper — Rhymes
113 More intoxicating
114 Refuse to contribute
120 Getty of TV
121 French river
122 Asmara's nation
123 Gobbled up
124 Airport agcy.
125 Played (with)
126 Label on a bargain item

DOWN

- 1 Use an ax on
2 One "A" of NCAA: Abbr.
3 Chou En- —
4 Nest dweller
5 "If I Can't Have You" singer
6 Says again
7 Rive — (Paris' Right Bank)
8 E-address
9 Bistro bill
10 Unpaid player
11 Classic cracker brand
12 Tennis-playing guy
13 Kodak founder
14 Prefix with -genarian
15 Pentagram
16 Reach as high as
17 Large, deep serving dish
18 Painter Jan
22 R-X fillers
24 Attending to the matter
28 Certain Wall St. trader
29 Said
30 Antiseptic element
31 Bucking bovines

- 33 Jr., last year
34 Spirited horse
38 Eye coverer
39 Takeoff strip
40 Often-pickled veggie
41 Pirate "Captain"
46 From scratch
47 Compelled
49 In the lead
50 Squelched
52 Cat that roars
53 "The Piano" Oscar winner
54 Cable TV's — Geo
55 Miracle- —
57 Here, in Lyon
58 Election mo.
60 Elected (to)
61 Virginia Tech team name
64 Cold — (frigid)
68 Court plea, for short
69 Very angry
70 Rule, in brief
71 More than loads up (on)
72 Assoc.
73 Great Lakes' — Canals
77 Like a single-guy band
78 Traditional Irish brew
80 Make laugh uproariously
81 Hoopla

- 82 "You Be —" (1986 hit for Run-D.M.C.)
88 Jargon
89 Women's patriotic gp.
91 Secondary field of study
93 George who played Danny Ocean
94 Mosaic tile
95 Long rodent feature
96 Most suitable
97 Assess again
98 Skip over in speech
99 Chalice, e.g.
100 Nailed the test
101 Desert of Mongolia
102 Some purple shades
103 Milo of films
108 Piper's wear
109 Twisty fish
110 Average
112 Comic Johnson
115 Uno plus due
116 H.S. proficiency test
117 Gallery work
118 Teachers' gp.
119 Ham-marsjköld once of the U.N.



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might be hurt by a colleague's harsh criticism, but don't let it shake your confidence in what you're trying to achieve. A more positive aspect starts to appear by week's end.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're torn between your sensible self and the part of you that enjoys acquiring lovely things. Best advice: Wait for an end-of-month sale, then buy something wonderful.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your artistic side has practical applications this week, perhaps with redecorating your home or re-designing your personal stationery. Whatever you choose to do, someone special will like it. **CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You could be drawn into a problem between friends or family members. Best bet: Ask the questions that go to the heart of the matter, then get them all together for a group hug.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) As much as you love being the center of attention, your big Lion's heart impels you to share the spotlight with a colleague who helped you with that well-praised project.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your eagerness to act on a challenge is wisely tempered early in the week by a lack of necessary information. Things begin to clear up during the weekend.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A relationship you'd hoped would keep going seems to be going nowhere. Close it out and move on to a brighter romantic aspect that is just beginning to manifest itself.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Things don't go completely as planned this week, but enjoy the surprises, even if you have to adjust your schedule. Some of them could be quite delightful.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Making choices is usually easy for straight-shooting Archers, but a new development could deflect your aim. Try to put off major decisions until you know more.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) While part of you might prefer taking a more familiar path, let your more daring and -- admit it -- supercurious self see what the unexplored has to offer.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Those nasty types have slithered back under the rocks and will not present any more problems. Now's the time to move ahead on that promising new relationship.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A new offer could clear up that lingering money problem. Also, a more confident attitude on your part might help get that personal situation back on track.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of turning chaos into order. You're also generous with your help for those who seek it.

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OBITUARIES

There are no Obituaries this week.

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

abstract surrealist although he creates landscapes and portraits as well. His acrylics are based on various themes such as emotions, states of mind and identity. He feels his imagination and passion lead him to producing canvases the audience can be wowed by and appreciative of. Free and open to all.

Mariner Youth Soccer

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

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

Mattapoisett Cemetery and Memorials Advisory Committee

Mattapoisett'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 Mattapoisett. 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



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committee, please contact Chairman Ray Hanks through the Select Board's office.

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 and North Street. Learn more at our website www.mattapoisetttrailtrail.org.

Contributions to the Friends can be mailed to PO Box 1336, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 or made through GoFundMe. All funds received will be used to support the completion of the path and path amenities. Thank you.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

See past listing on our website: www.wanderer.com

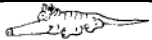
Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Nichols, James E Nichols, Dina A	Duke, Lester P Duke, Virginia	25 Olde Sheepfield Rd	Marion	01/03/2024	880,000.00
Clark, Development Corp	Oliveira, Ronald	1121 Point Rd	Marion	01/05/2024	235,000.00
Murray, John S Murray, Danielle B	Shirlee L Thomas RT Thomas, Shirlee L TR	36 Pitcher St	Marion	01/05/2024	1,060,000.00



Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	January 25	7:44	8:00	12:38	2:00
Friday	January 26	8:23	8:40	1:22	2:27
Saturday	January 27	8:59	9:18	2:06	2:55
Sunday	January 28	9:33	9:55	2:47	3:23
Monday	January 29	10:07	10:33	3:27	3:52
Tuesday	January 30	10:42	11:10	4:05	4:21
Wednesday	January 31	11:19	11:49	4:45	4:53
Thursday	February 1		12:00	5:28	5:29
Friday	February 2	12:31	12:46	6:21	6:15
Saturday	February 3	1:17	1:38	7:31	7:14
Sunday	February 4	2:10	2:38	8:56	8:22
Monday	February 5	3:15	3:47	10:08	9:32
Tuesday	February 6	4:25	4:54	11:04	10:35
Wednesday	February 7	5:27	5:52	11:52	11:32
Thursday	February 8	6:21	6:44		12:40
Friday	February 9	7:11	7:34	12:26	1:25
Saturday	February 10	7:59	8:23	1:21	2:09
Sunday	February 11	8:48	9:13	2:15	2:50

Phases of the Moon	Full Moon	January 25th
	Last Quarter	February 2nd
	New Moon	February 9th
	First Quarter	February 16th



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).

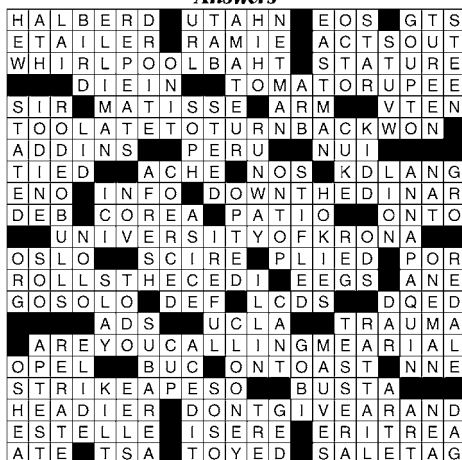
Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

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

In the January 18, 2024 edition the Aardvark was on page 36

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Malice 2. Pride;
3. Coast; 4. Lapse

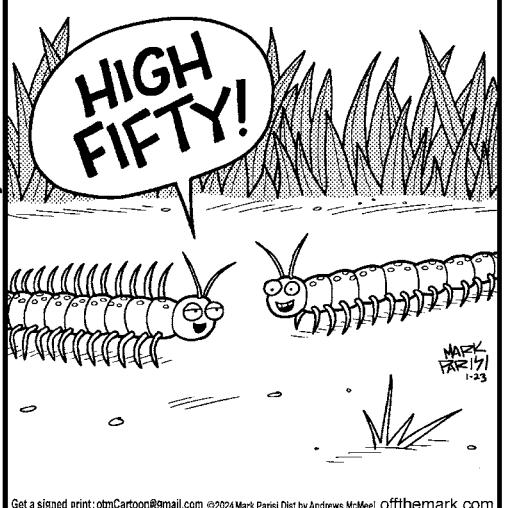
Today's Word
SECRET

Sudoku Answer

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

CENTIPEDE BUDDIES

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off the mark



Grocery, Dairy, & Frozen

Betty Crocker
12-16 oz. Selected

Frosting

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Swiss Miss

11.04 oz. Selected

Hot Cocoa Mix..... **\$2.49**

Kellogg's - 9.6-11.7 oz. Selected

Special K Cereal..... **\$4.99**

Barilla - 12-14.5 oz. Selected

Protein+ or Gluten Free

Pasta..... **2/\$6**

Ben's Original

8.5-8.8 oz. Selected

Ready Rice **2/\$5**

Mott's

23-24 oz. Selected

Applesauce..... **\$2.69**

Contadina

28 oz. Selected

Crushed Tomatoes..... **\$2.19**

Stacy's

6.7-7.33 oz. Selected Thins or

Pita or Bagel Chips **\$3.49**

Bakery

Friends' Fresh Baked

16 oz. 12 ct. Pkg. Selected

Cookies..... **\$4.99**

Jessica's Brick Oven Bakery

24 oz. Pkg.

Cinnamon Raisin Swirl Bread.. **\$5.99**



Food Club

8 oz. Selected

Bars or Shredded

Cheese

2/\$5



Kellogg's

13.7-13.8 oz. Original Club or

Town House Crackers..... **\$3.99**

Blue Diamond - 4.25 oz. Selected

Nut-Thins **\$3.39**

Blue Diamond

6 oz. Selected

Almonds **\$3.49**

Stonyfield

10 oz. Selected

Organic Smoothie **\$1.79**

Klondike

27 oz. 6 ct. Selected

Ice Cream Bars..... **\$4.59**

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Deli Sliced

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Boar's Head - 16 oz. Pkg.

Uncured Kielbasa **\$8.99**

Boar's Head

Deli Sliced, Imported

Swiss Cheese **\$10.99** lb

Ithaca - 10 oz. Pkg.

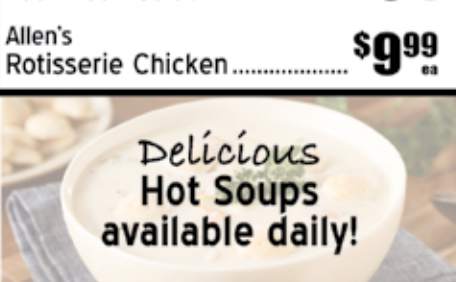
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Lemons **2/\$1⁴⁹**



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Broccoli Crowns..... **\$1⁹⁹**
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Summer or Zucchini Squash or
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lb

1 lb. Pkg. Peeled
Mini Carrots..... **2/\$3**

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