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Disabilities Commission Re-Established By Marilou Newell

On October 16, a group of volunteers agreed to work collectively to rebuild the Mattapoisett Disabilities Commission. An earlier version of the commission petered out after the loss of a prime mover of the group. Now the town and the newly re-established commission are picking up the pieces.

To that end, Assistant Town Administrator Katie Desrosiers guided the first meeting as the commission members acquainted themselves with one another and began discussions of possible ADA compliance goals moving forward.

The commission members are Teri Nelson, Lara Whyte, Beverly Baccelli, Charles McIntyre, Lauren Rosa, Joanna Ingham, Christopher Oliveira, Kate Brown, Diane Harlfinger, Stanley Cornwall, and Marilou Newell. Baccelli was selected as chairman, McIntyre as vice-chair, and Diana Harlfinger as secretary.

Desrosiers explained to the group that the town had received a grant from the state to conduct a selfevaluation and transition plan that brought to light such matters as public building accessibility and related concerns. The Institute for Human Center Design was engaged by the town to work with various departments in developing the self-evaluation. On November 12, a full presentation by the institute will be held at the Select Board meeting.

In its executive summary, which the institute issued in September, outdoor public spaces needing



Online voting will start on **October 22** and end on October 28. The winner will be on the cover of the October 31 edition of The Wanderer. To pick your favorite visit www.wanderer.com and click on Cover Contest.

On the Cover: Robert Price took this fabulous photo of the Hunter's Supermoon over Harbor Beach (Pocasset in background).

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evaluation were identified and included bike path intersections, public beaches, Ned's Point, Shipyard Park, and the town landing.

The GIS survey of the top five busiest intersections identified by the town's safety officer are Tobey Lane at Main Street, Depot Street at Main Street, Church Street at Main Street, Pearl Street at Church Street, and Baptist Street at Church Street.

The summary further noted that the town should have a corrective action plan with ADA improvement projects being completed within a five year period.

Town Administrator Mike Lorenco is the town's designated ADA Coordinator. If you have questions or concerns regarding matters related to ADA compliance contact the Select Board and or Lorenco at 508-758-4100.

Innovative Public Services Thoughts on... By Dick Morgado

If you have been inclined to take a nice walk or bike ride on the Rail Trail on a beautiful fall weekend and have driven downtown to do so, you may and have found, after searching for a space in the parking lot (the lot designated for motor vehicles, not the empty one for boat trailers) or on Railroad Avenue, that there are four less spaces available. Two new electric vehicle charging stations, providing four charging ports, have been installed for the convenience of anyone lucky enough to own an EV. These select few can charge their cars while they walk or cycle the boardwalk and return to a recharged ride.

These new public services are provided by the town at the courtesy of the electric company, who has generously provided a substantial grant to pay for the installation of these devices at very little cost to the town. I am told that the town will reap any profits from the electricity rental the AV owners credit cards will provide. This appears to be a "win-win" situation, but not so much for the walker/cyclist who arrived in a gas-powered vehicle searching for a parking space. Oh well, that's progress.

In addition to the two charging stations at the rail trail parking lot, two more have been installed at the police station. At first I assumed they would be for police use only, then I wondered if their use would include anyone who had been arrested for a motor vehicle violation. The culprits could charge their EV while resting in our local lockup.

But no, I have discovered that they are for public use which might work out nicely for someone who could drop off their vehicle at the station and hop across the street to the coffee shop for lunch. When they finished their noon repast, they could return to a fully-charged car. If this became popular, the police might have to initiate an appointment policy. If it became really popular, the town would have to find funds to install a crosswalk and



pedestrian light; a small price to pay for another valuable public service. Too bad, too. I've been thinking of opening my own charging station service at the end of my driveway, just to make a few extra bucks. But I wouldn't want to compete with the town.

As you may have guessed, I have a few ideas for other innovative services the town may wish to provide its citizens.

There may be times when your bicycle has a flat tire or just needs a boost of air. The gas station around the corner from my house charges \$1.50 for four minutes of air. An air pump conveniently installed at the beginning of the rail trail would be a nice service. A buck fifty here and a buck fifty there could really add to the town coffers.

Remember those green e-bikes that were around the village a couple of years back (maybe they were blue, I forget)? You just used your phone to rent an hour or more of time and the bikes magically responded. People didn't even have to return them. They could just leave them anywhere after they completed their ride. We should bring those back so the non-bicycle owner and



non-walker crowd can enjoy the beautiful scenery along the rail trail.

A liquid refreshment vending machine would be a nice addition. After a long ride or walk replenishing your electrolytes is important. I am sure the Health Department would endorse that especially if there were a small profit in there for them.

Winter is coming and many folks may continue to traverse the rail trail. There are a few resting benches along the trail. It gets mighty cold in January. Wouldn't it be nice if the town provided a hand blower like the one in the wharf men's room to unthaw your frozen fingers? Or better yet, a small warming shelter, say halfway? Just insert your credit or debit card into the slot and get 15

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minutes of warming relief from the brisk winds off the harbor. They could have Wi-Fi...for an additional charge of course...and a phone charging station too.

Another nice public service could be to provide a restroom at that warming shelter I mentioned. It's a long walk from the trail to the town wharf. When you got to' go, you got to go!

Mattapoisett resident Dick Morgado is an artist and happily retired writer. His newspaper columns appeared for many years in daily newspapers around Boston.

Saving The Sea Turtles By Marilou Newell

Once again, the Marion Natural History Museum hosted an informative and thought-provoking speaker bringing real-time urgency to all creatures great and small as they fight to survive.

The October 19 event featured Karen Dourdeville, Sea Turtle Research Coordinator for the Massachusetts Audubon of Cape Cod. Armed with taxidermy examples of turtles and many decades of dedicated service to the cause of public awareness, Dourdeville's presentation was both entertaining and poignant.

There are four main types of sea turtles in and around Cape Cod Bay, and, to a lesser degree Buzzards Bay. They are Kemp's Ridley, Loggerhead, Green, and Leatherback. All are listed by Mass Audubon as critically endangered, threatened, or endangered.

Mass Audubon conducts field data collection, much of which is enabled by some 200 trained volunteers whose efforts to find stranded turtles has produced hundreds of happy endings over the years. Unhappy endings include collecting victims of boat strikes or cold stunning and necrotizing their bodies. An important data collection process is also to ascertain why the turtle died and washed ashore.

These gentle, air breathing reptiles spend much of their early years following the Gulf Stream (think surfer dude Crush from *Finding Nemo*). When they are mature enough to reproduce, the Earth's magnetism is used to triangulate them back to their birthplace.

Recreational boat strikes rank high on the list for

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killing sea turtles. The reptiles are hard to see and have to rise to the surface to breathe. Turtles also rest on top of the salt water tides and are nearly impossible to visually detect.

Educating the boating public is an urgent matter Dourdeville stated. If boaters know they are sharing the local bays with turtles that can grow to over 1,000

pounds, they may be more cautious.

Then there are those troublesome plastic bags. Dourdeville said that plastic bags floating just below the surface of the sea move and look like jellyfish – a turtle's favorite food.

Mass Audubon has been engaged in trying to find ways to minimize fishing gear entanglements, especially those used by commercial fishermen. Dourdeville told of horrific drowning deaths when ropes used to secure lobster traps wrap around the air breathing animals.

Dourdeville was hopeful, however. She believes

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Rochester Park Donation Sparks Political Backlash

Rochester Select Board **By Michael J. DeCicco**

Facing a room full of residents loudly opposing the plan, Rochester's Select Board Monday approved accepting a \$35,000 donation from the local nonprofit "Tri-Town For Protecting Children" for the Park Commission's proposal to reconstruct the Gifford Playground.

Board chair Brad Morse began the discussion by telling the crowded room that this was not a public hearing, but he would entertain questions. Attendees did not hesitate to respond.

Many objected to the town accepting a donation from what they called a "political" group; "Tri-Town For Protecting Children" includes members who have actively advocated for certain candidates in last year's







town election.

"How can you accept a donation from a group that not everyone agrees with all their views?" resident Susan McQuire said, rising from her seat. She said the plaque that will later name the group making this donation is like an endorsement of a specific group and should not be allowed.

Nathaniel Reece, a candidate for the Park Commission in last year's election, objected to the design and the fact the public has been unable to provide input on it. He protested that this playground is not necessarily going to be accessible to disabled children.

Board chair Brad Morse said the board was merely approving the donation acceptance. The design is the Park Commission's responsibility, he said, and those concerns should be brought to that board. "The Board of Selectmen do not design the playground," he added.

McQuire said the town could scrap this plan in favor of broader-based donations and a more "holistic" design. Selectman Adam Murphy agreed the playground needs to be ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act) compliant. He asserted the current plan is better than what is there now.

The 3,649 square-foot playground's full cost will be \$81,881.70. While half of that cost is being borne by the local non-profit "Tri-Town For Protecting Children", and the other half is being paid for with the town's ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds.



Town Administrator Cameron Durant noted the ARPA funds being designated for the playground project will not be available next year; they need to be spent now. But, he added, the project doesn't need to be built by the original target date of April 2025, just that the contract is signed by then.

Before the approval vote, Durant added that he will try to organize a Park Commission meeting in which the concerned residents will be able to participate.

In an interview after the vote, Reece clarified, "there was no advertised donation campaign to residents or local businesses to seek more funds. So, it begs the question, is this playground project about getting the best playground possible for the youth of Rochester? Or is it about just having a single donor on the plaque who can take all the credit for it? How did the Eckerts (of "Tri-Town For Protecting Children") get invited to the Park Commission meetings without any other residents being aware donations were being accepted?"

He noted that the Eckerts fund conservative candidates in town politics and send out a large number of fliers and advertisements for candidates. He said they were also key players in getting the TTAR Little Library removed in front of the Rochester Library last year. "So, for some town residents, they see this plaque as a divisive poster to the entrance of a park that should be there to bring everyone together," he said. "However, the purpose of my attendance tonight had to do with more than the park itself. The only issue I have with the donation is that more donations weren't pursued. The Select Board said this is a starting point and more donations can be accepted. But the playground is designed, so what is left to fund raise for at this point?"

In other action, Cameron noted that the January 6 town meeting might be postponed. He said two town boards with plans for town meeting articles might need more time to finalize and submit them.

The board approved \$8,152 of town ARPA funds for a Police Department drone.

The selectmen approved allowing the volunteer group Rochester Helping Angels to sell items for charity at two tables in the Town Office Building conference room from December 4 to December 17.

The board approved creating an Opioid Task Force Committee, consisting of the town administrator, the police chief, the public health nurse and two residents, one of whom must bring 'lived experience' to the new panel's decision making.

The next meeting of the Rochester Select Board is scheduled for Monday, November 4 at 6:00 pm at 67 Dexter Lane.

Point Road Bike Path Dominates Discussion Marion Select Board – Water/Sewer Commissioners By Mary McCann Fiske The agenda for the October 16 meeting included

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three Appointments, 10 Action Items, and 10 items in the report from the Town Administrator. The meeting started on time and the committee moved fairly quickly through its list.

Animal Control provided an update on a problem dog, "Georgie," whose owner is under an agreement to keep him on-premises and hire a professional dog trainer. Recommendation was to continue its current status for the remaining six months and have AC Officer Connor verify that training is being done.

Inovis Electric then presented a proposal to provide the town with electric vehicle chargers.

They recommended highly efficient, vertically integrated equipment and locations where the presence of the equipment would be easily accessible and enhance foot traffic to nearby businesses and community sites.

The committee looked favorably at the proposal but held back approval for the moment to allow further consideration of funding and exploration of alternate providers, if any.

One funding option would use energy-incentive federal funds through Eversource. Eversource funds are now overcommitted and could result in a wait of two or more years. An alternative "option two," would be to fund using an outside investor. In this case, the third party pays to develop the project, and the town then receives a share (likely 70%) of its revenue.

Under either option, increased EV stations would decrease dependence on fossil fuel and bring revenue to the town, according to the speakers.

The committee approved appointments of Wistar Wood to the Marion Energy Management Committee and Adele Sands to the Scholarship Education Fund. It accepted a donation from the fire department of 2007 Surplus Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). The committee also approved the quarterly water/sewer commitment of \$1,830,272.

In the Town Administrator's report, Gorman noted that the Harbormaster building is on track, with a ribbon-cutting tentatively scheduled for November 1, and the Department of Public Works building construction proceeding on schedule.

The Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center Audio Equipment Project is also on track, with the objective of providing the Council on Aging with a new system for enhanced audio capability throughout the center, bettering the experience of visitors and staff.

Gorman also noted the following upcoming events:

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-Election Day, Tuesday November 5. Details on how, when, and where to vote are on the Town Clerk's website.

-Veterans' Day Ceremony with guest speaker, November 11 at 11:00 AM.

-Unified Basketball Team vs. Tri-Town Police Annual Fundraiser, November 13.

The final topic for the Board was a lengthy discussion on the Point Road Bike Path.

In 2018, Marion Open Space Acquisition Committee (MOSAC) proposed its plan seeking funds for the path. In 2019, a town meeting approved a plan for the

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Path using \$268,000 in funds allocated by the Community Preservation Act, with an anticipated completion date of May 2020.

While progress on the path has been made, abutters and users came to the select board to report that not only is it not yet finished, but that in its current state it is dangerous. They reported that the sand along the path has snakes, often less than seven feet off the road. This is presenting a hazard to walkers and riders. Storm water runoff is also damaging homes and yards, consequently reducing their property values.

According to abutters and to board member Mills, who has visited the area, the path is a "2700-foot sand pile." Mills added, "it needs retaining walls, and it needs



more trees to come down."

Neighbors and other residents also feel more storm drains are needed to divert storm water.

John Rockland, Chair of MOSAC, was in attendance.

Wells made a strong recommendation that MOSAC bring in an engineer to develop a comprehensive plan for the site. He and others noted that with all the variables affecting the site such as its topography and existing municipal drainage infrastructure, the project would have benefited from a full engineering plan before it began. "At this point, it seems critical to proper site development."

Rockland stated that he has been working since the outset of the project to tend to the various concerns raised. He has received cooperation from Eversource in removing trees and has plans for infiltration trenches to mediate storm water flow issues. He indicated that bringing in an engineer, especially at this time of year, would slow progress even further and raise costs, possibly beyond what he has available from the CPA. He added that municipal storm drains are insufficient in the area.

When it was suggested, he agreed to consider requesting more funds from the CPA, but, again, that timing is an issue - it would mean another vote at the town meeting, for example, which is months away - and that he is confident he can address some of the issues, given the time to carry out his plans.

Neighbors and abutters present reiterated several times that the state of the path as it is now is "hazardous," "dangerous," and "unacceptable." They also stressed the path "needs to be fixed as soon as possible."

"This is not what taxpayers voted 'yes' on when they approved this."

Town Administrator Gorman offered to work with Rockwell and MOSAC to explore solutions and to continue the town's work on improving storm water issues in accordance with town plans.

The committee urged Rockland to seek the means to obtain a professional engineer and indicated it would support his request for more funds from the CPA, if that



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Rochester Boy Scout Troop 31 hosted a Haunted House at the Rochester Grange on Saturday, October 19. The troop came up with the idea of hosting a haunted house *a short* 2 1/2 weeks ago and designed and built all scenes in a three-day period during the week of October 14-18. They worked after school on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Photos by Andrew Gallagher





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Further discussion and updates to be addressed at future meetings.

The next meeting of the Marion Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, November 6, at 6:00 pm in the Town House conference room facing Main Street.

Scallop Season Fully Opened Mattapoisett Select Board By Marilou Newell

During the October 22 meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board, the scallop season openings were announced. Previously opened on October 15 were commercial and recreational fishing in the outer harbor. For recreational only fishing the inner harbor and Brandt Island Cove were also opened. On November 1, commercial and recreational fishing in the outer harbor, inner harbor, and Brandt Island Cove will be opened.

In other business, the board met briefly with Andrew Nilson of Charles Engineering regarding the Long Wharf reconstruction project. Nilson said the project stands at 35 percent design completion and that material specifications will be determined later on in the project. Town administrator Mike Lorenco said that designs will be posted on the town's website.

Lorenco also shared that the installation of charging stations at the Police Department and the head of the bike path at Railroad Avenue was predicated on incentives offered by the state. He said that the cost to install two charging stations is approximately \$370,000 versus \$4,000 after the incentives are factored into the equation.

The board also voted to exercise their right of first refusal for agricultural land off Chrystal Springs Road.

Early voting continues during regular town hall hours and on Saturday, October 26 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board was not announced at adjournment.

> A.D.U. Hearing Gets Loud Mattapoisett Planning Board By Marilou Newell The October 21 meeting of the Mattapoisett



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Planning Board included a hearing intended to vet a drafted new and/or modified zoning bylaw for the placement and construction of A.D.U, accessory dwelling units.

Chairman Tom Tucker opened the hearing noting that in advance of the spring town meeting, the board was seeking public input and the airing of questions and concerns pertinent to this matter in order to ensure all voices are heard and to avoid contentious exchanges on the town meeting floor. The small audience did indeed get loud at one point, prompting Tucker to ask for decorum and a respect for all viewpoints. Yet, it was clear that some in attendance feared the new dwelling units could house migrants.



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The draft goes on to read that the purpose and intent of the bylaw change ..."provides homeowners with a means of obtaining rental income, companionship, security, and services thereby enabling them to stay more comfortable in homes and neighborhoods they might otherwise be forced to leave."

In terms of criteria, the draft includes rentals of more than 30 days with continuous habitation, structures that are architecturally compatible with the principle single-family residence on the lot, at least one additional parking space, lot coverage, setbacks, and building height requirements are met for the district in which it is located and is permitted via a special permit.

The public comments ranged from considering the changes a "dream come true" that would now allow multi-generational living as principal residents age to concerns that a landowner with sufficient acreage might develop rental units that would, in turn, allow migrants to move into the area.

One speaker asked what the setbacks might be for an ADU, but board member John Mathieu said the state has not provided guidance, thus it was incumbent for the board to draft such language for public comment.

Another resident questioned if the need to provide documented familial relationships as is currently the case for those occupying family-related apartments. Mathieu conjectured that said practice would likely end.

Board member William Wennerberg said that ADUs could take many forms, including the renovation of garage spaces or sheds, basements, and attics.

Collectively, the board thought setbacks might be



established to meet with those when the lot was created. Other areas touched on were the possible need for site plan review, storm water planning, FEMA compliance where applicable, and septic inspection.

The Public hearing was continued until November 18 at 7:00 pm.

Rochester Furthers Solar Development Rochester Planning Board by Michael J. DeCicco

Tuesday, Rochester's Planning Board reviewed, without a definitive resolution, a plan to place new utility poles and lines on Robinson Road just as residents complain about how that plan has changed. Joseph Harrison of ReWild, representing Cushman Solar LLC, explained to the board that the work is part of Eversource substation upgrades to connect utility power to the Cushman Road solar array. The current proposal, he said, is to eliminate original plans of four new poles on Robinson Road in favor of underground utilities and placing the Eversource meter and transformer on a fiveby-five foot-pad. Basically, under a large manhole in the road at the solar array panel. He said this is a more expensive option, but it would eliminate the need to remove trees on Robinson Road.

8 Robinson Road resident Christine Hutchins and neighbor Julie Koczera, who have granted easements for that new utility infrastructure across their properties, said the new plan will disturb their neighborhood with narrow rights of way between poles for vehicles, and the construction may even cause safety concerns.

Koczera voiced concern that the change to underground utilities will create a different space for vehicles to enter and exit her property as well as safety concerns when construction begins. "How wide will my right of way become?" she asked. "How will emergency vehicles reach my house if there is a construction trench there?"

Kim Ryan of 9 Robinson said this part of the street floods out easily and asked how the design will guard against that.

Board chair Arnold Johnson said the developer is bound by the terms of the permit that was granted to maintain the appropriate standards to keep the site in good shape. He admitted the work will be less than 100 percent convenient for the affected residents; but the town has no ability to tell Eversource how to design its work as it sees fit, he said.

Johnson suggested that Hutchins and Koczera work with ReWild on these details. Harrison said the company's next meeting with Eversource will be Friday, October 25. Koczera asked to join the Zoom call for that meeting.

Johnson said more details of this plan will be discussed at the board's next meeting in November. In other action, the board approved the Field Engineering service agreement for the preliminary subdivision plan on 28 acres at 386 Snipatuit Road. The proposal would add two new homes to a parcel with an existing dwelling unit. The board began Tuesday's meeting with a review of this proposal. Johnson told project representative Rick Charron that the board formulate conditions for the permit for the board's next meeting.

The board re-opened the public hearing on the bylaw amendments that were approved at the spring 2024 town meeting. Johnson explained the board had violated (by one day) the mandate that the public notice for scheduling the hearing for these articles last spring be posted for 14 days. The board merely had to re-post and re-advertise to do it correctly, per mandate. No further town meeting action will be necessary.

The new bylaw sections were on large-scale solar voltaic installations and the ground-mounted solar voltaic installations, protection of 'historical resources,' agricultural-residential district back lots, lot dimensions, and access to lot changes.

The Rochester Planning Board's next meeting will be Tuesday, November 12 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Marion Historic District Plans In Motion Marion Planning Board

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

The town drew one step closer toward establishing a local historic district in Marion Village.

Meg Steinberg, chairman of the town's historic commission and advisor to the historic study committee, met with the planning board Monday with plans for the new district. Steinberg said historic officials will share plans with the planning board for further review, as well as the state's historic commission. Once the study committee receives feedback and makes any suggested alterations, a bylaw would be proposed to voters at next year's town meeting.

Last year, the study committee formed and completed a survey in which 90 percent of respondents favored having a historic district. The study committee did further outreach over a year ago and Steinberg said that many residents prefer a district that is less restrictive than other types. Steinberg told Planning Board members that homeowners within the district can renovate homes and can even demolish some properties, as long as the rebuild matches the neighborhood within the village. Steinberg said most renovation and remodeling projects would not need any local approval as long as the visible front exterior still maintains the same historic facade. For instance, new windows or a new roof would not need local review, Steinberg noted.

Steinberg said homeowners can even make significant alterations to the backside of a home as long as it is not visible from a public way. "Everything will be a



balance between looks, appearance, and cost," Steinberg told the Planning Board on Monday. "We want you to review the report and get your support at the town meeting."

Steinberg said there are 100 towns with local historic districts in the state and around 200 overall. "We jumped on the bandwagon finally," she said.

In other planning board business, the board met with developers for two separate housing applications: one on Wareham Road and another on Wareham Street.

The board, looking for more information, delayed one site plan review hearing for FSJ Marion's proposal for a multi-lot development on Wareham Street until November.



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The board opened its hearing for an affordable housing village, proposed by Mark Zuker. Board members said issues such as sewer and water to the development proposed at 78 Wareham Road must still be vetted locally before moving forward. According to Zuker's presentation earlier this year, the development would encompass 30 acres and feature 36 detached dwellings and 12 townhouses.

Zoning Board Receives Quick Turn-Around

Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals By Michael J. DeCicco A mere week after re-drawn plans were requested to satisfy board members' questions, in a single-issue meeting on October 17, Rochester's Zoning Board of Appeals granted a variance to allow the construction of a 30x71-foot steel storage building with a 12x30 covered 'patio' at 173 County Road.

On October 10, board members told property owner Dwight Crosby they needed updated drawings of his proposal to build a steel structure to house his boat, RV, and other personal possessions near an existing cranberry bog.

In record time, the board received the answer to its request: an updated design plan that includes a driveway that will support the weight of the vehicles Crosby will be driving into the carport. Chair David Arancio had explained on October 10 that the board



needs the full plans in front of them before granting the variance, because to be without this would only enable any legal challenge to the board's vote. He also cautioned Crosby that all easements need to be shown on the plan. For example, one abutter across the street is in Wareham.

On October 17, the board approved Crosby's plan after refining the permit conditions drafted at its last meeting. The structure shall be for dry storage only. It shall not be used for commercial use, nor for housing animals, nor for residential use.

Arancio noted a letter from neighbor Thomas Barboza stating he had no problem with Crosby's plan. The resulting approval vote was unanimous, 5-0.

Earlier in the meeting, Arancio said the board's next meeting will be November 14 and the meeting after that will be December 12 if the panel receives enough petitions to support that schedule.

The Zoning Board of Appeals' next regular meeting will be Thursday, November 14 at 7:15 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Zoning Variance Granted

Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals By Marilou Newell

Zoning variances come in all shapes and sizes. Just ask the local board members in Mattapoisett, Chairman Susan Akin, long-time members, Tony Trafaglia, Colby Rottler, Ken Pacheco, and newer member Jordan Rodrigues.

A quick jaunt around the internet found this explanation: zoning designations dictate what kind of property can be built in specific areas or neighborhoods. Zoning ordinances mandate what types of structures may be built in certain areas, like commercial building or factories next to schools. That would be a no-no in nearly every city and town in the country.

Appeals to zoning boards require that the appealing applicant prove to the board the "what, where, and why" for a structure that is being planned for an otherwise no-go location.

If the board agrees with the applicant, a variance may be granted.

On October 17, the Mattapoisett board heard a request for a variance for the installation of a round swimming pool at the 156 North Street property, owned by John and Bridget O'Donnell Szymczuk.

Szymczuk explained the small 12x24' pool setbacks don't meet the zoning bylaw. He said that the location of the septic system and leaching field along with a very large mature maple tree make it impossible to locate the pool anywhere else on the property.

The variance was granted.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals will be scheduled at a later date.



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ORR's New Laser Cutter Old Rochester Regional School Committee

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

The Old Rochester Regional School Committee met at 12:00 pm noon on Monday and the meeting turned into a laser show of sorts.

The committee met only to accept three \$2,000 donations from three different community members — totaling \$6,000 – so the school can buy a laser cutter.

District officials could not immediately get in touch with the community members for permission to release their names. Technology education teacher Scott McElroy said in an email that the laser cutter will be used in 12 technology courses, as well as for multiple grade levels in the high school.

"By incorporating the laser cutter into our curriculum, we can provide students with hands-on experience in design, fabrication, and engineering," McElroy said. "This will not only enhance their technical skills but also foster creativity and problem-solving abilities."

For the course "Intro to Cad and 3D Design," the laser cutter can enable students to engrave designs on a variety of materials to create personalized items or prototypes, according to McElroy.

For the high school's "Architectural Design" course, the laser cutter can be used to precisely cut out components for scaled model projects, allowing students



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to create highly detailed and accurate representations of their designs," McElroy noted.

For the school's "Robotics and Engineering" program, students can fabricate custom parts for their robotics and engineering projects, "enabling them to experiment with unique designs and functions," also according to McElroy.

"This versatile tool can enhance learning across our high school's multiple grade levels and subject areas," he added.

School Committee members expressed their appreciation for the donation to make this tool a reality in the district.

School officials also noted that these types of donations are commonplace in the Tri-town community and further enhance learning at the school.

Nothing But Victories for the Bulldogs

Sports Roundup By Aiden Comorosky Football

The Old Rochester Regional High School football team played at Greater New Bedford Voc/Tech on October 18 and won 39-6. They're now 6-1, and move to a four game winning-streak. Gavin Martin had 2 rushing touchdowns, and a 71 yard touchdown pass to Henry Berry. Jack Leconte also had two rushing touchdowns. Cam Peppin had a rushing touchdown as well. It wasn't just the offense that made the Bulldogs dominate. Jake Proffit had an interception, Sawyer Johnson had two sacks, and Chase Kuopens had a sack as well.

"Devin St Germaine had a great all-around game contributing on offense with his running and blocking, and making several tackles on defense," said ORR Head Coach Bryce Guilbeault.

The Bulldogs will host Dighton-Rehoboth (0-6), on October 25 at 6:30 pm, in their homecoming game and senior night.

Girls Soccer

The Bulldogs played at home against Apponequet on October 16, and won 4-3. Audrey Thomas scored 3 goals, Zoe Plante with 1 goal, and assists were made by



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Delaney Chase, Kate Thomsen, and Liz Feeney. The final goal by Audrey Thomas was within the final 15 seconds of the game, to win it for the Bulldogs. They're now 10-3-1, and were scheduled to play at Somerset Berkley on October 23. The JV squad also played Apponequet, and won 2-0. Marley Mailloux netted both goals, with one coming from a header during a corner kick.

"The team demonstrated excellent cohesion, even after being introduced to a new formation just a day prior," said ORR JV Head Coach Sarah Makein.

They were scheduled to play at Somerset Berkley on October 23.

Boys Soccer

Old Rochester played at Apponequet on October 16, and won 1-0. Grady Oliveira scored, assisted by Aidan Costa. Their record is now 11-2-1, and they've won 10 straight games. They were scheduled to host Somerset Berkley (9-5), on October 23.

Field Hockey

Old Rochester played Wareham on October 17, and won 8-0. Defensive player Kelsi Chick was named the player of the game, scoring her first goal. The win brings their record to 5-4-6. They were scheduled to play at Wareham on October 22.

Girls Volleyball

The Bulldogs played Apponequet on October 16 while celebrating senior night, and won 3-0. Set scores were 25-10, 25-12, and 25-18. The players of the game were all of the seniors, Aubrie Letourneau, Cami Van Ness, Jocelyn Pires, Caroline Brogioli, and Hannah Eaton. They're now 15-2, and were scheduled to play their final game of the regular season at Joseph Case on October 23.

Academic Achievements

Daniela Gil Veras of Marion, Allison Paim of Marion, and Lilah Gendreau of Mattapoisett have been named to the 2024 spring semester dean's list at Simmons University in Boston. To qualify for dean's list status, undergraduate students must obtain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, based on 12 or more credit hours of work in classes using the letter grade system.



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ORRJHS to Host Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Banquet

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Old Rochester Regional Junior High School (ORRJHS) Principal Silas Coellner are pleased to announce that ORRJHS will be hosting the 31st Annual ORRJHS Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Banquet.

The banquet is for Tri-Town (Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester) senior citizens and will take place on Sunday, November 24 in the ORRJHS Cafeteria at 133 Marion Road, Mattapoisett.

Doors will open at 11:15 a.m., and the banquet will begin at 12:00 pm noon.

300 tickets, with 100 seats per town, will be available and distributed through each local Council on Aging.

ORRJHS students and staff volunteers will help facilitate the event and serve guests.

"This cherished event is not only a great opportunity for our students to volunteer their time but is also a way for them to practice making meaningful impacts on the community," said Superintendent Nelson. "In the spirit of the holiday, I'm thankful for our continuation of this decades-long tradition of giving back to Tri-Town residents."

Last year, the event was held for the first time after a three-year hiatus. More than 170 seniors from the Tri-Town area attended, and more than 60 seventhgrade and eighth-grade student volunteers served a full Thanksgiving meal to attendees. More than 50 door prizes were available, including holiday gift sets, small home items, and gift cards.

"The Thanksgiving Banquet is an event I always look forward to, and it is so rewarding to witness our students' and their families' willingness to support our community, " said Principal Coellner. "With the approaching holiday season, these connections become even more priceless."

Any individual or local business interested in making cash contributions or donating door prizes can call ORRJHS at 508-758-4928 and speak with Toni Bailey, Administrative Assistant to Principal Silas Coellner.

3rd Annual Pumpkin Palooza

Come one, come all - join us at the Cushing Community Center on Rte.6, for an afternoon of fun. Let's get together, show off artistic talents, and create a lighted pumpkin display along Rte. 6 for everyone to enjoy on Halloween weekend!

We'll provide pumpkins and carving stations with tools & tea lights, or you can bring your own carved pumpkins to add to the display. Costumes encouraged. Join us for music, refreshments, yard games, face painting, petting zoo, balloon animals, cotton candy, goodie bags, and new this year – a pet adoption event from WAGS



Animal Rescue and pet parade at 2pm. Every dog entered wearing a costume will get a surprise and then we will have a grand prize winner of a doggie dog bag.

The event will be at the Cushing Community Center, 465 Mill Street, Marion on Saturday, **October 26** from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Pre-registration required for a pumpkin and/or to enter your dog in the contest by calling 508-748-3570. All dogs must be vaccinated, leashed, well behaved, and friendly.

Mysteries Of The Midwater

Come join the Marion Natural History Museum on **November 8** from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm, as we hear about the Mysteries Of The Midwater: Exploring the Ocean Twilight Zone with Benjamin Grassian of Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

Benjamin Grassian is a Postdoctoral Investigator from WHOI working with imaging, acoustic, and net data collected during the Ocean Twilight Zone project. He is working with zooplankton image data collected from the "Stingray" and shipboard acoustic data. He focuses on describing the variable Diel Vertical Migration habits for different groups of animals. Come hear about the fascinating creatures who use this technique to survive.

Suggested donation to the museum: \$10. Please go to www.marionmuseum.org to register for this exciting event.

Machacam Club

The next meeting of the Machacam Club is scheduled for Wednesday, **November 6**. We meet at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social time begins at 5:00 pm followed by dinner at 6:00 pm. Our speaker will be introduced at 6:40 pm. Chef Colby is planning another satisfying meal. Callers, please send your counts by 9:00 pm Monday, November 4. Please submit inquiries to cwmccullough@comcast.net.

Mattapoisett Early Voting Information

Mattapoisett Town Clerk Catherine Heuberger announces that the Town of Mattapoisett will be



conducting in person early voting hours for the **November 5**, State Election at Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street. Early voting hours will be through October 26 from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Additionally, voting will also be held through Friday, October 25 from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm and Monday, October 28 through Friday, November 1 from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. The last day for new voters to register is Saturday, October 26. The Town Clerks Office will be open until 5:00 pm on that day. The last day to request a ballot by mail is Monday, October 28. If you have any questions regarding the upcoming election, please feel free to call the Town Clerk's Office at 508-758-4100 x 2 or email townclerk@mattapoisett.net.

Marion Officials Participate in MEMA Tabletop Exercise

On Tuesday, October 8, MEMA staff visited the Marion Police Department and facilitated a tabletop exercise with participants from the police and fire departments, Department of Public Works, Council on Aging, Public Information, Board of Health, Sippican Elementary School, and Community Emergency Response Team.

A tabletop exercise is a part of MEMA training that tests emergency response plans using a hypothetical event. This can also assess the level of readiness through discussion.

Marion's exercise involved a weather-related event, specifically a snowstorm, which tested the town's emergency response plans. Officials were tasked with



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responding to a real-world situation based on current town plans, policies, and procedures.

"These exercises are valuable to assess our emergency response plans and help us identify possible areas for improvement," Chief Nighelli said. "Town officials are committed to ensuring we are prepared for any situation, and we see value in these discussion-based activities."

The scenario evolved through three modules.

Module one focused on the incoming storm and preliminary forecast, the possible resulting conditions such as power outages and storm surges, and the needed preparations.

Module two added new and evolving circumstances such



as high wind gusts and quickly accumulating snow, a vehicle crash with leaking fuel, power outages and phone problems, impassable roadways, a structure fire, carbon monoxide emergencies, and downed live wires and trees throughout town.

Module three focused on the aftermath when the inclement weather had passed but added factors, including blocked roadways preventing emergency access to facilities and ongoing power outages.

During each module, participants were asked to consider their agency's current priorities, sheltering operations and logistics, staffing and agency resources, public works services and resources, communications with the public, and possible challenges.





Overall, the exercise was meant to help town officials put emergency response plans to the test to evaluate their effectiveness and identify possible areas for improvement.

"These tabletop exercises and discussions provide a valuable opportunity to implement and evaluate our emergency response plans," Town Administrator Gorman said. "They help us ensure that our policies and procedures are effective and efficient, enabling us to achieve the best possible outcomes in various emergency



scenarios."

"Tabletop exercises are an integral part of preparedness and education," said a spokesperson for MEMA. "They provide an opportunity for a community to test and validate plans and policies including a municipality's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) using a hypothetical event. CEMPs detail how a town or city can mitigate, respond to and prepare for different emergency incidents or events. The plan identifies specifically how the city/town will coordinate resources during a disaster or other event, the necessary tools that can be utilized, and how the community can recover from an emergency. Tabletop exercises also address best practices, strengths, weaknesses, and possible areas for improvement."

Three Collections of Etchings Donated

Three important institutions in the United States have recently accepted donations of etchings done by British artist James Alphege Brewer, who made his fame producing large color etchings of European cathedrals and other historical buildings damaged or threatened during WWI.

The donations, totaling more than 170 etchings, includes:

-a comprehensive collection of more than 130 etchings and related materials to the Archives and Distinctive Collections department of the Dinand Library of the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA.
-26 wartime etchings to the National WWI Museum and Memorial in Kansas City, MO.
-21 etchings of architectural views to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

The etchings are a gift of Benjamin S. Dunham, a retired arts administrator and journalist, and his wife, flutist Wendy Rolfe, whose widowed great-grandmother



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Heimart von Zweck, 94, of Marion, passed away peacefully on Monday, October, 14, 2024. He was the husband of Laura (Pollock) von Zweck.

Born in Bernburg, Germany, son of the late Werner and Erna (Gransee) von Zweck, he was raised in Austria before immigrating to the United States aboard the SS Andrea Doria in the 1950s.

Heimart lived in Cambridge for many years before settling in Marion where he and his family were long time members of the Beverly Yacht Club. He enjoyed sailing, skiing, and participating in the Marion-Bermuda races. Heimart was also a member of the Sippican Philosophical Society and owner of Physicon Corporation for over 40 years.

Survivors include his wife, Laura; his daughter, Zoë von Zweck of Charleston, SC; his brother, Ortwin von Zweck; his nephew, Peter Von Zweck; and many extended family members across the US and Canada.

The family would like to thank Community Nurse Home Care and especially Sandra for the care they provided to Heimart.

According to his wishes, services will be private.

For online guestbook please visit www.saundersdwyer.com



Dorothy Alice Spear Ross, 92 of Mattapoisett passed away Tuesday October 15, 2024. She was married to the love of her life Calvin E. Ross for 66 years until his death in 2018.

Dorothy grew up in Hyde Park where she and Cal were early childhood

friends and started dating when they attended Hyde Park High and sang together in the church choir. One of her first jobs was in her parent's laundromat - while Cal helped with the books. Together they raised their family in Quincy, Elmhurst, IL, and Braintree. There was a short stay in West Boylston before settling in Mattapoisett.

A devoted mother her favorite times were family events. Supporting her sons' health, educational, sporting and musical efforts including many years as a den mother for scouts. Christmas was a favorite time of year during family get-togethers. As a devoted daughter, she provided daily support to her mother during her mother's long fight with Parkinson's disease and never missed a day when Lillian required professional nursing home care.

She was an advocate of education at all levels, supporting her husband's efforts in his many years of night school to get his degrees. She encouraged her sons to advance in school and was very proud of the college courses she took. She found a special joy in volunteering at Braintree High School in the late seventies leading the daily Pledge of Allegiance over the intercom system.

Dorothy loved to cook and garden, and was both an avid singles and doubles tennis player and golfer – proud of her hole-in-one! She was a talented artist who loved to paint, knit, sew, cross-stitch, arrange flowers and so much more.

With Cal, she enjoyed traveling from camping at Niagara Falls to a cross country and Canada RV adventure. International travel to England, Scotland, Egypt, Asia and the Caribbean islands were planned with anticipation. Retirement winters were spent in Venice, Florida, with friends and family who had relocated there.

Dorothy was always active in the community through her lifelong commitment to church; she was an active member of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, and former member of the First Congregational Church of Braintree and the First Baptist Church of Wollaston, MA. She shared her talents for many years volunteering and helping organize the annual Christmas Fair at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, publishing the church's community's cookbook, as well as volunteering at the Mattapoisett Council on Aging.

While in her twenties, Dorothy worked at the local city library and the church. Later, while raising her family, she worked as a church secretary and as a legal secretary in Braintree. She also spent time in sales at Jordan Marsh and Shreve, Crump and Low. Dorothy was especially proud of founding and running her own clothing store, Elegance Renewed, in Marion.

She is survived by her sons, David Ross and his wife Emily Ross of Quincy, Donald Ross and his wife Ellen Ross of Mattapoisett, Richard Ross and his wife Kim Ross of Sandwich and Bradford Ernest Ross and his wife Lisa Logan Ross of Mansfield, as well as many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and step-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her brother Harry Warren Spear.

Her visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 23th, at 10:30 am with a service immediately following at 11:30 am at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Route 6, Mattapoisett. In lieu of flowers, please feel free to make a donation in Dorothy's memory to a charity of your choice. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Mary M. Yankopolus, 104, of Clearwater, Florida, formerly of Bristol, CT, New Bedford, and Mattapoisett, passed away at home on October 11, 2024.

Born and raised in Bristol, CT, she was the second of four daughters of the late Custas D. and Anna Mamatseo, proprietors of Bristol's popular Palace

of Sweets restaurant. Mary worked in the family store from a young age until she married. In 1938 she graduated from

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married the artist's brother John Francis Brewer, the long-time organist of the Church of the Immaculate Conception in London, England. James Alphege Brewer (1881-1946) was born in the Kensington section of London. He was the son of Henry W. Brewer, noted artist of historical architecture and prominent convert to the Catholic Church, and the grandson of scholar John Sherren Brewer, Jr., editor of the multi-volume Letters and Papers of



the Reign of Henry VIII. His great uncle was E. Cobham Brewer, the polymath who compiled Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable and authored numerous other important reference works.

The J. Alphege Brewer Collection at Holy Cross includes etchings from every period of Brewer's career, including "West Front of Ratisbon Cathedral," thought to be his first etching exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1909, to one of his last, "Bruges (Quai de Rosaire),"





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Bristol High School. Following graduation, she accompanied her mother to Kozani, Greece, to deliver a Seth Thomas tower clock manufactured in Bristol. A donation from her father, it was a gift to her parents' city of origin and a symbol of gratitude to his humble beginnings. Installed in 1939, it continues to adorn the landmark city square bell tower. The nearly sixmonth stay was cut short by impending war in Europe. Her visit reinforced her love for family and Greek heritage. It was an experience that connected her in spirit to that city for life.

In 1943 she married Konstantine G. Yankopolus, M.D. and moved to New Bedford, MA. There she began to raise a family and integrate into that community while her husband served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Eventually they would establish a permanent home in New Bedford where she would raise her children, run a busy household, manage her husband's solo medical practice, and become an active member of local civic, charitable, and Greek cultural organizations. A lifelong member of the local St. George Greek Orthodox parish, she was a faithful servant to the community. She served with a core of ladies who devoted their time, skills, and treasure to prepare countless community dinners, organize Greek festivals and food fests, and conduct fundraisers for charity. Her efforts were a way to sustain cultural traditions and pass them on to younger generations. Like many Greeks, Mary had a zeal for cooking and baking, especially traditional Greek foods and pastries. That energy carried over to her tireless promotion of the St. George Generations of Cooking, Philoptochos Society cookbook. "It's in the cookbook!" became her trademark retort whenever anyone asked how to make a dish.

Mary expressed her love and commitment to others through her deeds, expecting nothing in return. She embodied the spirit of "philotimo", a Greek concept for life that includes qualities of generosity and compassion. It guides one to strive for good, and in her, an obligation to do the right thing. It guided her life, her love for family, her relationship with friends, and the welfare of her community.

Mary's favorite place, after Bristol and Kozani, was her beloved oceanside Mattapoisett cottage. Every summer the house would come to life with what seemed like a steady stream of visitors. All were greeted by her generosity and philoxenia. The cottage was a place for tennis, the beach, lively conversation, anything outdoors, and for anyone looking for a good meal, homemade treat, or cup of Greek coffee. It was the place for a good life made possible because of her love and tireless energy. Often, she would say "Don't ask. Give" when it came to serving guests. Mary also had a love for vanilla ice cream and every neighborhood kid knew where to find a Dainty Maid ice cream sandwich treat. Her spirit of giving created a community of love and kindness wherever she went that is fondly remembered still. The family is overwhelmed by the kindness, memories, and loving remembrances already shared.

Mary lived her final years in Clearwater, FL to be with family and avoid New England winters. A seasonal resident for many years, she also joined Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church while still maintaining ties to St George. She established close connections with some contemporaries of the Greek immigrant community, as well as neighbors at her home. Marianthy, as she was known to the Greeks, continued to enjoy a rich cultural, social, and religious life despite her age. The family would like to extend a thank you to Father Jim Paris and the kind parishioners of Holy Trinity Clearwater for welcoming her to their community, and again to Father Jim for providing end-of-life spiritual care.

Also, and without question, the family extends their deepest appreciation for the love and kindness expressed by friends and neighbors, especially the parish of St. George, Mary's spiritual, cultural, and social home for over 80 years. The community was a source of great joy for her and ultimately the place that would welcome her to her final resting place.

Mary was connected in holy matrimony with her beloved husband for 65 years until his passing in 2009. She is survived by her three sons, George, Konstantine and Demetrius; two daughters, Paula and Anna; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Viewing will take place at 8 am Saturday, October 26th at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 186 Cross Rd., Dartmouth, MA. The funeral service will follow at 9 am, Burial will be in Acushnet Cemetery. The mercy meal will be held immediately after at the Century House, 107 South Main St, Acushnet, MA 02743.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in her memory to either St. George Greek Orthodox Church, P.O. Box 79411, North Dartmouth, MA 02747; Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 409 S. Old Coachman Rd., Clearwater, FL 33765; or the charity of your choice. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



John (Jack) Harold Hartley, 86, passed away peacefully on October 4, 2024, surrounded by loving family and friends at Saint Luke's Hospital in New Bedford.

Born June 17, 1938, Jack was the youngest son in a family of four children raised by Robert and Ella (Millette) Hartley. He attended the Waterman School in Rochester until he graduated from 8th

Grade. He then went to work in the woods, limbing trees with an axe, for his father and the Hartley Sawmill. In 1955, Jack enlisted in the Army, and served in Germany until his honorable discharge in 1959. Jack then enlisted in the Coast Guard and served at the Lightship in Chatham MA until he was honorably discharged in 1961.

It was after this time, still a young man, when he met and married his first wife Meryden Kirby, with whom he has 4



dated 1939. Also represented are examples of the etchings published during WWI and some from Brewer's luminous Blue Hour series from the early 1920s.

Two of the etchings in the donation to the National WWI Museum and Memorial, dating from late 1914—the "West Front of Rheims Cathedral" and "The Rose Windows, Rheims Cathedral"—were widely reproduced by American printers during WWI and proudly hung on parlor walls in solidarity with the Allied



cause and as a remembrance of the devastating cultural losses inflicted by the onslaught of war.

"Wendy and I are extremely pleased to know that Brewer's etchings will be available to future art researchers at these three distinguished locations," said Dunham, a member of the Association of Print Scholars and the Historians of British Art. Dunham created a website devoted to the artist's life and work: www. jalphegebrewer.info. His book, Etched in Memory: The

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children.

Jack met and fell in love with Dorothy Gail Taber when he was in the hospital and Gail was his nurse. They were married in January 1971, and had one child, Nicole, in late November, 1971. Jack, Gail, and Nicole lived in Assonet, MA and enjoyed many happy summers together with all the kids (and eventually the grandkids) at Snow's Pond. Jack and Gail also had the pleasure of spending several winters in DeLand, Florida until Gail's passing in 2012.

Jack was an entrepreneur and recycler– owning and operating the D.G. Hartley Pallet Company for many years and was only recently retired.

He had many interests, including fishing, hunting, horseshoes and singing by the campfire, but discovered his true calling in his association with AA. He found a fulfilling purpose in mentoring and supporting others and his many close friendships that grew over the years.

So many people describe Jack as "a fun guy" and it's true that wherever he went, fun was sure to follow. But he also took the time to build strong and lasting relationships with his neighbors, with his AA community, and with his friends at the Little Phoenix Restaurant where he was a regular customer.

Jack had a wonderful way of relating to people of all ages through jokes and laughter and he wasn't afraid to tell people that he loved them. As he aged, he became more watchful of loved ones and their circumstances – not hesitating to offer sage and straightforward advice.

He added so much light, laughter, and wisdom, to our gatherings and to our lives and he is dearly missed.

He is survived by his children, Nicole Hartley of Attleboro, Dana-Lyn Hartley and her Husband Lon Mackey of Rockport, Mark Hartley, Shawn-Ann Schafler, and Matthew Hartley all of Rochester; dear family friend, Caycie Bianchi of Berkley; grandchildren, John "Jack" Arruda, Ella Benson, Heather Bryant, Salem Hartley, Levi Hartley, Celeste Hartley, Ari Hartley, Allison Hartley, Simone Schafler, and Benjamin Schafler; siblings, Joan Hagar, Robert "Bob" Hartley and his wife Kay, and Doris Hartley-Born and her companion Donald; Golden years adopted grandchildren, Hannah, James, Ollie, Harrison, and Savannah Bianchi; and many wonderful nieces and nephews (and grand nieces and nephews) who adored him.

His visitation will be from 9-11am on Monday October 28th with a service at 11 in the Rock Funeral Home, 1285 Ashley BIvd., New Bedford. Burial at the Sacred Hearts Cemetery will follow.

For directions or to leave a message of condolence visit: https://www.dignitymemorial.com/funeral-homes/mas-sachusetts/new-bedford/rock-funeral-home/1145

In lieu of Flowers, Please Consider a Donation to North Cottage Substance Addiction Residential Treatment Facility in Norton, MA. http://www.northcottage.com/page26. html

Heartfelt thanks to Beth Rocha and all the caring professionals at St. Luke's Hospital.

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.

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS





Since 2007, the Mattapoisett Land Trust has invited the community to a soirée at the site of Salty the Seahorse. The Halloween themed party on October 19 featured musical performances by Jeff and Lisa Dunn, storytelling by the campfire with Karen Chace, and make-your-own s'mores. The entrance to the park at the corner of Route 6 and North Street was lined with luminarias decorated by Center School students. First introduced by MLT member Don Cuddy to help facilitate community engagement, the soirée is made all the more comfortable with hay bales provided by Gerald Randall, an annual donation Photos by Marilou Newell and Colleen Andrews







Witches and sunset at Ned's Point. Photo by Sara Audette.

Robert Pina shared these photos of the Marion Social Club Pig Roast

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



Elevated Art of J. Alphege Brewer, was drawn from the website and published in 2021 by Peacock Press in Mytholmroyd, United Kingdom.

Abigail Stambach, Head of Archives and Distinctive Collections at Holy Cross, said, "The J. Alphege Brewer Collection of etchings is a wonderful addition to our library. It is an excellent complement to some of our existing collections and will be a valuable resource to the Holy Cross community and other researchers."

Christopher A. Warren, Chief Curator of the National WWI Museum and Memorial, where a selection of Brewer's WWI etchings were exhibited in 2019-20,





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welcomed the donation: "The museum is honored to house Brewer's wartime etchings. They are truly remarkable, and it's a one-of-a-kind collection."

Nadine Orenstein, Head of the Department of Prints and Drawings of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and Femke Speelberg, its Curator of Historic Ornament, Design, and Architecture, wrote, "The Met is delighted with the donation of these etchings by James Alphege Brewer. A true Monuments Man in print, Brewer was not yet represented in the collection of Drawings and Prints. The high technical complexity he aspired to make them a welcome addition to our collection."



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Grin and Bear It

By Rob Gonsalves www.robsmovievault.com

Smile 2. Starring Naomi Scott and Rosemarie DeWitt. Directed by Parker Finn. Running time: 127 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters.

Parker Finn is surely a gifted filmmaker. His feature debut, 2022's horror movie *Smile*, boasted enough nightmarish moments and sequences to become a big hit and bring about a sequel, *Smile 2*, which has the same strengths as its predecessor and not as many of the weaknesses. It also packs a genuine powerhouse of a performance by Naomi Scott as the lead character, pop star Skye Riley, who has enough problems even without being haunted by a demon — known as the Smile Entity, I guess — that threatens to drive her crazy, or crazier. Finn has such a firm command of mood and dread that this franchise, which should probably include the terrific short that started it all (*Laura Hasn't Slept*), may earn a place at the table of horror-film history even though the premise isn't all that fresh.

But as Roger Ebert said, it's not what a movie is about, it's how it is about it, and *Smile* and especially *Smile* 2 get our pulses quickening with intimations of thorough wrongness in the midst of mundane reality. Skye, in recovery from addictions to alcohol and cocaine, was in a car accident that killed the driver, a movie star. Currently she's working her way back to the spotlight with an upcoming tour, but the Smile Entity (which finds her by way of a drug dealer supplying her with Vicodin for pain connected with the car crash) finds her trauma irresistible. It's the psychologically troubled, it seems, that the Entity preys on the most.

So a good deal of the first hour details Skye's stresses specific to being a pop star, who is enabled by her mother/manager (Rosemarie DeWitt) and catered to by a coterie of assistants. When the Entity starts infesting her life, nobody will believe her because she's that most enduring of modern tropes, the Fallen Pop Star who lost her credibility to drugs. (When Skye puts in an appearance on Drew Barrymore's talk show, the studio audience seems to take her word for it that she walks the straight and narrow now. Those in her sphere aren't so sure.) Skye is pained and frightened all the time, and



perhaps the point is that in her profession, that's normal.

If this were the first *Smile* instead of a sequel, in which we already know the Entity is very real, Skye's terrors and visions might have been explained for a while as post-drug, post-crash brain damage. But we don't get that ambiguity here. Naomi Scott helps a lot, though — Skye isn't sure herself if she didn't fry a few brain cells, and Scott creates the impression of a smart young woman watching herself go through hell. In the first movie, Sosie Bacon enacted fear well enough but didn't seal the performance in an especially memorable way. Scott seems to have lived some of these conflicts — not addiction, but the constant assaults on privacy, the run-ins with "fans." When you're famous you have to smile through everything or get a rep as not nice and get cancelled by the TikTok crowd.

Parker Finn's decision to take a character with these specific demons and layer an actual demon on top of them is sound. I still can't say his writing is great, but Smile 2's thematic concerns represent an improvement on the original. If he continues with these films he'll have himself a series in which young professional women with the traumas that come with their success deal with a monster that feeds off of their pain. But I would rather see him move on now, or else the law of diminishing sequel returns may result in a Smile 3 and Smile 4 nobody wants. Finn knows how to use lighting and sound for disorienting effect, and he has a striking music composer in Cristobal Tapia de Veer, who has crafted discordant, eerie scores for both Smile movies. It's just that, thus far, he seems to write scripts as clotheslines for creepy sequences that feel like the real reasons he wants to make these movies. Smile 2 is a step in the right direction; it has better focus than the first one. Unless he's got a really bowel-shaking concept for the end of the trilogy, Finn should probably see what other worlds he can conquer.
Students Participate in Project 351 Workshop at ORRHS

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson, Principal Michael Devoll, and Director of Guidance Lauren Millette are pleased to share that Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55 students recently participated in a Project 351 workshop.

On Wednesday, October 16, 175 district student leaders attended a Project 351 workshop at ORRHS, where they participated in various community service and leadership activities. The workshop included high school, junior high school, and elementary school students who met for about two hours each.

District staff who attended included Superintendent Nelson, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Shari Fedorowicz, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Jaime Curley, Principal Devoll, ORRJHS Principal Silas Coellner, Sippican Elementary School Assistant Principal Greg Thomas, Old Hammondtown School Principal Stephanie Wells, Rochester Memorial School Social Worker Sharon Cruz, Sippican School Adjustment Counselor Rebecca Densberger, and School Psychologist for Center and Old Hammondtown Schools Joy Titcomb.

The day began with students bringing donations for hurricane relief in partnership with the Tri-Town Nurses and contributing pairs of socks to support the ORRHS Community Service Learning Club's "Socktober."

After introductions and engaging icebreakers led by Molly Wronski, Olivia Thompson, and Quinn Chisholm, students explored the idea of "energy givers and takers" in relation to leadership. They also discussed Daniel Coyle's "Good Apple" experiment from his book "The Culture Code: The Secrets of Highly Successful Groups."

"Students could participate in dynamic scenario discussions and group reflections using the Project 351 and Celtics Playbook," said Director of Guidance Lauren Millette. "I was thoroughly impressed with the in-depth discussions students were taking part in and how they were able to think critically about real-world issues using their own experiences as a guide."





The Celtics Playbook Initiative seeks to leverage the power of sport and, more specifically, the appeal of the Celtics to engage students on critical issues. The program features a series of workshops for students in grades 4-12 in an effort to build a community-oriented environment.

The idea of the Playbook was born out of the theory that if athletes are able to prepare for difficult game-time decisions by studying and practicing plays, this strategy could also work in everyday scenarios. Thus, if students prepare themselves before the situation arises, they will be ready to confront bias and discrimination. This led to the publication of a "social playbook" taking the form of 25 scenarios written and edited by middle school students with the goal of creating conversation



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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS

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Log highlights Oct 13-Oct 19

- Wareham Rd Suspicious person
- Mill St MV collision
- Point Rd Wildlife services
- Spring St Vandalism/past
- Quail's Crossing Rd EMS/medical
- Thomas Ln General service
- Converse Rd Larcenv/past
- West River Rd Burglar alarm
- Arrowhead Ln Structure fire
- County Rd EMS/medical
- Jenney Ln EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd Health/welfare
- Mill St Fraud
- · Alden Rd EMS/medical
- Converse Rd Follow up
- Joanne Dr MV complaint
- Point Rd Animal complaint
- Village Dr Paper service
- Mill Št Paper service
- Joanne Dr Officer wanted
- Bullivant Farm Rd EMS/medical
- Joanne Dr Officer wanted
- Main St Health/welfare
- · Front St General service
- Joanne Dr Animal complaint
- Wianno Rd Paper service
- Joanne Dr Officer wanted
- Front St EMS/medical
- Olde Knoll Rd EMS/medical

MATTAPOISETT

- Log highlights Oct 13-Oct 19
- Reservation Rd Suspicious MV
- Jane Ln Animal control
- Woodland Ave General services
- Marion Rd Restraining order
- Railroad Ave Parking violation
- Pine Island Rd Animal control
- Fairhaven Rd MV violations
- Brant Beach Ave Medical alarm
- Channel St Assist citizen
- Fairhaven Rd Notification
- North St MV crash
- Randall Rd Disturbance
- Brandt Island Rd Vandalism
- Neds Point Rd MV crash
- Fieldstone Dr Larceny/forgery/
- County Rd MV crash
- Joanne Dr 911 call
- Beacon St Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Marion Rd MV crash
- Cannon St Medical assist
- Fairhaven Rd Ambulance request
- Hammond St Assist citizen
- County Rd Officer wanted
- Upland Way Medical assist
- River Rd Open door
- Acushnet Rd Disturbance
- I195 West Auto fire
- Angelica Ave Health/welfare
- Marion Rd MV crash

Jasons Ln – Suspicious activity Walnut Plain Rd – General services Pierce St – Noise complaint

North Ave – Animal control

Hartley Rd – Animal control

Braley Hill Rd – Erratic MV

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Pine St - Medical

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Log highlights Oct 13-Oct 19

Dexter Ln - Investigation

North Ave – Suspicious activity

Cranberry Hwy – MV collision Marys Pond Rd - 911 call

Dexter Ln – General services

Walnut Plain Rd - Medical

Pine St – General services

Braley Hill Rd – MV collision

Burgess Ave – Burglar alarm

Marion Rd – MV stop/citation Clapp Rd – MV collision

New Bedford Rd – Burglar alarm

Walnut Plain Rd - Noise complaint

Cranberry Hwy - 911 call High St – Well-being check

Burgess Ave – 911 call

Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity New Bedford Rd – 911 call

- Dexter Ln General services
- Cushman Rd Suspicious activity
- Snipatuit Rd Animal control
- Negus Way MV collision •

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

EGIONAL LUNCH

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Oct 28: Garlic salmon, rice pilaf, garlic kale, white roll, chocolate pudding, low sugar: mixed fruit

Tuesday, Oct 29: Turkey chili w/shredded cheese, California blend vegetable, whole grain biscuit, pear

Wednesday, Oct 30: Hot doa. baked beans, green peas, brown bread, banana

Thursday, Oct 31: Honey mustard chicken, roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat bread, birthday cake, low

sugar: fruit Friday, Nov 1: Shepard's pie w/ peas & carrots, corn, cornbread

loaf, peach cup

CENTER SCHOOL

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Monday, Oct 28: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots Tuesday, Oct 29: Taco nacho platter, brown rice, taco toppings bar

Wednesday, Oct 30: Pancakes, maple syrup, Jones low salt

sausage links, hashbrown patty Thursday, Oct 31: American chop suey, garlic breadstick, savory green beans Friday, Nov 1: Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Oct 28: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots Tuesday, Oct 29: Taco nacho platter, brown rice, taco toppings bar

Wednesday, Oct 30: Pancakes, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty Thursday, Oct 31: American chop suey, garlic breadstick, savory green beans Friday, Nov 1: Pizza crunchers. marinara sauce, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

salad dressing

Monday, Oct 28: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French

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fries steamed carrots Tuesday, Oct 29: Taco nacho platter, brown rice, taco toppings bar

Wednesday, Oct 30: Pancakes, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty Thursday, Oct 31: American chop suey, garlic breadstick, savory green beans Friday, Nov 1: Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Oct 28: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots Tuesday, Oct 29: Taco nacho platter, brown rice, taco toppings bar

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salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

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Monday, Oct 28: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries. steamed carrots Tuesday, Oct 29: Taco nacho platter, brown rice, taco toppings bar

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OLD COLONY REGIONAL Monday, Oct 28: Build a Ramen bowl

Tuesday, Oct 29: Chicken nuqgets, fries & bread Wednesday, Oct 30: Grilled cheese & creamy tomato basil soup Thursday, Oct 31: Linguica sandwich & fries Friday, Nov 1: Assorted pizza

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and offering methods for students to safely intervene when witnessing acts of injustice from a bystander's perspective.

The workshop concluded by introducing the students to Kaizen, which is the idea of continuous improvement and is a mantra in the Celtics' locker room. Students implemented this mindset by reflecting on their personal growth throughout the day.

"I think that I am in a better position to be a leader because of this workshop today, and I can use tools I learned to help me in everyday situations," said seventh-grade student Riley Sickel. "I might take more time thinking about what I say or do in a group; and if I am taking energy from the group, I'll try harder to bring more positive energy. I can also pay closer attention to situations where I could help lead and find solutions to a problem."

"The ability to stop, think critically, and reflect on potential solutions for real-world problems is an essential skill that will continue to serve our students well beyond the classroom," Superintendent Nelson said. "I commend our dedicated staff for facilitating these discussions, and I thank our student leaders for their impact on our school community."

Unleash Your Creativity at the Mattapoisett Library

This November, the Mattapoisett Free Public Library is celebrating creativity in full swing. We're excited to launch a series of fun and imaginative events designed to inspire young storytellers, writers, and artists. Whether you're into storytelling, comics, or graphic novels, we've got something special for you.

It all kicks off with the Creative Storytelling Workshop. Join us every Saturday in November from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm for this exciting hands-on workshop where young storytellers will dive into the art of crafting compelling stories. Participants will brainstorm ideas, learn storytelling tips, and watch their imaginations soar as they create stories in any form they choose—whether it's traditional writing, poetry, or even comics. This workshop is open to all writing styles and recommended for ages 8-12. While registration is encouraged, walk-ins are always welcome.

Our Graphic Novel Book Club is back on Friday, **November 15** at 3:30 pm, and this month we're diving into *Timid* by Jonathan Todd. Copies are available at the library, so pick yours up and get ready for an engaging discussion, craft activity, and of course, snacks. This event is ideal for ages 9 and up. To join, simply register through our website, or drop by if you have any questions.

On Thursday, **November 21** at 3:30 pm, the author and illustrator of *Timid*, Jonathan Todd, will visit the library for an exciting workshop on graphic novel creation for the program, How to Create a Graphic Novel Page. Learn from the expert himself as he guides participants through the process of crafting an amazing story, sketching thumbnail panels, and penciling and inking like a pro. By the end of the session, you'll have your very own graphic novel page. Ready to unleash your creativity? Register online to secure your spot for this can't-miss event.

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

Join the Marion COA Book Club

The Marion COA Book Club, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library, is still welcoming new members. You do not need to be a resident of Marion to participate.

The next meeting of the group will be at 1:00 pm on **November 20** at the Marion COA, at which his new collection of short stories, The History of Sound, by Dartmouth author Ben Shattuck, will be discussed. This is a book of interconnected stories, set in New England spanning three centuries, that explores how the past is often misunderstood and how history, family, heartache, and desire can echo over time.

Copies of this book are available to be checked out by book club members at the front desk at the Elizabeth Taber Library.

ORRHS Appoints New Interim Assistant Principal

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Old Rochester Regional High School Principal Michael Devoll are pleased to announce that Lauren Millette has been appointed interim high school assistant principal.

Millette most recently served as the Director of Guidance for the Old Rochester Regional High School (ORRHS) and Junior High School for three years. The current ORRHS Assistant Principal, Vanessa Harvey, is moving to a different school district.

Millette will begin in her new role on Monday, October 28.

"I am thrilled to announce Lauren Millette as our



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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Not enough party bids to satisfy the Bovine's fun-loving side this week? Go ahead and throw one of your own. Then prepare for some serious work coming up early next week.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A new and intensely productive cycle kicks in on the 30th. Be careful not to get too stressed out, though. Make time to restore your energy by relaxing with family and friends.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) This could be a good time to share some of your plans with those closest to you. Their comments could give you some added insight into how you might accomplish your goals.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) An attack of selfdoubt might be unsettling for the usually super-assured Feline. But it could be your inner voice telling you to hold off on implementing your plans until you've reassessed them.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a great time for you to reward yourself for all your hard work, specifically by taking a trip you haven't spent months carefully planning to somewhere you never thought you'd be going. Embrace spontaneity!

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Some misunderstandings resist being resolved, but your sincerity in wanting to soothe those hurt feelings wins the day. By month's end, a relationship should begin to show signs of healing. SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A hectic job schedule begins to ease by the end of the month -- just in time to blow off all that work-generated steam on Halloween. Meanwhile, a family situation runs into an unexpected complication. SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A cutting remark in the workplace needs to be handled with finesse. Remember, how you respond could determine the depth of support you gain from colleagues.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Once again, that Capricornean stubborn streak sets in and could keep you from getting much-needed advice. Fortunately, it lifts by next week, just in time for you to make an informed decision. AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A surprise trip early in the week could lead to other unexpected offers when you return. Word to the wise: Avoid talking too much about this until you've made some decisions.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Learning dominates the week for perspicacious Pisceans who are always looking to widen their range of knowledge. Looking ahead, a series of important job-linked commitments begins next week.

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new interim high school assistant principal. Lauren has served our students exceptionally as our director of guidance and we look forward to her continuing her positive impact in this new role," Superintendent Nelson said. "I would also like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Vanessa Harvey for her dedication and commitment while serving as assistant



principal and I wish her well in her new role."

Before her role as the director of guidance in the ORR district, Millette served as the assistant high school principal in Fairhaven from 2017 to 2021. She also served as freshman dean, teacher, and houseparent at Tabor Academy in Marion from 2011 to 2017. Millette began her career in education serving as a teacher in the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District from 2000 to 2011.

"I am grateful for this new opportunity to serve the students of Old Rochester Regional School District," Millette said. "I look forward to working together to foster a vibrant and supportive learning environment for our students." Millette has a Bachelor of Science degree from Syracuse University. She received her master's degree in counseling from Providence College and a Master of Education from Cambridge College.

"I am very excited to be working alongside Lauren," Principal Devoll said. "She has already established a strong rapport with many of our students and staff members at the high school level, and we look forward to having her familiar face among us as interim assistant principal."

"Lauren's passion for education and commitment to our students will be invaluable in this role. Together, we look forward to achieving great things and supporting our school community," said School Committee Chair Michelle Smith.

North Rochester Congregational Church

The North Rochester Congregational Church, 247 North Avenue in Rochester, has services at 10:00 am on Sundays. The services are now conducted by Lay Minister Kevin Thompson, who is also the Boy Scout Troop Leader in town. Other members of the congregation also do services. Paul Sardinha is our longtime organist. Food and fellowship follows. Everyone is welcome.

Heart Saver Training Class

The First Congregational Church of Marion is pleased to sponsor a "Heart Saver Training Class" to





members, friends, and the Marion community. This is an opportunity to learn valuable techniques to be prepared for an emergency. It is for anyone with little or no medical training.

This 3 to 4 hour class will be held on Sunday, **November 10** at 12:00 pm on the second floor of the church's Community Center. Local EMT instructors promise some fun as you are trained in CPR, Basic First Aid, AED (Auto Electric Defibrillator), Heimlich, Chest Thrusts, Bandaging, Choke Saving, and instruction to stop bleeding. The training is done on mannequins.

The class is open to adults and youth 12 years of age or older. Upon receipt of payment and successful course completion, a certificate that is valid for two years is issued. The cost is \$75 per person. Our Community Center is located at 144 Front Street (rear of the General Store parking lot).

To sign up for the class, call the church office at 508-748-1053 (Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm). A \$75 check payable to The First Congregational Church of Marion should be brought to the church office in the Community Center or paid at the start of the class on November 10. The deadline to sign up for the class is Tuesday, November 5.

Christmas on Church Street

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church's annual Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, **December 7** from



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9:00 am to 1:00 pm in Reynard Hall at 27 Church Street in Mattapoisett. This year's event will include homemade frozen foods, baked treats, hand knitted and crafted items, Christmas/holiday decorations, gift items, greenery for wreaths as well as jewelry, silent auction items, a kids' table, and a delicious hot soup luncheon. All proceeds benefit the ministries of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. For additional information, please contact the church office at 508-758-2671 or mattcongchurch@gmail. com.

Election Day Prayer Service

Fr. Eric Fialho, Rector of Saint Gabriel's Parish in Marion, will be hosting a noontime prayer service on



LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MARION

SELECT BOARD/BOARD OF ASSESSORS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Select Board and Board of

Assessors will hold a public hearing at the Marion Town House Conference Room, on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 6:00 pm for the purpose of determining the classification of real property. Norman A. Hills, Chair Select Board Peter Winters, Chair

Board of Assessors 10/17, 10/24

TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA regarding an Amendment and Extension to a Large Scale Photovoltaic Installation Special Permit and Groundwater Protection District dated December 14, 2021 filed by Cushman Road Solar, LLC, P.O. Box 1320, Portsmouth, NH 03802 for property located at 0 Cushman Road , Map 33, Lot 11.

The Proponent hereby requests a oneyear extension of the lapse period and an amendment to the Special Permit Decision to modify Standard Condition #23, which currently contains a limitation on the Planning Board's ability to extend the lapse period provided for in the decision.

The application and associated submittal documents are available for review at the Planning Board Office at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, Rochester, MA. Arnold Johnson, Chairman 10/24, 10/31

TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1216

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Devan Spellman, prospective buyer of the property located at 85 High Street, identified on Assessor's Map 21, Lot 17B, who is seeking a Special Permit under Chapter 20.40, Section F.6, of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws, for the operation of an at home business as a machinist.

The public hearing will be on Thursday, November 14th, 2024, at 7:15 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA. David Arancio, Chairman 10/24, 10/31

TOWN OF ROCHESTER TAX BILLS

PUBLIC NOTICE

FY 2025 Real Estate & Personal Property tax bills were mailed October 18, 2024 due on November 18, 2024. The second half payment will be Due May 1, 2025.

If paying by personal online banking allow sufficient time for the bank to generate a check and mail it to the Town. Please supply sufficient information on the check identifying which bill should be credited ONLINE BILL PAY; townofrochestermass com Click online payments then tax collector. There is a Lockbox located at the bottom left side of the front stairs for your convenience checks only please. If you have not received your tax bill in the mail please contact the Collector's Office at 508-763-3871 ext.1. If you have questions regarding property values and

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TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Notice of Intent filed by Sarajon Realty, LLC, 2854 Cranberry Highway, East Wareham, MA 02538 for property located at 0 High Street, designated as Lot 13 on Assessor's Map 16, currently referred to as "Proposed Lot 10". The applicant is proposing to construct a single-family dwelling, attached garage, driveway, and associated clearing, grading, and installation of utilities.

The property owners of record is ADGA Realty Loan Management, LLC, 313 Plymouth Street, Halifax, MA 02338. The applicant's representative is Brian Wallace, JC Engineering, Inc., 2854 Cranberry Highway, East Wareham, MA 02538. This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetlands Protection By-Law.

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The property owners of record is ADGA Realty Loan Management, LLC, 313 Plymouth Street, Halifax, MA 02338. The applicant's representative is Brian Wallace, JC Engineering, Election Day, **November 5**. This simple service will be filled with prayer, meditation, holy scripture, and time for reflection. All people, regardless of political party, or religious background are encouraged to attend. An optional time of fellowship, conversation, and food will follow the liturgy. Fr. Fialho said, "This prayer service is offered as a way to help bridge a political divide that is continuing to widen in our nation. My hope is that through services like these, people will remember that there is actually very little that separates us from one another, and that we are all equal in the eyes of God." Saint Gabriel's Episcopal Church is an open and affirming community of faith and welcomes all people to come to church just as the people they are. The Parish is located at 124 Front Street in Marion.

Mattapoisett Scholarship Committee

As we reach the November 1 deadline to pay our Quarterly property taxes, I want to take this opportunity to remind residents of an easy and impactful way to support education in our community. Under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 3, taxpayers are given the option to voluntarily contribute additional funds when paying their property taxes, and these funds can be directed to our local scholarship programs.

We have two programs for Mattapoisett residents: 1) Scholarship Fund for those graduating with a High School diploma: and 2) Education Fund for those residents who are not graduating from a High School but seeking to continue their education from a recognized facility. These awards cannot exceed \$1500 per winner but there are no limits placed on the number of qualified winners per year. Unfortunately, we do not have the funds to reward all our most deserving applicants. In fact, awarding one full scholarship in each category challenges our funding. Many of our residents are surprised to learn about this shortfall. Despite the area's relatively high income level, many are not even aware of the scholarships or the methods for funding them.

The official notice of this Scholarship fund is at the bottom of your tax bill. You can include an additional amount with your payment as directed on the bottom of your property tax bill. Additional funds can always be donated at any time via the Mattapoisett tax collector's office. If you have a question concerning the scholarship, donations, etc, please direct them to Christine Richards, Mattapoisett Town Administrator, Assistant to Town Operations.

This is a chance for us to invest in the future of our young people by helping deserving students pursue higher education. In a time when the cost of college continues to rise, even small contributions can make a big difference in helping students achieve their academic dreams. Local scholarship funds, supported by our community, are often the key to unlocking educational opportunities for students who may otherwise struggle to afford them.

I encourage everyone in our community to consider donating to support our local scholarships when paying your property taxes this year. By doing so, you are not only helping individual students but also investing in the future strength and success of our town.

Let's come together and make a lasting difference in the lives of our young people.

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From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

The Rev. Bruce Bassett grew up in New Jersey and now lives on Cape Cod. Like many of us, he became interested in his ancestry. Ultimately, his search led him to Thomas Bassett of Rochester, Massachusetts.

Thomas was born here in Rochester on June 19, 1759. The Bassetts were known as a family of blacksmiths, but at one point in his life, Thomas took a different route and spent time in Wareham apprenticed to a lawyer (this was before Abraham Holmes had his own law firm and school).

During the Revolutionary war, service in the war effort was done much differently than today. There was no standing army and enlistees most often served for months rather than years. Most participants enlisted many times over the years of the war.

At 16 in 1775, Thomas Bassett enlisted for a 3-month term as a private in a militia company with Stephen Wing of Rochester as Captain. The







company joined the army in Roxbury and eventually occupied Dorchester Heights until the British left Boston on March 17, 1776 - the real reason Boston has a holiday on St. Patrick's Day. This was only the first of Bassett's deployments.

By June, 1776, he was once again in a Massachusetts company. This time he served on the Brigantine, "Rising Empire", patrolling the coast between Cape Sables and New York prepared to "attack, subdue and take" any British vessels. This mission ended in August 1776 when the ship was ordered to return to Plymouth.

Bassett enlisted again for 3 months with a company headed to and serving in Bristol, Rhode Island



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beginning in December 1776. He earned 1 pound, 6 shillings, and 8 pence.

His longest enrollment was for 6 months beginning on July 3, 1780, with a company sent to reinforce the Continental Army. Like all enlistments, this meant marching to meet the army. This time his company marched to West Point, New York to join Gen. Nixon's brigade. Here, Thomas was assigned to an Armorer company. When his 6 months was up, he returned home.

This appears to be the end of Bassett's military career in January of 1781. He was definitely ready to return to civilian life, as he married Lydia Mendall on January 7, 1781. Over the years, the couple had nine children. Thomas Bassett died at the age of 73 on Febuary 24, 1833 and is buried along with other family members in our Rochester Center Cemetery.

The picture is of the Rev. Bruce Bassett at Thomas Bassett's grave. He is hopeful that on October 26 when the SAR grave marking ceremony takes place at 11:00 am, he will have a chance to meet some of his Bassett and Mendall relatives.

This event will be conducted by the Cape Cod and Islands Chapter of the National Society for the Sons of the American Revolution in cooperation with the Rochester Historical Commission. Included in the event will be the Col. Henry Knox Color Guard, the Wareham Minutemen and Militia, members of Boy Scout Troop 31 and Rochester Memorial School 6th grader, Andrew Cody,



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This Sunday, **October 27**, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, the Rochester Historical Society Museum will be open. In addition to the exhibit, the shop will be open. There are cranberries, both dried and fresh for \$2.50/qt. bag as well as Rochester books, maps, hats and tees. We also have a selection of 4 different style Rochester sweatshirts; crewneck, 1/4 zip, hoodie, and full zip hooded. Now is a good time to buy or order for Christmas.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

Celebrate Halloweekend, Thursday, **October 24** to Saturday, **October 26**. Check out a pumpkin with your library card all month long (while Supplies last.) Return your decorated pumpkin by Wednesday, **October 23** to be entered into our Great Pumpkin Contest. Vote for your favorites during our Halloweekend celebration activities. Are you brave enough to explore the library's first ever mini haunted library? What ghouls will you meet as you wind your way through our haunted stacks? Visit Thursday- Saturday to find out.

On Thursday, **October 24** students ages for ages 9+ can make some Halloween Boba after school from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm, then join us for costume karaoke starting at 6:00 pm for food, fun, and music for all ages.

On Friday, **October 25** from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm kids ages 5-9 can make Halloween decorations that light up at Pumpkin Paper circuits with Miss Macy.

On Saturday, **October 26** everyone is invited to play at our Boo Bash Games event from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm for a Halloween Scavenger Hunt, spooky sensory bags, a mummy race, and more. At 1:00 pm join us for adult crafts with Emily to make Fall Book Centerpieces. This craft project is recommended for ages 12 and up.

Join Miss Macy for story times every Tuesday and Thursday starting 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

Tri-County Symphonic Band Presents "A European Adventure"

On Sunday, **October 27** at 3:00 pm, the Tri-County Symphonic Band, under the direction of Philip Sanborn, will perform their season opening concert; "A European Adventure." The program will be held in the Fireman Performing Arts Center at Tabor Academy in Marion, MA and will feature a world premiere by composer Thomas Borning as well as a tenor saxophone solo by Andrew Ponte. Mr. Borning is a composer, conductor, music educator, trumpet player, and Cape Cod resident. He wrote "Lift Off" knowing that it would be the first

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selection on the program and serve as the "jump start" for the adventure to follow. "Lift Off" was inspired by the power and energy of the DeLeo brothers of the Stone Temple Pilots.

The band will also perform Karel Husa's "Music for Prague 1968", "Scenes from 'The Louvre'" by Norman Dello Joio, "Vesuvius" by Frank Ticheli, and "Spain", a Chick Corea jazz standard. "Spain" will highlight the jazz improvisational talents of tenor saxophonist Andrew Ponte. In his second season with the Tri-County Symphonic Band, Mr. Ponte is in demand as both a jazz and classical player in the area. He has appeared with the Marion Concert Band, Southcoast Jazz Orchestra, Get The Funk Out, and Jorge Ferreira.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Tickets can also be purchased at the Marion General Store, the Symphony Music Shop in North Dartmouth and online at tricountysymphonicband.org Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door.

Ghost Stories for an Autumn Night Returns

For the fourth year, the South Coast will once again be haunted by Ghost Stories for an Autumn Night at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Marion. This atmospheric event brings spine-chilling Victorian and Edwardian horror tales to life in the candlelit chapel.

Master storyteller Eric Fialho, who has been thrilling Boston-area audiences for over a decade, will deliver three eerie tales of suspense on Friday, **October 25** at 7:00 pm. Accompanied by David Burnham on the organ, the night promises a haunting experience. Cheese, wine, and lively discussions will follow the performance.

This event is not suitable for children under 14, but childcare will be provided for younger attendees. Last year's event sold out, so be sure to purchase tickets at the church office or through Eventbrite at: www.eventbrite. com/e/ghost-stories-for-an-autumn-night-tickets-



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A PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN O most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me here you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly

beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish; it will

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An Evening of Acoustic Music

The Mattapoisett Museum, 5 Church Street, invites the public to an Evening of Acoustic Music with Gary Brown and Seth Asser on **October 26** at 7:00 pm. They will entertain the audience by playing some of their own original material as well as interpreting songs from their catalog of folk, blues, country, and other artists who have inspired their musical careers.

Gary and Seth are local musicians and Mattapoisett residents. They recently produced the "Paul Clayton Story" which was presented at the Museum in June to honor his legacy and contributions to the folk music scene of the 1950's and early 1960's.

Please register at www.mattapoisettmuseum.org/ events for this event. Tickets are \$10 per person.

St. Anthony-St. Rita Christmas By The Sea Bazaar

Mark your calendars and save the date! Please join us for the annual "Christmas By The Sea Bazaar" on Saturday, **December 7** from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm at St. Anthony's parish, 26 Hammond Street, Mattapoisett.

Seasonal handcrafted gifts, decorations, and stocking stuffers will be offered by local vendors, including wooden and leather wares, honey, ornaments (including the 2024 parish ornament designed by a local artist), seashell art, all types of sewn, crocheted, knitted and quilted items such as stuffed animals, hats, mittens and bags, carved wooden birds, jewelry, and much more!



When you arrive, you will be greeted with live festive music. As always, the Bazaar will offer a huge assortment of decorated wreaths and greens arrangements, gift baskets and art raffles, a grand raffle (1st prize: \$1,000, 2nd prize: \$500, 3rd prize: \$250), a toy shoppe with toys, cookie decorating, and games, and a large bake sale with all types of wonderful baked goods.

There will be refreshments as well, filling the hall with festive aromas! Refreshments will include: malasadas and coffee, 'Friendship soup" (recipe to be provided!), popcorn, hot chocolate bar, and more!

All proceeds will benefit St. Anthony- St. Rita parish initiatives, including providing college book scholarships to local high school seniors. Please find, like, and share our event on Facebook! If you have any questions, please reach out to Katie Silvia at katsa06@ gmail.com. We hope to see you there.

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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 October 17, 2024 edition the Aardvark was on page 13



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