

Gleanings

10 years ago

From the Journal Tribune: “York County Sheriff’s Office deputies and federal drug agents seized more than 100 marijuana plants, high-end growing and processing equipment, processed marijuana, rifles and \$17,000 cash Tuesday in a combined operation. Two people were arrested as a result and both face Class A felony charges in connection with the investigation that played out at a home in Arundel and in a barn behind a vacant house in Lyman.”

50 years ago

From the Biddeford-Saco Journal: “A program on Sex Education was conducted by Dr. G. Patrick Shaw, and followed by a question and answer period, last night during the Saco Parent-Teacher Association meeting, held at Burns School, Saco. President Thomas Morrison conducted the meeting and a prayer was given by First Vice President Mrs. Jason Ramsdell, followed by the reading of the secretary’s and treasurer’s reports.”

100 years ago

From the Biddeford Daily Journal: “The Biddeford High girls’ and boys’ basketball teams will journey to South Berwick tomorrow, where they will meet the Berwick Academy teams in two games of basketball. The girls’ game will be played in the afternoon, so the girls will be able to return home by tomorrow evening. Last year the Biddeford girls defeated the Berwick girls twice and they are out to repeat the stunt this year.”

— Ryder Schumacher

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 15, the 46th day of 2017. There are 319 days left in the year.

ON THIS DATE:

In 1898, the U.S. battleship Maine mysteriously blew up in Havana Harbor, killing more than 260 crew members and bringing the United States closer to war with Spain.

In 1942, the British colony Singapore surrendered to Japanese forces during World War II.

In 1971, Britain and Ireland “decimalised” their currencies, making one pound equal to 100 new pence instead of 240 pence.

In 1982, 84 men were killed when a huge oil-drilling rig, the Ocean Ranger, sank off the coast of Newfoundland during a fierce storm.

In 1989, the Soviet Union announced that the last of its troops had left Afghanistan, after more than nine years of military intervention.

In 2002, a private funeral was held at Windsor Castle for Britain’s Princess Margaret, who had died six days earlier at age 71.

Today’s Highlight in History:

On Feb. 15, 1867, “On the Beautiful Blue Danube,” a waltz by Johann Strauss (the Younger), was publicly performed for the first time by the Vienna Men’s Choral Society, garnering a polite, if decidedly less than enthusiastic, audience response. (A revised orchestral version proved much more successful.)

TEN YEARS AGO

National Guardsmen in Humvees ferried food, fuel and baby supplies to hundreds of motorists stranded for nearly a day on a 50-mile stretch of Interstate 78 in eastern Pennsylvania because of a monster storm. The U.S. Mint unveiled the new presidential \$1 coin.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Congressional negotiators sealed an agreement on legislation to renew a payroll tax cut for 160 million workers and jobless benefits for millions more. In defiant swipes at its foes, Iran said it was dramatically closer to mastering the production of nuclear fuel even as the U.S. weighed tougher pressure on the Tehran government.

ONE YEAR AGO

President Barack Obama opened a meeting in Rancho Mirage, California, of leaders from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, calling the landmark gathering on U.S. soil a reflection of his personal commitment to an enduring partnership with the diverse group of countries. Taylor Swift’s “1989” brought the singer her second Grammy Award win for album of the year; Mark Ronson and Bruno Mars earned top record for “Uptown Funk,” while Ed Sheeran won song of the year for “Thinking Out Loud.”

— By The Associated Press

Quote of the day:

“Nothing is mine, I have only nothing but it is enough, it is beautiful and it is all mine.”

— Katherine Anne Porter, American author (1894-1980)

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Lots going on at Wells Public Library

Children’s and Teen Programs

BAD KITTY PARTY

Thursday, Feb. 16 at 6 p.m.

Get ready to party with Bad Kitty and all the silliness that always seems to follow her around. There will be a special appearance by the guest of honor. This free event is sponsored by the Friends of the Wells Public Library. For more information, contact Allison Herman at aherman@wellstown.org or call the library at 646-8181.

LEGO AND RUBIK’S CUBE CLUB

Friday, Feb. 17 at 3 p.m.

Let the brain games begin. Participants are invited to build master creations with Legos provided by the library. We will also have Rubik’s cubes on hand with instructions on how to solve the Cube. All ages welcome. These free events are sponsored by the Friends of the Wells Public Library. For more information, contact Allison Herman at aherman@wellstown.org or call the library at 646-8181.

BJ HICKMAN MAGIC SHOW

Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 10:30 a.m.

Magician BJ Hickman is coming back. Using comedy magic, dazzling deceptions, audience participation and mind reading miracles, the magician’s shows are a popular favorite throughout New England. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Wells Public Library. For more information, contact Allison Herman at aherman@wellstown.org or call the library at 646-8181.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Thursday, Feb. 23 at 6 p.m.

Join us for a family movie during school vacation. Have fun eating popcorn and hanging out with friends while enjoying the show. This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Wells Public Library. For more information, contact Allison Herman at aherman@wellstown.org or by calling the library at 646-8181.

BATS OF THE WORLD PRESENTED BY CHEWONKI

Friday, Feb. 24 at 2 p.m.

Chewonki’s Traveling Natural History Program is coming back to the library! This time, they will be introducing us to the role bats play in ecosystems ranging from the Maine woods to the South American rainforests. Participants will leave the program with an appreciation for the diversity of bats in the world and for their place in the natural ecosystem. People of all ages are welcome. For more information, contact Allison Herman at aherman@wellstown.org or call the library at 646-8181.

RANDOM FANDOM

Wednesday, March 1 at 1 p.m.

It’s time to get ready for our next Random Fandom. Each month we celebrate a new popular theme geared

towards kids in grades 5-8. This month we will enjoy and explore Maker Tech. Join us as we make crafts, talk about it, eat snacks, and play games. For more information, contact Jade Austin at jaustin@wellstown.org or call the library at 646-8181.

Adult Programs

ACTIVE PARENTING: THE FIRST FIVE YEARS

Thursday, March 2 at 1:30 p.m.

We are thrilled to be partnering with Shannon Briggs from Kids Free to Grow located in Kennebunk. In this four-week program, parents and caregivers will learn how to make the most of the first five years of childhood. Written by parenting expert (and dad) Dr. Michael Popkin, this course will show you how to nurture your child with a “just right” combination of freedom and nonviolent discipline. There is no commitment to attend all four sessions, and children are welcome to accompany adults. For more information, contact Allison Herman at aherman@wellstown.org or call the library at 646-8181.

AARP TAX AIDE PROGRAM

Tuesday, Feb. 14 from 1-6 p.m.

Trained AARP Tax Aide volunteers will be at the library each Tuesday until April 11 to answer questions and help with electronically filing taxes. They are also available to help with the new Property Tax Fairness Credit, formerly known as the Property Tax and Rent Refund or Circuit Breaker. For more information and to find out what to bring, contact Andrea Kazilionis at akazilionis@wellstown.org, or call the library at 646-8181.

CONVERSATIONAL FRENCH LANGUAGE GROUP

Thursday, February 16 at 6 p.m.

Join us for an informal approach to practicing or re-learning French. This group will meet weekly on Thursdays to speak French. We will offer some activities, questions, and other approaches to practicing the language, but mostly it will be up to the group to determine what the format will be. We welcome anyone with a French Language interest to participate. For more information, contact Andrea Kazilionis at akazilionis@wellstown.org, or call the library at 646-8181.

MEDITATION GROUP

Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 12 p.m.

If meditation is something you are curious or passionate about, this program is for you. Learn how to consistently incorporate meditation into your life in order to increase health, wellbeing and inner peace. Wellness Coach Cindy Simon will lead us in a weekly meditation session. All skill levels are welcome. For more information, please contact Andrea Kazilionis at akazilionis@wellstown.org, or call the library at 646-8181.



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University of New England professor and author Anouar Majid will give a presentation about “Islam and America in a Turbulent World” at the Kennebunk Free Library on March 8.

Presentation about Islam in America

KENNEBUNK — The Kennebunk Free Library will offer a presentation by University of New England professor and author Anouar Majid called “Islam and America in a Turbulent World” next month.

Majid will shed light on the unexamined meaning of Islam in today’s world and discuss how the United States should understand and deal with a powerful religion very few people truly understand during a presentation at the Kennebunk Free Library at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 8.

In this timely lecture, Majid, a native of Tangier, Morocco, and managing director of UNE’s operations in Morocco, will discuss the relationship between Islam and the West, Islam’s place in the modern world, and how both Americans and Muslims can better understand each other. Majid has spoken frequently about the commonalities between Islam and the West, including an over-emphasis on orthodox beliefs and the importance of fostering conversations and embracing dissent.

Majid is the vice president for global affairs and communications at UNE and the founding director of the Center for Global Humanities and

the Tangier Global Forum. The founding chair of UNE’s Department of English, which he headed from 2000 to 2009, Majid conceived and established UNE’s campus in Tangier.

An acclaimed author, he has published widely on the relationship between Islam and the West. He is the author of “Islam and America: Building a Future Without Prejudice;” “We Are All Moors: Ending Centuries of Crusades Against Muslims and Other Minorities;” and “A Call for Heresy: Why Dissent is Vital to Islam and America,” among other works of nonfiction.

Majid also is the author of the novel “Si Yussef,” and his writing has also been published in Cultural Critique, Signs, The Chronicle of Higher Education, the Washington Post, and other publications. Majid is the editor of Tingis (tingismagazine.com), a free online magazine dedicated to a new reading of Islam and its traditions.

This program is free and wheelchair accessible.

The Kennebunk Free Library is at 112 Main St. in Kennebunk, Maine.

For more information, call 985-2173 or visit our website, www.kennebunklibrary.org.

Community Calendar

DIABETES

INFORMATION SESSION

A free, informational session about Diabetes and Pre-diabetes will be offered by the Rite Aid Pharmacy Team at Pinewood Manor, 20 Manor St., Ocean Park on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 10:30 a.m. Contact Marcie at 934-2157, ext. 4 to reserve a seat.

SANFORD TECHNICAL CENTER LOOKING FOR STUDENTS

SANFORD — Students from more than half a dozen area high schools can explore robotics, law enforcement, fire science, building trades and an array of other studies at an Open House on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at Sanford Regional Technology Center, 52 Sanford High School Blvd.

Current grade 10 and 11 students students from Kennebunk Marshwood,

Massabesic Noble. Sanford, Wells and York high schools and Traip Academy may apply for the programs. As well, STRC officials said home schooled students who live in the communities served by the schools are also eligible.

The open house is 6-7:30 p.m. More information about the programs available at SRTC can be found at sanford.mainecte.org.

Applications are available on the website and may be filed for first round consideration now through the deadline of March 10/ For the application, choose “Admissions” from the home page and then “Apply Online.”

Those with questions regarding programs or the application process may contact Deanna Farrell, student services counselor, at 324-2942 or dfarrell@sanford.org

Lotteries

MASSACHUSETTS

Numbers – 5-1-0-4 (day)/2-8-2-4 (evening)
MassCash – 03-12-22-28-35
Mega Millions – 07-11-33-60-68, Mega Ball: 15

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

Pick 3 – 2-7-8 (day)/4-2-3 (evening)
Pick 4 – 2-8-9-7 (day)/1-2-5-9 (evening)

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