Bolinas Hearsay News

Monday Feb. 15, 2020

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Birthdays!

Monday Feb. 15
Tobi Earnheart-Gold
Johnny Ratcliffe II

Tuesday Feb. 16
Pat Tassa
Christine Borg
Agnes Shimon

Today's paper

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Everyone is a reporter!

The Bolinas Hearsay News is produced on the ancestral occupied territories of the Coast Miwok Peoples. We recognize the genocide of Indigenous Peoples in California and the systemic inequities that persist today.
What happened this Valentine’s Day/President’s Day Holiday week, was some rain! Yay! Let’s hope we continue to get more before March 1st, when mandatory rationing starts. It’s a Monday holiday week, so school is out and the Post Office closed. It’s Winter Break for our school students and staff, (formerly known as “Ski Week”), so many of our locals have taken to the slopes. Nice to participate in a sport that includes face masks as a part of the traditional skiwear.

Also this week was the Lunar New Year, often referred to as the “Chinese New Year”, (not clear whether it’s still okay to call it that), the festivities for which are curtailed for the second year in a row due to COVID 19. This is significant in that we have now been in this corona virus pandemic a full year and are starting our second. No wonder we’re all struggling with our impatient selves and tend to rage on, sometimes unexpectedly. We are entering the Year of the Metal Ox and this is what that means as described by Thierry Chow, a Hong Kong-based feng shui master:

“The year of xin chou will have a strong emphasis on the yin metal element. The metal element represents anything sparkly from jewelry to the needle of a syringe. So we can see a bigger emphasis on industries related to metal in 2021. The ox, in Chinese culture, is a hardworking zodiac sign. It usually signifies movements so, hopefully, the world will be less static than last year and get moving again in the second half of the year.”

Let’s hope we get those syringes moving so all people waiting for COVID 19 vaccinations can be getting them. Tuesday’s School Board of Trustees meeting presented an impressive and thorough report of work done by the Connectivity Committee. I am shining the GRATITUDE SPOTLIGHT on this committee, impressively led by Trustee Georgia Woods and parent volunteer Chloe Sladden. They have done a massive amount of work with collecting data on how many and which families in our District are without internet service for distance instruction. They found that in spite of all the library hotspots provided, 75% of our students did not have internet service and of the 25% that did, none of our Spanish speaking households were served! The committee took this information and researched all the options for service, then interviewed the possible companies and did a cost analysis providing the Board with some conclusions. The best two options they found as a result of all this outstanding work are Monkey Brains and Muir Beach LAN. For coverage and cost, MB LAN seems to be the best choice. Horizon is 4-8 months out for completion and is more costly. Muir Beach has most of services in place and indicates they can readily expand to cover the Big Mesa. The District has put up $20,000 to launch a fundraising drive to meet the $28k installation costs, and $38k yearly costs for the 39 families without service. The District will be posting this information on our website in the next couple of weeks, so more in-depth understanding can be accessed. Thanks to these two women spearheading this project and to those working with them: school staff members Grace Godino, library and counseling (also BCPUD Director); Mark Tong, tech consultant; John Carroll, superintendent; and Catherine Hawes, finance and facilities administrator. Other organizations included Don Smith, BCPUD Director; Ian Johnson, Bolinas fire tech consultant; Javier Trujillo, Chief Assist. Director Marin County information services and Technology; and Greg Albrecht, co-founder & CTO @ Orion.

Other school news is that after the Winter Break, school will be open afternoon hours as well as mornings, moving to full on-site instruction! There will be distance instruction provided to those families not able to return at this time and for any COVID 19 classroom closures that might be required. There have been no such closures required to date, since reopening to on-site instruction the beginning of January. Good Work all! Much gratitude! JP

THREE GREAT THINGS ABOUT THIS PLACE...

• Mardi Gras/ Ash Wednesday. In prior years, New Orleans would be partying crazily this next Tuesday, storing up good times against 40 days of Lent. Nowadays every day is Ash Wednesday. But cheer up, les bon temps will roulez again!

• Coming down Panoramic Highway towards Stinson, you’ll see an explosively pink burst of cherry blossoms on the right. Look for it, it’s awesome.

• Wouldn’t it be nice if this last round of rains were enough to ease us out of the mandatory water rationing zone? A hundred gallons a day for a household of 5 is tough to contemplate.

Cheers,

Ned Riley

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An Interview with a local manta ray artist

Sydney Forrest is a budding artist who loves water painting from the downtown pier. As her mother, I had the chance to sit down with her to ask some questions about her artistic process. What follows are highlights.

Can you tell me about your painting? This is a manta ray. There’s the body, there’s the top, and there’s the engine.

How did you get the inspiration to paint a manta ray? I knew a manta ray so I painted a manta ray.

Does it have a name? I don’t have a name for it yet but maybe I’ll name it “Key-see.”

Is there anything you want us to know about your artistic process? There’s like some water on it so you can’t touch it now, it’s almost dry.

Do you like painting outside? So good. It was so nice and I put my food there because I didn’t want to hold it.

I’m interested in the ephemerality of paintings, do you view your own work as precious? [no answer]

What do you like most about painting in Bolinas? It’s super, super, super, super fun.

-submitted by Laura Forrest

A few weeks ago, when the post office was vandalized and everyone on Facebook was talking about how we prevent racism and bigotry in our community, I chimed in with the idea that maybe we could tackle ableism next. I was quickly called out by a local shop owner for trying to co-opt a movement, which was no surprise considering the source. And if I had been thinking about myself as a white disabled woman, they might have had a point but I wasn’t. I was thinking about the black men who don’t get the mental help that they need because asking for help is considered weak and unmanly, I was thinking of the stigma of being disabled in the native American community, I was thinking of Elijah McClain and of Jonathan Magbie.

Jonathan Magbie, for those of you who don’t know, was a black quadriplegic resident of Washington DC who died in jail while serving a ten day sentence for marijuana possession in 2004; he was 27. Maggie became paralyzed at the age of 4 when he was struck by a drunk driver and he suffered from violent muscle spasms that were unable to control and would shake him out of his chair. Marijuana mitigated these muscle spasms so when the judge demanded that he give up weed, he refused and she sentenced him to ten days in jail. I’m sure she thought that 10 days was nothing but for a quadriplegic person who requires help moving around and going to the bathroom and even breathing sometimes, it turned out to be a death sentence. Left without food and water, without access to a ventilator that he needed to sleep, and soaked in urine, Magbie died 4 days into his 10 day prison sentence.

Elijah McClain was killed by police in August 2019 for wearing the fashion staple of 2020. Obviously ahead of his time, McClain, who was amenic, often wore an open face ski mask to keep his face warm. He was stopped by police, forcibly restrained, injected with ketamine, and be died in police custody on the way to the hospital. He was unarmed and doing nothing wrong.

Most people don’t know these names: Magbie’s mother didn’t want her son to be a martyr for marijuana reform and Elijah McClain’s heartbreaking story didn’t get much media traction until George Floyd.

I’m not sure what I expect from the belens community; it’s easy for a lot of us to jump on an angry bandwagon and be outraged by what we see in the news but I think it’s a lot harder to really take a good look at home to see how we can be the community that we purport us to be, the community that really want to be, and that the community center didn’t come into ADA compliance until about a year and a half ago, the county was putting porta potties in the only disabled parking spot by the tennis court has recently as three years ago, and we still have disabled elders in community our community who can’t find the help that they need. I don’t expect most of Bolinas to care, I’m fully aware that most of you don’t but disability rights are a human rights issue, disability rights are a racial justice issue, and there is no equality if disabled people aren’t treated as equal too. Happy Medical Marijuana Day.

Submitted by Jacqueline Patterson
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In This Broken Time

Tyrants will roar their victories,
painting their red dreams
on the lids of the nation—
And kindness will be kindness.
Greed will scoop out the soft places
with sharp spoons
leaving only hunger—
And mercy will be mercy.
Fear will cry its hot misguided wrath,
sending nightmares through the land,
shocking dreamers from their sleep in dread—
And courage will be courage.
Brutality will shake its tiny fist
gloved thick with power;
people will be killed in shameful ways,
the storms of grief and rage will howl—
And goodness will be goodness.
In the end, no matter the deceit,
no matter how compelling,
we can’t be broken from our truest selves—
we always circle back around
and find our honor where we left it.
Our people, our American people,
our many-colored threads
stretched tight in warp and weft
between that which knows
its own goodness
and that which does not—
Will claim the land again for our children
and the enemy’s children, too,
mending finally all the tears in the
cloth of who we once and still
so dream of being.

- Kalia Mussetter

You carry the cure within you.
Everything that comes your way is blessed.
The Creator gives you one more day.
Stand on the neck of Fearful Mind.

Do not wait to open your heart.
Let yourself go into the Mystery.
Sometimes the threads have no weave.
The price of not loving yourself is high.

—Jim Colin

Last night, as I was sleeping,
I dreamt- marvelous error!-
that I had a beehive
here inside my heart.
And the golden bees
were making white combs
and sweet honey
from my old failures.
-Antonio Machado,
"Times Alone"
translated by Robert Bly

Mary

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West Marin's Best
**BOLINAS ANTI-RACISM COLUMN**

**Prompts for Further Learning**

Rachel Cargle (@rachel.cargle on Instagram // paypal.me/rachelcargle) is a public academic, philanthropic innovator, and social entrepreneur who has compiled a self education challenge that we will be sharing with you throughout the month of February. It is asked that with each of the prompts for further learning, though we will briefly define each of them, you take the time to "google on your own to learn about and appreciate for yourself." The call to action is as follows:

"Those who are existing within and benefiting from white privilege must DoTheWork to:
1. Recognize and respect the dynamic history of the African American community.
2. Unlearn the world's whitewashed understanding of Black existence.
3. Most importantly, make the critical connections necessary to take anti racist action." (Cargle)

**The Black Panther Party (BPP):** originally called the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense, was founded in 1966 by Huey Newton and Bobby Seale, student activists of Merritt College in Oakland, CA. Their ideology was heavily inspired by Malcolm X, Frantz Fanon, and orthodox Marxism. (Pratt Library)

**The Black Panther Ten Point Program** (Written on October 15, 1966):
1. We want freedom. We want power to determine the destiny of our Black Community.
2. We want full employment for our people.
3. We want an end to the robbery by the Capitalists of our Black Community.
4. We want decent housing, fit for shelter of human beings.
5. We want education for our people that exposes the true nature of this decadent American society. We want education that teaches us our true history and our role in the present day society.
6. We want all Black men to be exempt from military service.
7. We want an immediate end to POLICE BRUTALITY and MURDER of Black people.
8. We want freedom for all Black men held in federal, state, county and city prisons and jails.
9. We want all Black people when brought to trial to be tried in court by a jury of their peer group or people from their Black Communities, as defined by the Constitution of the United States.
10. We want land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice and peace.

**Free Breakfast for School Children Program:** A community program run by the Black Panther Party that was started at St. Augustine’s Church in Oakland, California, in January 1969. The program was so supportive that within a year the Panthers were providing breakfast across the country for over 10,000 children a day before they went to school.

**Learn more about the Black Panther Party:**
https://socialjusticebooks.org/booklists/civil-rights-teaching/black-panthers/

**The Black Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution**

*From the Bolinas Anti Racism Column Group - Submitted by Sophie Wood Brinker*

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**ELECTRIFY YOUR RIDE!**

Tuesday, February 23 at 7pm
-Submitted by Jim Quay

The program will include a welcome by **Supervisor Dennis Rodoni** and presentations by **Alex Porteshawver** from **Drawdown: Marin** on public charge stations in West Marin; and by **Annika Osborn** from **Drive Clean Bay Area** on new EV models, financial incentives, and how to charge at home and on the road. Local EV owners will share their experiences and there will be time for Q&A. Register at WESTMARINCLIMATEACTION.ORG/EVENTS

El programa incluirá una bienvenida del **Presentaciones informativas:**

**Alex Porteshawver,** **Drawdown (Reducción): Marin** abordará las estaciones de carga pública en West Marin; y **Annika Osborn,** **Drive Clean Bay Area** (Maneja Limpio Area de la Bahía) revisará nuevos modelos de vehículos eléctricos, incentivos financieros y cómo cargar en casa y en la carretera. Los propietarios de vehículos eléctricos locales compartirán sus experiencias y habrá tiempo para preguntas y respuestas.

Registro en: WESTMARINCLIMATEACTION.ORG/EVENTS

Submitted by Jim Quay

Last Wednesday’s Paper 2/10 was accidentally cut off in the online edition. This hearsay editor humbly apologizes for this mistake! –Alex Bleeker
Important follow-up message from several local community organizations Environmental Action Committee of West Marin (EAC), Turtle Island Restoration Network (TIRN)/Salmon Protection and Watershed Network (SPAWN), Point Reyes National Seashore Association, OneTam, and Mia Monroe - Xerces Society volunteer and co-founder of Western Monarch Thanksgiving Count) -- submitted by PRNSA Career Exploration Intern Claudia Buckenmeyer

Hello again!

Monarch Count Results:
The results are in from this year’s monarch counts! During this year’s Western Monarch Thanksgiving Count, despite all the challenges this pandemic has presented, volunteers surveyed 246 sites. Unfortunately, only a mere 1,914 monarchs were counted at all the sites. This is a shocking 99.9% decline since the 1980s. The Western Monarch Thanksgiving Count has happened every year since 1997 during the three week period around Thanksgiving. This count is coordinated by the Xerces Society and Mia Monroe who led the monarch webinar through PRNSA in November... (the link can be found below in case you missed it). Experts suggest that we may be witnessing the collapse of the western migration of monarch butterflies as millions of monarchs have been reduced to two-thousand in just a few decades. This is less than 1% of the population in the 1980s and nearly identical to last years’ alarming numbers.

Update on monarchs and the USESA:
It has been quite the journey trying to get the monarch butterfly listed under the U.S Endangered Species Act, and unfortunately, we’re not entirely there yet. Now you may be asking yourself, “why would it be a good thing if these species are classified as endangered?”
The reason is that if the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service were to list them as endangered, they will receive special protection from the federal government to keep their habitat from being destroyed or degraded. A petition was submitted to list them, and six years later, (on December 15, 2020), they announced that listing them under the Endangered Species Act was "warranted but precluded by higher priority actions." They agree that they are threatened with extinction but unfortunately did not provide the protection they need to desperately recover.

Reporting Monarch Citings (still):
It is more than ever to continue tracking and monitoring the monarch butterflies’ behavior patterns right now. Especially with the changing weather conditions, things are changing for the monarchs as well. Typically, we now enter the breeding season for these butterflies. These can be reported through iNaturalist or westernmonarch/milkweedmapper for those who wish to document their sightings, (which is highly encouraged)! In the past, early or false spring in February prompted a hormonal change and onset of sexual hormones resulting in mating. However, with our fluctuation of “warm spells” throughout the winter, this could begin and already has, anytime. Noticing any large congregations and also mating (time of day, location, flirty behavior, etc.) is really important to note and report. Thank you!

Positive Steps Forward and What You can do:
1. Please DO NOT plant any milkweed species if you garden within five miles of Marin’s ocean coastline. (anywhere in Bolinas/Stinson!)
2. Please plant native nectar plants that flower fall/winter/spring (see list below or visit Larner Seeds to learn more about native nectar plants for all pollinators). These plants provide the energy the adults need to recharge themselves on the occasional warm sunny winter days and prepare for their migration inland.

Late Summer and Fall Bloomers for Nectar:
- Aster / Aster chilensis
- Buckwheat / Eriogonum fasciculatum & other eriogonums
- CA Fuchsia / Epilobium (Zauschneria) species and cultivars
- CA Goldenbush / Ericameria eriocides
- Coyote Brush / Baccharis pilularis and cultivars
- Goldenrod / Solidago velutina ssp. Californica
- Grassleaf Goldenrod / Euthamia occidentalis
- Gumplant / Grindelia species

Spring Blooming Plants that Provide Nectar:
- CA Wild Lilac / Ceanothus species and cultivars
- NativeCurrants & Gooseberries / Ribes species
• Black Sage / *Salvia mellifera* and other *salvia* species
• Seaside Daisy / *Ergeneron glaucus*

3. Put out a small basin, birdbath, bowl, etc. of water: since it's been such a dry fall, they are super dehydrated upon arrival.
4. Document ANY sighting into iNaturalist. Blurry is ok!
5. Stop pesticide use
6. Promote habitat protection and conservation

**Helpful and Important Resources:**

1. PRNSA Monarch Webinar recording - https://www.ptreyes.org/parkinplace-0
3. Western Monarch Milkweed Mapper to record observations: https://www.monarchmilkweedmapper.org/
5. Western Monarch Call to Action Plan: https://xerces.org/western-monarch-call-to-action

**Firehouse Community Park Agency**
(a.k.a. Mesa Park Board)
Regular meeting agenda
Tuesday, February 16, 2021 7:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting
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**Call to Order:**

Board Members Present:
Others Present:

**Community Expression:**

**Downtown Park:**
1. Hillside trees (Jill Moore)
2. Cob oven (Melinda Stone)
3. Condition of Downtown Park
4. Bathrooms
5. Enhance areas that are under-utilized + addition of park benches

**Mesa Park:**
1. Bazaar (Melinda Stone)
2. Condition of Mesa Park
3. Bathrooms
4. Sewer cannon / septic system
5. Maintenance / clean up of playground & update on playground from Children’s Center.

**Manager’s Report:**
1. Report
2. Website updates
3. Covid restrictions update for the parks.

**Old News:**
1. Discuss ideas for CA State Parks grant.

**Other Business:**
1. Bolinas Association Board (Drew Sabec)
2. Update on BCPUD water restrictions
3. New board member

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Warrants current: $1706.24
Warrants held over: $0
Payroll 21-Jan $3,492.53
Total: $5,198.77

Approve Warrants:
Approve special meeting minutes from January 5, 2021, regular meeting minutes from January 12, 2021, and special meeting minutes from January 26, 2021.

**Next Meeting:** March 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
Housing Wanted

Farming Family Looking for New Home.
We would like to raise animals, grow flowers, veggies, culinary herbs and other food crops. Cabin/Yurt/House with garden space or acreage. 707-683-2369

LA 2/15

Single Guy, Long-time Inverness Resident, Seeking Small, Quiet and Ideally Mesa-Rural Bolinas Home. Employed full-time in Stinson; local references available. No pets (cat lover), non-smoker, quiet and excellent tenant. Thanks! Marc @ joalirenhara@gmail.com

MM 3/3

Rentals @ 800/Month
Studio/room 3/15/21 or ASAP. Will have 10x12 Tuff Shed also if anyone has land I can install & hook up to utilities.
Rollins angelita787@yahoo.com

AR 3/3

Seeking: Ground Floor Garage or Small Warehouse Like Space to work on speaker and sound system design projects. Anyone in Bo excited by tube amps and old Altec gear? Would love some audio community in addition to workspace.
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Taliesin Gilkes-Bower

TB 1/30

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Bedroom and Bath
For one person. Call 415-868-1782

CH X

Help Wanted

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SC 2/26

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Envíe un correo electrónico a smileyssalon@gmail.com, o llame al 415-676-8913 para expresar su interés y obtener más información. ¡Gracias!

LM

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BW 2/13

Lost & Found

Lost: Ring in the restroom of the Bolinas Community Center. Call to describe 415-450-8362

1/31

Lost: Half of a Two Piece Kayak Paddle
(Werner, black with/glitter tape band near blade) washed off my boat at the Patch last week. Would gratefully appreciate its return. Marc <Garfisch@gmail.com>

1/15

Lost Mail Key Sunday, 1/31.
My mail key fell out of my pocket somewhere between Buzz's shop and the grove. It's on a NMDLN keychain (little white van). If found, please return to post office or call x9632. Thank you.

X 2/3