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## Season of Mattapoisett Lights Begins

By Sam Bishop

On Saturday, November 30, the holiday season official began with Marino Carreiro of Mattapoisett illuminating Acushnet Road and bringing holiday cheer and excitement to all those who pass by. Continuing the yearly tradition, Carreiro excitedly unveiled this year's light design and fully decorated lawn. Complete with tens-of-thousands of lights suspended from trees, on the ground, and on the house. There are also inflatables, giant yeti and nutcracker, and an illuminated arched walkway (as seen on the cover).

Now through the rest of the month, the Carreiro house on 59 Acushnet Road welcomes all to bask in the light and cheer, whether it be just a drive-by or an up-close look through the arches. The bright red star atop the tree eclipses the nearby telephone poles and other trees. I was told by a local it can be seen from 195, though I may have to test that. If you're in Mattapoisett, you can't miss it, both figuratively and literally.

Marino Carreiro loves the occasion to share his excitement and his inner artist shines with the light of his house.

### Marion Village Stroll

The Marion Village Stroll will take place on Sunday, **December 8** from 3 to 5:30 pm. Coordinated by Angela Rossi and sponsored by The Marion Business Community Association, local merchants offer hospitality and treats; Santa arrives via boat at the Old Landing at 3:00 pm; Clydesdale horses pull wagons of happy guests. Added to this are crafts, games, and musical performances, and the Tree lighting at 5:30 pm at the Bandstand. During the Stroll, The Sippican Woman's Club's clubhouse, aka "The Tavern", 152 Front Street will be open to sit, visit and enjoy warm wassail.

With window boxes decorated by the Marion Garden Group and small lighted evergreen trees done by the Marion Business Community Association, Front Street in Marion Village is a winter fairyland on a cold

*On the Cover: Marino Carrerio of Mattapoisett held the lighting of his home's Christmas décor Saturday, November 30. Pictured is a lit walkway leading to the side of the property and to more lights and decorations. Photo by Shawn Sweet.*

December night.

### Rochester Tree Lighting Ceremony

The Rochester Tree Lighting Ceremony and the Rochester Memorial All School Sing Along will take place on Monday, **December 9** at 5:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall.

### Mattapoisett Holiday in the Park

Mattapoisett's Holiday in the Park will take place on Saturday, **December 14** from 3pm to 5pm in Shipyard Park. There will be a special appearance by Santa and Mrs. Clause who will be joined by Rudolph, Frosty, and the Elves. There will also be special performances by the ORRJH Band and Showstoppers as well as the Annual Tree Lighting. Sample foods from local restaurants and family crafts and activities will be featured.

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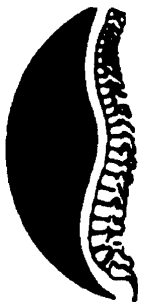
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**The Memory that Keeps On Giving**

*This Mattapoisett Life*

By Marilou Newell

Christmas. It doesn't feel possible that it's December and soon Christmas will be here. As a child, Christmas took so long to arrive. The anticipation would begin when the Christmas Edition of the Sears and Roebuck catalogs arrived. Ma had first dibs on thumbing through the pages. We knew she wasn't looking through the toy section. We did receive toys but just one or two. What we did receive was new underwear and socks, PJs, and shoes or boots – stuff we needed but didn't really appreciate at the time. Today, practical gifts are desired. Not that I want anyone to buy me underwear (they would probably think I wear granny panties. I'm not telling). But nice comfy fleece PJs from LL Bean might be nice. Hint, hint.

Although we had lots of cousins, an aunt or two, and a couple of uncles, we were pretty isolated as a family. The grown-ups didn't visit each other, taking their tribe of children along to spread holiday cheer. Ma's older sister lived within walking distance of less than a mile, yet she sent one of her older children to our house with gifts and left with the ones designated for their family. "Bye! Thanks for stopping by." The cousins were friendly enough, but I wouldn't say "jolly." None of us, after a certain age, were jolly. Call it generational moodiness.



Anyways, we could open one gift, a small one, on Christmas Eve. We were grateful for everything we received so if the gift we selected for this opening tradition was just a coloring book and new box of crayons or the aforementioned underwear, we were pleased. The main event the next day would make up for it.

When my mind wanders through memories, sepia toned like old photographs, most just blend into a warm montage of homemade eggnog, not the mutinous mess in the local dairy case, bread pudding with raisins, sparkling metallic tinsel, and the smell of a real Christmas tree. Nothing smells better than pine-scented winter air trapped in the house for a few precious weeks. I

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Yet there was that one Christmas when I was in the first grade that stands out over all the others. It was a Christmas of plenty. Apparently, my father's little TV repair business had done well, because as she was one to do, Ma had with great care squirreled away crisp dollar bills to be used exclusively for Christmas gifts; and what a Christmas it was.

I've always been a light sleeper and with the excitement of Christmas at hand, sleeping that night, that specific Christmas Eve, was impossible. I can see myself slowly, and with maximum stealth, descending down the stairs and into the dining room where the tree was set up. If I had a plan beyond poking around the tags on the wrapped gifts, it wasn't much of a plan. I was only five after all. But as my vision cleared in the darkened house what came into view was spectacular – a toy kitchen!

I had studied the catalog pages featuring toy refrigerators, sinks, cabinets, stoves, and washing machines. I was a domestic goddess even then! Ma must have taken notice. I could barely contain myself from

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making some loud yipping sounds. I carefully moved my head from side to side so I could more fully take it all in. Miniature pots and pans, tiny utensils, a serving set, and a dinner set. I knew then and there Santa was a myth. I'd thank my parents directly for this surprise.

I don't know how long I simply drooled over that tiny kitchen wishing the sun would come up like magic and chase night away. I had work to do, meals to prepare and dishes to wash.

I did eventually go back up those stairs, back to bed, and back to sleep. But my dreams were not of sugar plums, they were of lining up my dolls and feeding them breakfast.

If I could talk to Ma, I would tell her this story

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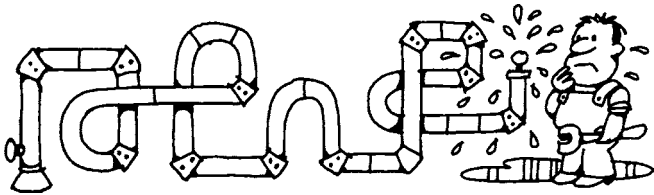
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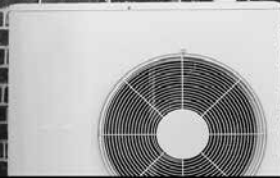
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and say "thank you" again. Thank you, Ma and Dad, for the sacrifices you made. For never letting a holiday slide by without a celebration no matter how humble it was. Thank you for seven decades of feeling like a surprised and delighted little child finding what she wanted for Christmas at the bottom of the stairs every time I recall this memory. Merry Christmas to all and best wishes on creating happy holiday memories for your families to unwrap in coming years.

## Whale Watching and Ghost Stories

*Thoughts on...*

**By Dick Morgado**

Recently, reports of sightings of whales breaching in Buzzards Bay in the commercial shipping lanes have appeared on social media. Someone suggested that they were coming here to view the sunset from Ned's Point. At first, I thought that it was a joke. Then I read that someone else actually saw one through their binoculars. Must have been mighty powerful lenses. I know my little plastic ones won't do. Still, we have had some very beautiful sunsets lately.

Of course, these reports have spawned a number of other sightings. I just heard that one keen-sighted observer thought they saw a submarine surfacing between Molly's Cove and the lighthouse. They weren't sure because it submerged very quickly. It must have seen the person's binoculars glistening in the afternoon sun through its periscope and figured their secret mission had been compromised.

I'm guessing that it was the famous Sippican Sea Monster venturing over from Marion for a visit. I'm joking, I made that up.

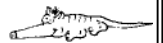
Another rumor floating around was that Oprah Winfrey, upset over the election results, has been thinking about leaving the country and was here scouting out the Bay Club.

Speaking of unexpected sightings in the harbor, the sailboat Arabella, which was launched here with great fanfare two summers ago, was back for a short visit. According to its weekly YouTube channel video, the boat sailed down from Maine where it spent the summer. Steve

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Denette's mom passed away this past summer, so he has been land-bound during her battle with cancer. Now he and his crew, Robin, Steve's partner, and their dog Akiva, are resuming their dream cruise around the world.

They said if anyone saw them to wave. I did but they didn't wave back. I even wore my Acorn to Arabella hat. They must have been looking at the whales in the bay...or avoiding the submarine.

We are not unfamiliar with strange sightings here in town. Just recently, Big Foot has been spotted roaming north of the village. Of course, you've heard how old Abner Harlow, former Town Clerk, is known to return from time to time to his old haunts at the Town Hall. Nobody has actually seen Abner...you'd need more than binoculars to spot him. After all, he's a ghost...but the folks who work there have heard him. Abner was around when the whaler The Wanderer was searching for whales. I'll bet he was at Ned's Point hoping to catch a glimpse of our recent visitors.

Calvin, the Library's resident ghost, might have joined him. Investigators from the New England Ghost Researchers discovered Calvin when they spent the night in the library some years back. Calvin introduced himself and was reported to have said "I belong here." In fact, when the library was first opened the custodian's name was Calvin. Since the renovation, Calvin hasn't been heard from. Maybe he had enough of ghost hunters sleeping in his home and slipped out of town on the

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**When is it Time to Take Away the Car Keys?**

*What Does The Doctor Say?*

**By Dr. Edward Hoffer**

Our ability to safely drive varies enormously. Even though 75% of surveyed drivers felt that their skill behind the wheel was in the top 25%, statistics do apply, and 25% of us are in the bottom 25%.

Many factors determine whether someone should still be driving a car. Teens and young adults tend to take more risks than older drivers while older drivers have poorer vision, slower reaction time, are likely to be taking medication that may compromise driving safety, and are at greater risk of cognitive decline.

The latest survey available showed that in 2020, 59% of people 85 and older in the U.S. still had their driving license.

Older drivers are not necessarily bad drivers; that distinction clearly goes to teenage drivers, who have by far the greatest number of accidents and fatalities. Accidents are relatively low for drivers 30 to 69 and then start going up.

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So, what do you do if your parent or spouse should not be driving? Many states require older drivers to have their vision checked at license renewal, but none require a driving test.

You cannot rely on your doctor to be proactive; only six U.S. states require doctors to report people whose medical condition makes it unsafe to drive.

If you have witnessed unsafe practices such as running lights or stop signs, drifting across lanes or driving way below the speed limit on highways, you should bring the subject up. If this is met with denial, you could contact their doctor and ask the doctor to broach the

subject.

If someone is clearly a risk to themselves and others, you may need to contact the registry of motor vehicles or local police department in a smaller community. In the extreme, you can make the car undriveable by disconnecting the battery.

The corollary is figuring out how to let them get places without a car – often a major issue for those who do not live in a densely populated area with shops and services within walking distance.

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*Edward Hoffer MD is Associate Professor of Medicine, part-time, at Harvard.*

### Commission Treasurer and State Senator Present Check to Rochester

*Rochester Select Board*

**By Michael J. DeCicco**

Plymouth County Commission Treasurer Tom O'Brien and State Senator Michael J. Rodrigues came to Rochester Monday to present its Board of Selectmen a \$413,605 check for new Police Department digital radios and new Fire Department turnout gear.

The oversize cardboard check the pair came to town hall with represented two actual checks Rochester has been granted from county ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) monies, O'Brien explained. One is a \$234,000



check for the radios. The other is \$189,520 for the firefighter gear.

O'Brien boasted Plymouth County was the first county to spend every penny of the ARPA funds it had been allocated and at a lower operational cost than the other Massachusetts communities. "The average cost to administer is 7-8 percent," he said. "We administered using 1.4 percent because other counties partnered with us to administer the funds."



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Next, the board approved the placement of a new Eversource Energy 'stub' utility pole on the south side of Hartley Road as proposed by Verizon New England INC and NSTAR Electric Company. This approval came after objections from Highway Surveyor who said he would rather see the pole on the island there. Selectman Brad Morse agreed. "My concern is visibility of the road to motorists," he said. The Verizon representative said the company had already answered Eldridge's request to place the pole further off the road, as far as was possible.

In other action, the board approved placing a proposal to create a Town Administrator bylaw with a set of regulations for the position on the January 27, 2025 Special Town Meeting warrant. This vote came after Town Administrator Cameron Durant reported that he and the town's labor counsel Jane Friedman had worked together to create the proposal. Both selectmen who were present, Brad Morse and Adam Murphy, said they were satisfied with the results and moved to place the measure on the warrant. The board appointed six members to the new Events Committee who will serve three-year terms. They are Sarah Paiva, Kami Mederios, Renee Duffy, Maureen Viera, Sharon Hartley and Michelle Hamilton. Durant noted there is one spot open on the seven-member board and anyone who would like to join should send town hall a letter of interest.

The board also appointed its first member to the Opioid Task Force, Michael Kovadevich, who will serve a

three-year term.

The selectmen continued until its next meeting discussion of increasing building increases proposed by Building Commissioner Paul Boucher and approving a new Police Department towing policy. Both issues had to be delayed because there was no third member; Paul Ciaburri was unable to attend.

Murphy said he struggles with increasing building fees only because the town's number of building permits went down this past year. "The cost of permit should meet the cost to administer it," he said. "I struggle to pass a cost like that to the consumer." Morse said he had no problem with increasing fees to align with surrounding communities' fee rates and acknowledged a third board member is needed to break the tie.

Police chief Michael A. Assad, Jr. explained the new towing policy would add regulation of the towing companies the town uses. Driver must look and act the part, Assad said. The policy requires proper licensing and insurance and bars use of any controlled substance, cannabis or alcohol on the job.

The next meeting of the Rochester Select Board is scheduled for Monday, December 16 at 6:00 pm at 1 Constitution Way.

### Single Tax Rate Maintained

*Mattapoissett Select Board*

**By Marilou Newell**

The December 3 meeting of the Mattapoissett Select Board may have been brief but that doesn't mean it wasn't packed with important data for anyone owning real estate in this seaside community.

The board met with Mia Robertson, Administrator of Accessing, and Cary LeBlanc, Assessor, to discuss whether or not the town should maintain a single tax rate or move to splitting it up.

Robertson reported that real and personal property assessed value for 2025 stands at \$2,727,293,119 an increase of 2-percent. The tax levy is proposed at \$29,345,673.96, an increase of 4.4-percent. The average single family home value pegged at \$744,594.

Regarding the tax burden on real estate holders,

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it was noted that shifting the tax rate from a single classification to a segmented rate would not create a benefit for taxpayers. Of the tax rate itself, \$10.76 will be the updated rate an increase of 2.4-percent. The average real estate tax bill for a single family home is proposed to be \$8,011.83. Residential properties constitute 94.0271-percent of the tax base while commercial, industrial, and personal property a mere 5.9729-percent by comparison. The report further noted that the average single-family home value now stands at \$744,594.

Also reported was expected new growth at \$37,341,000. But Robertson cautioned that real estate transactions in the form of new home starts is slowing. She said as the town reaches maximum build out, new growth will be impacted. Robertson did add that renovated properties however, will continue to hold steady for now. The board approved maintaining a single tax rate.

In other business the board renewed a number of annual licenses, accepted a donation from the Mattapoissett Land Trust for the town's new buoy holiday tree, and accepted the resignation of Stanley Cornwall from the Disability Commission.

The board also announced that the annual Holiday in Shipyard Park will be held on December 14 between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Select Board was not scheduled at adjournment.

### Lightning-Fast Select Board Meeting

*Marion Select Board*

**By Sam Bishop**

The Marion Select Board met in a lightning fast meeting on Tuesday, December 3. The meeting began with the approval of minutes from three meetings, October 7, October 16, and November 6. Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

The next agenda item was approving liquor licenses. The board unanimously approved all outstanding requests, though the Board of Health will also need to comply with said approval.

For the Alcohol Beverage Control Commission, the board unanimously approved the town's estimated seasonal population, at 5,490 people. This is up from around 5,100 last year as stated by a board member.

For next year's meetings, the board unanimously approved the recommended meeting dates for 2025. No comments or adjustments were added with one board member saying, "we're flexible."

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In water and sewage commitments, the board unanimously approved \$10,000 for West Drive sewage connections, now up to around 12 houses per a board member. It was stated the area should see more sewer tie-ins as West Drive is a "sensitive area" near the sea. They also approved \$4745.90 in final readings.

With that, the board convened with "Merry Christmas" and "Happy Holidays."

### Allegations of Sexism at Marion Meeting

*Marion Planning Board*

**By Jeffrey D. Wagner**

Allegations of sexism came up at the Planning

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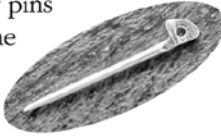


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Board meeting on Monday when board member Eileen Marum mentioned that since August, some of her meeting minutes have been edited by the board chair to remove emotional language.

Marum said in the past, she has been ignored by male members of the board. As the board clerk, she has been composing minutes and since August, when some meetings have been contentious, she has noted it in the minutes.

Board members, including Ryan Burke and Chairman Andrew Daniel, dismissed allegations of sexism. They mentioned that board minutes should not reflect emotional language, and Daniel was not trying to dismiss any concerns raised by Marum.

The board ultimately voted 3-0 to have the administrative assistant, Danyca Filatreault, take over the duties of composing meeting minutes. Marum and fellow female board member Allana Nelson, the board's vice chair, abstained from the vote.

Town Planner Doug Guey-Lee said the issue of town officials writing meeting minutes and subsequent controversy over biased or emotional language is not isolated to Marion.

He recommended that the administrative assistant conduct the minutes – a more common practice across town governments nationwide. Guey-Lee said that an administrative assistant usually is someone staffed by the town with no political "stake" in the game.

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"Everywhere else I look, it is typically the administrative assistant who has the best chance of being objective and impartial," Guey-Lee said.

"It is hard for board members to write the minutes when you have a stake in the discussion," Guey-Lee said. "The administrative assistant is a staff person, and they have no skin in the game."

Marum said that the controversy began last August when contentious issues came forward, including possible open meeting law violations or alleged issues of board members not reviewing important materials before the start of a meeting, she alleged.

Marum said that there has been a history of sexism against her, with board members ignoring her questions or not acknowledging her raised hand for input. She said Chairman Andrew Daniel editing her wording is a different form of "harassment."

Marum said she expected that Daniel would write an addendum to the minutes but not remove her language that expressed the emotional tenor of the discussions.

"It (the harassment) has taken a different twist, and the chairman has decided he will remove my words from the minutes. So, it is just a different form of harassment," Marum said.

Nelson said that Marum for more than three years has written objective and accurate minutes, and these last few months have just been an "ugly pimple" on her mostly impeccable record of writing minutes.



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Some board members took umbrage with Marum’s claims.

“It is so insanely out of line,” member Ryan Burke said of the sexism claims. “It is disgusting.”

Members agreed, however, that complaints about the minutes and the emotional language have distracted the board from other issues – including talks about short-term rentals in town.

In other business, the board delayed hearings on two separate housing developments as the applicants are preparing more information – FSJ Marion Realty on Wareham Street and Mark Zuker’s proposed affordable housing development on Wareham Road.

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**Notice of Intent Pushed Back**

*Rochester Conservation Commission*

**by Michael J. DeCicco**

Rochester’s Conservation Commission Tuesday re-opened its month-long review of four separate Notices of Intent to build single-family dwellings on two-acre lots at 0 High Street but ultimately continued all four hearings until its next meeting.

Since early November, the project has drawn the attention of abutters who have raised concerns about its possible effect on flooding and natural resources in their neighborhood. Tuesday, the board continued to next meeting its review of three of the project’s lots because the Natural Heritage Foundation has yet to decide if its construction will affect endangered species. The board tabled a decision on a fourth lot to give an abutter’s engineer time to review how the construction will affect his client’s flooding problem.

Project representative Chris Wallace reported that Natural Heritage’s latest correspondence says the construction on those lots will not affect habitat, but the organization needs to continue its review as to whether the project as a whole will affect habitat. Conservation Commission member Michael Gifford said he would be more comfortable waiting for the foundation’s full answer before approving any Order of Conditions endorsing that work can start. The commissioners unanimously agreed.

When discussion turned to the fourth lot, its closest abutter, Jeremy Saccone, who previously said his

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property near County Road frequently floods because of the bog and will flood even more when a house lot is built near him, said his engineer has not had time to review the new mitigation measures Wallace has proposed, because that response was only issued a day before the meeting. Saccone wanted a two-week continuance to allow that review time. "This is new," Saccone said. "The new road is now on top of the bog road. The water will come directly back to me."

The board ultimately granted the two-week continuance to allow time for Saccone's engineer to respond even as it noted mitigating a flooding problem on upland is a little beyond its jurisdiction of protecting wetlands. "We have limited jurisdiction," member Ben Bailey said. "This is on the razor's edge of not our jurisdiction." Board Chair Christopher Gerrior motioned the continuance after Wallace noted he will have to return in two weeks for the other three lots anyway.

The commission began its meeting by approving a Request for Determination of applicability to the wetland's protection bylaws for a plan to construct a 16x24-foot shed partially within the 100-foot wetlands buffer zone at 324 High St. Homeowner Stephen Cobb told the commission he had taken this plan to the Zoning Board of Appeals. That board objected to the shed being placed in the front of the yard, which is against town regulation, leading to his decision to move the building closer to his side setback and possibly wetlands. The



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commission unanimously granted the project a Negative Determination, i.e. that the plan will not affect a wetland area, after Conservation Agent Merilee Kelly reported the new location is a lawn area, 85 feet from wetlands.

Next, the commission approved a request for a Certificate of Compliance of the Order of Conditions for a plan to build a new single-family home with driveway, septic system and associated grading at 127 Neck Road, after Kelly noted this construction had been successfully completed “a couple of years ago.”

The board then granted a request for a three-year extension of the Order of Conditions filed by the MBTA for its property at 45 Kings Highway. Kelly reported that much of the construction project has finished. Project representative Jonathan Niro of BETA Group, Worcester, said the extension is being requested so project managers may continue monitoring the work and complete the parking lot.

The next Conservation Commission meeting will be December 17 at 7:00 pm, at town hall, 1 Constitution Way.

### Pneumonia Cases on the Rise

*Marion Board of Health*

**By Jeffrey D. Wagner**

The rise of pneumonia among youth in the school district and the issues of homeowners in waterfront districts were the main topics discussed at last week’s



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Board of Health meeting.

The meeting was less than 30 minutes but Patrick Tropeano, representing an application’s engineering work at 38 Rocky Knook Lane, detailed issues the owners are having with their beach home.

Tropeano, a Board of Health member in Wareham, said such waterfront properties face many issues of this sort.

“This is a plethora of bad news for the owners of the property. They have a water table and wetlands that surround the property,” Tropeano said during a hearing for the owners’ plans for a septic system.

Tropeano also said the property has some poorly designed piping in the basement that also needs to be rectified.

“You can’t get any worse than what we have with this one,” Tropeano said.

The health board approved redrawn plans once the applicant receives clearance from the Conservation Commission.

Tropeano and the board talked at length about issues with flood zones in this area and how it is difficult for people to build and receive flood insurance in this area. Tropeano, citing his work on the health board in Wareham, discussed how the issue is growing among many South Coast communities.

Marion health officials acknowledged the issue and how it impacts those who own waterfront property.

The health board also discussed how COVID-19 and flu numbers have leveled out but that there has been an outbreak of pneumonia this year among school children.

The board still conducts vaccination clinics, however.

Health Director Lori Demarais said there are two doses of Covid and flu vaccines available through the health office.

The board approved a septic system on 99 Allen’s Point Road under the condition that plans are redrawn so that the water line for the home is further from the septic leaching field.

The board approved plans for Ansel’s Cafe’s

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proposed connection to Wareham water, which is nearby and more accessible for any firefighting needs. The board received a letter from the state Department of Environmental Protection about the plan.


Board members also reported that they are in discussions with a Westport representative on how best to use \$5,000 in state grant funding through the Southcoast Public Health collaborative.

The board will meet next at 4:30 pm December 5 at the Marion Meeting house, 2 Spring Street.

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The Tri-County Symphonic Band will perform seasonal favorites including "Holiday Emblem," "Ding Dong, Merrily on High," "Wassail," "Frosty the Snowman," "March of the Toys," and "How the Grinch Stole Christmas."

A special part of this year's concert will feature the Sippican School Concert Choir, under the direction of Patricia Richard, performing "Where Are You Christmas?" and "Do You Hear What I Hear?" The Concert Choir will also perform "The Christmas Song" with the Tri-County Symphonic Band.

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## **From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society**

One very interesting donation that the Historical Society received this year was a "six-board chest." This good-sized wooden chest is -have you guessed it? - made of exactly six boards - top, bottom, front, back and ends. The chest is 44" x 20" x 18", so we know a good-sized tree must have been involved.

Written on the inside of the chest is the date and place it was made, Rochester, 1750. The chest was rescued from a home that was in the process of being demolished. A contractor was about to crush it and send it off to a landfill.



Robert Phillips saved it and after seeing the writing on the inside, he contacted us at the Rochester Historical Society, and it was delivered to the Museum in June. We don't know a lot about it, but we know it was owned by Branch Barrows, born August 25, 1774. He married Rebecca Clark on Thursday, June 17, 1802. As I said, "we don't know much," but we do know that Branch always kept his Sunday clothes in the chest and now the chest is back in Rochester.

## **Sippican Historical Society**

The Sippican Historical Society is thrilled to welcome back Dr. Caroline Bruzelius for an extraordinary evening exploring the restoration and reopening of the Cathedral of Notre Dame of Paris. Join us at 6:30 pm on **December 12**, at Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street in Marion.

Dr. Bruzelius, a leading voice in architectural history and digital visualization, will share fascinating

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stories from Notre Dame's restoration after the devastating fire on April 15, 2019. The cathedral has not only been fully restored but is cleaner and more magnificent than it has been in centuries. The restoration process allowed architects, historians, and scientists to examine the structure in unprecedented detail, uncovering new insights into the craftsmanship and design of one of the most iconic Gothic cathedrals.

Dr. Bruzelius has an extensive history with Notre Dame, dating back to the 1980s during a prolonged cleaning of the cathedral's interior. Her deep expertise, combined with her leadership in digital art and architectural history, offers a rare opportunity for the audience to learn about this monumental restoration from an expert who has dedicated decades to the study of Gothic architecture.

"Dr. Bruzelius gave us wonderful background on the materials in her Speaker Series presentation in 2021. I can't wait to hear about the discoveries since then," said Executive Director Alanna Nelson.

Don't miss this extraordinary opportunity to celebrate one of the most significant restoration projects in architectural history. While you may not be in Paris for the official unveiling, this is a remarkable opportunity to discover the Cathedral's beauty and history.

This event is free and open to the public, although donations to support programming by the Sippican Historical Society are greatly appreciated.

## Tinkhamtown Chapel Christmas Sing-along

The annual Tinkhamtown Chapel Christmas Sing-along will take place on Saturday, **December 21** at 5:00 pm at the Chapel on the corner of Acushnet Road and Tinkham Lane. Join your friends and neighbors as we sing the old favorites under the light of kerosene lamps and accompanied by an antique pump organ. Refreshments will be served in the Sewing Circle Building next door. If anyone would like to perform a solo instrumental or vocal selection, or if you have any questions, please contact Gail Roberts at 508-758-9559 or by emailing [peggsmom@gmail.com](mailto:peggsmom@gmail.com).

## Rochester Historical Society's December

Join us from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Plumb Memorial Library on Saturday, **December 14**. We will be selling hats, sweatshirts, tees, books, maps, denim shirts, and Rochester themed tic tac toes.

Christmas comes to the Rochester Historical Museum at 355 County Road at 2:00 pm on **December 15** when Organist Bruce Gadzina is back to play our rare Vocalion organ. While our organ looks like a pipe organ, it is a smaller size that was a perfect fit for a home and the pipes are just window dressing. The music, however, equals or surpasses that of a pipe organ. Watching Bruce play as he manipulates the pedals, keys and stops, is a unique experience. After the concert, we will have refreshments downstairs.

On **December 18** at 6:30 pm, we're having a Christmas party upstairs among the Museum exhibit with its toys from the ages and before we have cookies and cocoa to celebrate, Tom and Sheila Perry will be leading us in singing holiday songs.

We're asking attendees to donate an unwrapped gift for a teen or child.

## Sippizine Releases Fourth Volume Celebrating "Home"

Sippizine, the South Coast Massachusetts literary journal showcasing local creative talent, proudly announces the release of its fourth volume. Centered on the theme of "Home," this issue brings together local voices with prose, poetry, and visual art.

The fourth volume features prose and poetry from Lenore Balliro, Anne-Marie Grillo, Amanda Lawrence, Lilo, Joan McKinley, Sarah Mulvey, Jay Pateakos, Carol Schene, Lorene Sweeney, and Dawn Blake Souza. Visual interpretations by Cara Bean, Nancy Mitton, Carla Reynolds, Gavin Santos, and Dawn Blake Souza add depth and richness.

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Sippizine is a semi-annual literary and visual arts journal founded to celebrate and connect the vibrant creative community of South Coast Massachusetts. Sippizine highlights local talent while fostering dialogue and collaboration among its participants. Each issue is inspired by a central theme and showcases submissions from poets, writers, and visual artists. For more information, visit [www.sippizine.art](http://www.sippizine.art).

For additional information, please contact Alanna Nelson, Editor and Publisher at 617-398-0613 or [hello@studioilpunto.com](mailto:hello@studioilpunto.com).

### ORRHS First Term Honor Roll

The following students have achieved honors for the first term at Old Rochester Regional High School:

**Highest Honors:** Penelope Angeley, Nathanael Bushnell, Delaney Chase, Phoebe Cowles, Alexander Dai, Rafael Duarte, David Fredette, Katherine Guevara, Elizabeth Houdelette, Genevieve Kelly, Ella Milhench, Caitlin O'Donnell, Owen Osterday, Jiya Patel, Isabella Perez-Dormitzer, Grace Rousseau, Scarlett Sylvia, Ezra Thompson, Olivia Thompson, Hannah Thorell, Sasha Volkema, Emily Wyman.

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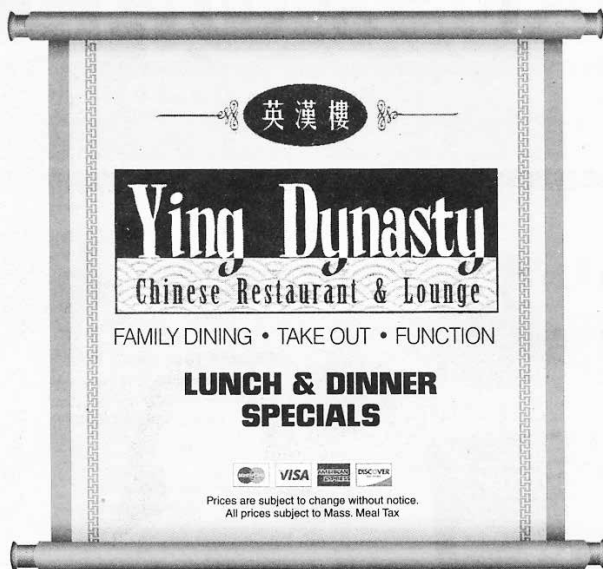


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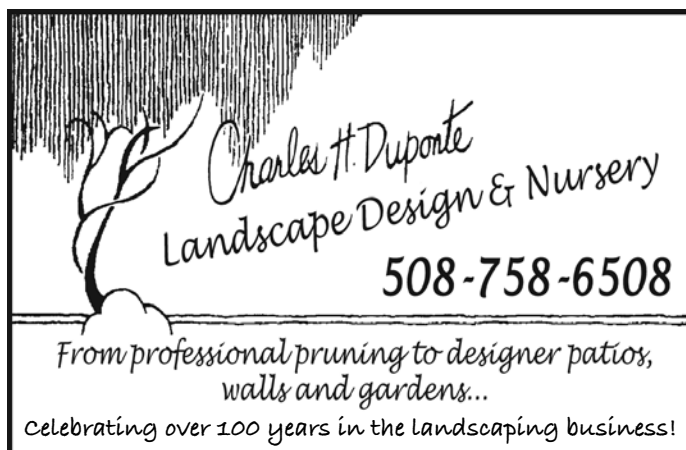
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If you have any questions, please email: [lisagarabedian122@gmail.com](mailto:lisagarabedian122@gmail.com). We are still looking for contact information for many of our classmates. Please reach out to any of our classmates that you keep in touch with to let them know the reunion is being planned and share this information on social media.

Who remembers Mrs. Harriman, Mr. Dunlavy, Mrs. Lafleur, and Mr. Vaughn?

If these names mean something to you, you are welcome to come join our reunion. The committee has decided to invite all classes from ORR to join in our reunion fun so spread the word to friends in other classes. We are looking forward to a great reunion. Warm regards from the Class of 1985 Reunion Committee.

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 9:30 AM Artist Interview - Pamela Hoss and Kim Barry  
 10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
 10:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
 11:00 AM Tri-Town Veterans Day Ceremonies  
 11:30 AM Paltrowcast with Darren Paltowitz  
 12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
 12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
 1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
 1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Peter Dean  
 3:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Sea Turtles in MA Waters  
 4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
 5:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
 5:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US  
 6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
 6:30 PM Tri-Town TV  
 7:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 7:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show  
 8:30 PM The Beacon Hill Report  
 9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church  
 10:00 PM ORR Pep Rally  
 11:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band

**Friday December 6, 2024**  
 7:00 AM Seniorize  
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
 8:00 AM The World Fusion Show  
 8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities  
 9:30 AM Mattapoisset Land Trust  
 10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
 10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club  
 11:00 AM Cape Conversations  
 11:30 AM A Conversation With...  
 12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
 12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
 1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline

**Saturday December 7, 2024**  
 6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival  
 9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
 10:00 AM A Conversation With...  
 10:30 AM Cape Conversations  
 11:00 AM Science 360  
 11:30 AM Health Source  
 12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie  
 1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Peter Dean  
 2:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show  
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 4:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Mysteries of Midwater  
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 8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
 8:30 PM Mattapoisset Land Trust  
 9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report  
 10:30 PM Let's Talk Business  
 11:00 PM Classic Movies

**Sunday December 8, 2024**  
 6:00 AM Health Source  
 6:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
 7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church

1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
 2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
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 3:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers  
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 11:00 PM Beacon Hill Report  
 11:30 PM Classic Movies

**Monday December 9, 2024**  
 7:00 AM Seniorize  
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
 8:00 AM For Your Health  
 9:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 9:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
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 8:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 9:00 PM Let's Talk Business  
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**Tuesday December 10, 2024**  
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 8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment  
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 5:30 PM Tri-Town TV  
 6:00 PM Marion Art Center - Unplugged - Matt Richard & Donn Legge  
 8:40 PM The Beacon Hill Report  
 9:10 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 10:00 PM Gay USA  
 11:00 PM ORR Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

**Wednesday December 11, 2024**  
 7:00 AM Seniorize

7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
 8:30 AM For Your Health  
 9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
 9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
 10:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment  
 11:00 AM Mattapoisset Congregational Church  
 12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
 12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
 1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
 1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
 2:00 PM Pine Meadow Alpaca Farms Animal Education  
 2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday  
 3:00 PM A Conversation With...  
 3:30 PM Mattapoisset Museum: The Hurricane of 1938  
 5:00 PM Boston Celtics Owner Wyc Grousbeck Interview  
 5:30 PM Building the Future  
 6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
 6:30 PM The World Fusion Show  
 7:00 PM Let's Talk Business  
 7:30 PM ORR Hall of Fame Induction 2024  
 10:00 PM ORR Homecoming Football  
 11:30 PM ORR Pep Rally

**MARION GOVERNMENT Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 39 Daily Schedule**  
 7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen  
 8:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission  
 10:00 AM Marion Planning Board  
 11:30 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals  
 12:00 PM Marion School Committee  
 12:30 PM Marion Finance Committee  
 1:30 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission  
 3:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing  
 3:30 PM Marion Board of Health  
 4:00 PM Marion Marine Resources Commission  
 5:00 PM Marion Board of Selectmen  
 6:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission  
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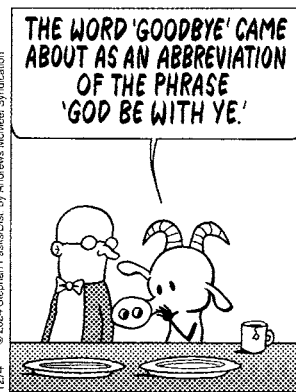
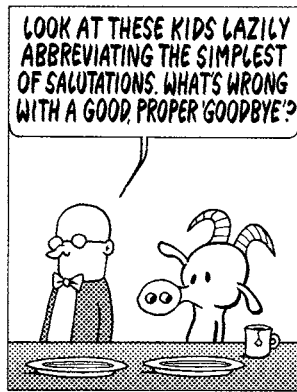
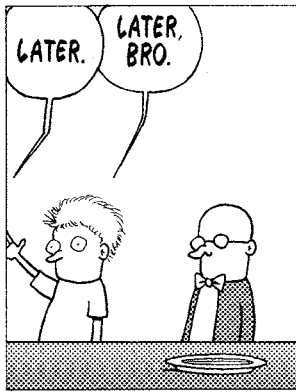
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 7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen  
 8:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission  
 10:00 AM Rochester Planning Board  
 12:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals  
 2:00 PM Rochester School Committee  
 4:30 PM ORR School Committee  
 6:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen  
 7:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission  
 9:00 PM Rochester Planning Board  
 11:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

**EDUCATION CHANNEL Comcast Channel 8 Verizon Channel 37 Daily Schedule**  
 7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly  
 8:00 AM ORR School Committee  
 9:30 AM Sippican Graduation  
 11:00 AM RMS 5th and 6th Grade Concert  
 12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
 1:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs DR  
 2:00 PM ORR Powderpuff Game vs Wareham  
 3:00 PM ORR Unified Basketball vs Tri-Town Police  
 5:00 PM Chuck McIntyre - Autistic Presentation  
 6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
 7:00 PM ORR Boys Soccer vs GNBV @ Gillette  
 8:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Wareham  
 10:30 PM ORR Student vs Staff Basketball Game  
 11:00 PM ORR Girls Lacrosse vs Somerset Berkely

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# OBITUARIES



**Steven A. Briggs**, 68, of Marion passed away unexpectedly at home on December 1, 2024. He was the husband of Rita L. St. Germaine and the son of the late Sherman and Joanne (Mead) Briggs.

He was born in Wareham and lived in Marion his whole life.

Mr. Briggs worked as a self-employed painter in the tri-town area for over

40 years.

He enjoyed collecting antiques and interesting or unusual things, helping people out, carpentry, goofing around and making people laugh, making use of people's old stuff he found during his frequent trips to the dump, visiting his friends, sitting by the fire, driving around town with his late beagle Boo Boo, and grabbing his daily morning coffee at Uncle Jons. He was loved by many, and will be missed by all, but his legacy will live on through his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Rita St. Germaine of Marion; 3 daughters, Kari MacRae and her husband David of Bourne; Stacia Briggs and her partner Shawn Case of Marion and Stevi Briggs and her partner Jake Fugate of Norton; stepson Jacob St. Germaine of Attleboro, 4 grandchildren, Brandon MacRae, Sydney MacRae, Ryan MacRae and Maddox Fugate; 5 great grandchildren, Kolby, Lucas, Carter, Rowan, and Ava; a brother, Sherman Briggs of Marion; He was the brother of the late Shawn Briggs and Sharon Garnett and stepfather of the late Bethany Clickner.

Visiting hours are from 4 to 7 pm on Thursday, December 5, 2024, at Chapman Funerals & Cremations – Wareham, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., Wareham.

His funeral service will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, December 6, 2024, at Chapman Funerals & Cremations – Wareham.

Donations in his memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or the Mass Audubon Society, Development Office, 208 South Great Rd., Lincoln, MA 01773

For more info and online guestbook, visit: [www.chapmanfuneral.com](http://www.chapmanfuneral.com)



**Frank L. Fletcher**, 83, of Mattapoisett, passed away on Friday, November 29, 2024 after a brief illness. Born on January 3, 1941, in Stamford, CT, he was the son of the late Thomas and Stephanie (Greska) Fletcher. Frank was a longtime resident of Mattapoisett.

A standout athlete, Frank was an exceptional tennis player at Fairhaven High School. He later went on to serve as the tennis professional at several local racquet clubs. While teaching tennis, Frank also worked at the Marion Sports Shop,

which he purchased in 1967. He successfully operated the business until 2021 when a fire forced its closure.

In 2005, Frank opened his second clothing business, Collections on Court, in downtown Plymouth, MA, that is still in operation today.

Frank was deeply embedded in the Mattapoisett and Marion communities, known as a devoted family man and a passionate local business owner. He took great pride in supporting small businesses and appreciated the important role they played in the local area. Both Frank and the Marion Sports Shop & Clothiers became synonymous with the town of Marion. Over the years, Frank formed lasting, meaningful relationships with his tennis students, customers, employees, and neighbors. His love for the community was matched only by his devotion to his family.

Frank was a proud father who, along with his wife Nancy, raised two sons in Mattapoisett. He was also a passionate cook, always exploring new recipes from his vast collection of cookbooks. He delighted in preparing gourmet meals for family and friends, creating countless cherished memories around the dinner table.

Frank was predeceased by his beloved wife of 56 years, Nancy Fletcher; his brother, Thomas Fletcher; and his sister, Marion Roberts.

He is survived by his son Thomas B. Fletcher and daughter-in-law Kristin of Stamford, CT; his son Stephen L. Fletcher of Mattapoisett; and his nieces Lori Fletcher Sherburne and Lisa Fletcher Shore, both of New Hampshire, as well as his nephew Chris Roberts of Acushnet, MA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Frank's name may be made to the Southcoast Health Visiting Nurses Association, 200 Mill Rd., Fairhaven, MA 02719. A memorial visitation date is pending. For online guestbook, visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com).



**Jill (Crippin) Vancour**, 57, Of Mattapoisett died November 28, 2024 unexpectedly at St. Luke's Hospital.

Born in Wareham, daughter of Harriet L. (Kremp) Crippin of Mattapoisett and the late Warren D. Crippin, she lived in Mattapoisett all of her life.

She was employed as a cook in several local restaurants, and was a 1985 graduate of Old Colony Vocational High School.

Jill enjoyed making jewelry and painting art.

Survivors include her mother; her fiance, Scott Davis of Marion; her son, Scott Perry of Wilkes-Barre PA; a daughter, Dayna Crippin of Sanford, FL; a sister, Jan Thomas of Mattapoisett; six nieces and nephews, Derek Crippin and his wife K-Leigh Crippin, Cory Thomas, Joshua Thomas, Taylor Crippin, and Kyle Pina; and one great niece and one great nephew, Sophia and Adam Crippin.



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### Church of The Good Shepherd Christmas Fair

The Church of The Good Shepherd, 74 High Street, Wareham, MA will hold its annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, **December 7** from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be baked goods, artwork and cards, a children's gift room for shopping ages 12 and under, crafts, gift baskets, jewelry, raffle, scarves, and used Christmas decorations. Come and get in the spirit of the holiday and help support the many outreach programs at Good Shepherd.

### December Events at the Mattapoisett Library

Visit the Mattapoisett Free Public Library at 7 Barstow Street this December.

This winter, the Teen Advisory Board is collecting donations of new socks, hats, and gloves to benefit people of all ages in need of warm-weather gear. All donations may be left in the bins at the Mattapoisett Library until **January 15**. The Teen Advisory Board appreciates your support of the community's needs.

For the first time, the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library will host their Annual Jewelry Sale for three consecutive days. The special Preview Sale for Friends members is on Thursday, **December 5**, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The sale dates for the General Public will be Friday, **December 6**, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm and Saturday, **December 7**, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Join New Bedford's own Painting at Splash on Saturday, **December 14** at 11:00 am for a fun-filled morning of creativity. Painting at Splash will lead patrons through a step-by-step art lesson. Create a cozy gnome or do your own thing. This program is recommended for patrons aged 12 and up. Space is limited. Registration is required. Please see our website for more information. Remember to dress accordingly, as paint can be messy.

## OBITUARIES

She was the mother of the late Zachary Sherman. Her funeral service and burial in St. Anthony's Cemetery will be private. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com).

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Our next Cookbook Club meeting is scheduled for **December 17** at 6:30 pm. New members are always welcome. This month, we're reading *The Complete Autumn & Winter Cookbook* by America's Test Kitchen. Copies of the book are available for pickup at the library. Stop by and snag one.

As always, these events and activities are free and open to all. Check the calendar on our website for additional information and updates. If you have questions, please email [mfpl@sailsinc.org](mailto:mfpl@sailsinc.org) or call us at 508-758-4171.

### A Holiday By The Sea in Marion

The Sippican Woman's Club presents their 38th annual holiday house tour, *Holiday By The Sea*, on Saturday, **December 7**. Arrive early to start your seaside holiday at 10:00 am at Handy's Tavern, 152 Front St., while delighting in glee with the Dickens Carolers.

You will be swept away by five stunning homes within this seaside village, each full of character and celebration of the season. Pause to relax at the tour's Sugarplum Tea with light refreshments held this year at Tabor's Head of School's Great Room from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm followed by jingle and mingle afterhours at the Beverly Yacht Club from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Make sure to take your chance winning your own "Holiday By The Sea", a 2-night stay in a luxurious two-bedroom penthouse suite at Harbortown in Plymouth.



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# TriTown Happenings



Marion Garden Group members seen preparing for the Christmas sale Saturday, December 7 starting at 9:30 am in the Marion Music Hall.



Old Rochester Regional Junior High School student volunteers once again served guests at this year's 31st Annual ORRJHS Tri-Town Thanksgiving Banquet for Senior Citizens. Photo courtesy Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55.



Christmas lights are strung on the Ned's Point Lighthouse. Photo by Jennifer Shepley.



Priscilla Bradley, President (right) put the finishing touches on holiday decorations at the clubhouse, aka "The Tavern," 152 Front Street, Marion. Along with participating homeowners, our front door will be open welcoming visitors to our 34th Holiday House Tour on Saturday, December 7 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. During "The Stroll" on Sunday, December 8th, 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm, stop by "The Tavern" for Wassail. For tour ticket & raffle info, see website [sippicanwomansclub.org](http://sippicanwomansclub.org). Photo by Stefanie Knauss.



Sunrise with a blue heron taken by Jennifer Shepley.

These photos and more are available online at [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com)

Giving nearly \$500,000 since 1947 in scholarships to local students and charitable giving, 100% of all tour profits go directly back to the community. Tour and Holiday By The Sea Raffle tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance online at [SippicnWomansClub.org](http://SippicnWomansClub.org).

Also contributing to the festivities on **December 7** are the Marion Garden Group's Greens Sale Plus from 9:00 am to 11:30 am at The Music Hall, and The Marion Art Center's Holiday Shop open from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

### Wareham Garden Club Vintage Holly Faire

The Wareham Garden Club's annual faire will take place Saturday, **December 7** from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm noon at St. Patrick's Church Hall, 82 High Street, Wareham. The Vintage Holly Faire will feature traditional favorites. Member made boxwood "trees", live decorated green wreaths, assorted bundles of greens, table centerpieces, yule logs, memorial baskets, a craft table, vintage ornaments, gift baskets, driftwood wreaths, pre-packaged cookies and member made baked goods will be available. Cash, checks or credit cards are accepted.

The Wareham Garden Club's fundraisers help support their numerous civic beautification projects, educational events, monthly garden therapy at the Wareham Council on Aging and funds their annual scholarships to local deserving students. The club meets the second Thursday of each month, September to January



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# MOVIE REVIEW

## Talk Talk

By Rob Gonsalves  
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***Heretic*. Starring Hugh Grant, Sophie Thatcher, and Chloe East. Directed by Scott Beck and Bryan Woods. Running time: 111 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters; coming to streaming media Dec. 10.**

The consensus on the smug and somewhat pointless thriller *Heretic* is that it shows off a malevolent side of Hugh Grant's usual bookish, sardonic persona. But wasn't the malevolence always there? Even in his romantic comedies, I was never quite sure he was on the side of the angels (this was even before the scandal that his career probably wouldn't survive today), and that made him interesting to watch. Grant was always way ahead of us, better-read, better-prepared. So watching him enact all these elements as an official bad guy is a bit redundant. He's entertaining, to be sure. The problem is that the movie has been contrived to make sure he's entertaining in it, in exactly the way we're meant to be entertained.

Grant is Mr. Reed, a man who lives in a remote and drippy house. He has expected visitors: a pair of Mormon missionaries, Sister Barnes (Sophie Thatcher) and Sister Paxton (Chloe East), who show up at his door after he has contacted the local Mormon church and voiced interest in hearing more about their savior. He invites them in for pie, and they accept even though there's supposed to be a woman present; he assures them that he has a wife in the house, too shy to show herself. After a while it becomes clear that Mr. Reed has summoned these young women not to learn about their faith but to challenge it. After a longer while we and the missionaries figure out the situation may be much more dire than a mere agnostic lecture.

Lazily written and stylishly directed by Scott Beck and Bryan Woods, *Heretic* has been getting a pass, I fear, because it focuses much more on dialogue — as in the “let's have a dialogue” sense of the word — than on rote scares. But the scares are rote anyway, and after a thriller like, say, *Strange Darling* that pulls the rug out from under us with a minimum of chat, *Heretic* shakes out as predictable. We sort of know where it's going even if we don't know; its third-act revelations don't really surprise us. Mr. Reed puts on a condescending show-and-tell using music (the Hollies, Radiohead) and board



games; his point is that religions are all iterations of each other. He's sure this insight will rock these Mormons' world. He doesn't seem to know or care that these young women may have nooks and crannies in their pasts that strengthen their faith beyond cynicism.

Oh, how I wished these missionaries (though acted adeptly) were given more complexity to counter Mr. Reed's mansplaining their faith to them. Now, my own take on faith and God (as distinct from organized religion) is pretty dumb and simple: I don't know and neither do you. But at least I'm not putting those words in the mouth of a chatty villain and expecting the audience to go “whoa.” The plotting verges on stupid, and sometimes doesn't only verge, when Mr. Reed comes to seem like a cross between Hannibal Lecter and Jigsaw, concocting elaborate death-traps for innocent young visitors but making sure they know how smart he is. Craving twists that weren't going to arrive, I tuned out emotionally pretty early. The narrative has a downward-spiral structure, and by the time we see what Mr. Reed has been hiding in his basement, we don't gasp, we just let our eyelids slide shut in tired disdain.

The thing is, some of what Mr. Reed says makes sense, and some of what the missionaries say makes sense, and it'd be nice if the movie found a way to dramatize that without the characters tossing chunks of rhetoric at each other. The young women are drawn compassionately, and Grant's performance transcends the callow script; Mr. Reed basically delivers Anti-Religion 101, which might impress those who haven't heard it before. He, ironically, can't seem to separate out religion from faith; he's married to his “iterations” theory, like a smart-ass teenager who insists that, like, nothing is *original*, man. So the naive young women seem more savvy about the topics under discussion than he does. The film could have posited this as the point. It could have done a lot of intriguing things. Movies that are largely talk aren't bad, as long as the talk is worth listening to.

and March to June. The club encourages prospective new members to attend a meeting. For membership information, please contact Susan Melrose at 203-470-8919 or email the club at [warehamgardenclubma@gmail.com](mailto:warehamgardenclubma@gmail.com).

### **Turning Point Seeks Help To Provide Holiday Magic**

Turning Point, the day resource center of Wareham Area Committee for the Homeless (WACH), is looking for the public's help to ensure area children in need enjoy the Magic of the Holidays.

Turning Point's "Holiday Magic" Outreach Program provides clothing and gifts to those that qualify for assistance from the towns of Wareham, Buzzards Bay, Carver, Marion, Mattapoisett, Middleboro, and Rochester.

Last season, 483 children were provided some holiday magic as a result of the whole community coming together from local businesses and individuals to senior citizens and middle and high school student volunteers. Turning Point is again looking for the public's assistance to ensure the magic continues this year.

There are many ways to help Turning Point this season - sponsor a child or family, donate to one of the toy drive locations, volunteer time, or send a product or financial donation to the organization. Turning Point is a volunteer-operated organization, and the holiday program is no exception.

An important part of the Holiday Outreach Program is its sponsors. Sponsors adopt a child or family and are provided a list of the child's needs and wishes. Sponsors are asked to provide as many items as they are able. Turning Point will supplement any additional needs through other donations secured through other efforts.

Turning Point is honored to be able to partner with the following giving events this season:

The Wareham Transportation Department will be sponsoring a "Stuff-A-Bus" event on **December 7** from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm on Main Street in the parking lot next to the Wareham Fire Station.

The Wareham Police Association will be holding its annual "Stuff-a-Cruiser" on **December 7** from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Wareham Target and Wareham Walmart. If you are interested in sponsoring, volunteering, donating, in need of assistance, or need additional information, please contact [holidaymagic2022@gmail.com](mailto:holidaymagic2022@gmail.com).

The Wareham Area Committee for the Homeless (WACH), a 501c3 nonprofit organization d/b/a/ Turning Point, serves homeless and near homeless people in the communities of Wareham, Carver, Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester, Middleboro, and Buzzards Bay. For more information on Turning Point programs and services, visit the website at [www.turningpointwarehm.org](http://www.turningpointwarehm.org)

### **Holiday Sing Along**

Come one, come all. Join the Mattapoisett

Museum, 5 Church Street, on Sunday, **December 18** from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm for the annual Holiday Sing Along. Get into the holiday spirit by singing songs with live musical accompaniment. The song list will include old time favorites such as Jingle Bells, Rudolf, Deck the Halls, White Christmas, and many more. Bring your wish lists because Santa Claus will be making a guest appearance to cap the event. Refreshments will be served.

### **Rochester Republican Town Committee**

The Rochester Republican Town Committee will hold its next meeting at 6:30 pm on **December 9**, at the Ponderosa Sportsman Club, located on 242 Robinson Road, Acushnet. The public is invited to attend.

### **Lessons & Carols**

North Rochester Congregational Church located at 247 North Avenue, Rochester will have a celebration of Lessons & Carols on Sunday, **December 15** at 4:00 pm. Refreshments to follow. There will be no morning service that day.

### **Rochester Women's Club Wreath Sale**

The Rochester Women's Club will be having its annual Christmas Wreath Sale on Saturday, **December 7** from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Last year the club sold out within two hours. Get there early!

Our wreaths are decorated as naturally as possible. Using local greens and holly. With or without a bow and all priced at \$30.

This year we will be having a bake sale. Homemade goodies to enjoy as you shop or to take home, plus free hot chocolate.

The wreath sale is one of the club's biggest scholarship fundraisers. Three scholarships are offered each year to high school graduating seniors who live in Rochester and will be furthering their education in the fall.

Reminder that we are open from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and wreath sellout fast.

The Club House is located at 37 Marion Road Route 105 in Rochester.

### **Mattapoisett Congregational Church Celebrates Advent**

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church would like to invite the community to several special events to kick off the Advent season with the first Sunday in Advent on **December 1** at 10:00 am as we light the Candle of Hope.

The Holiday Fair will be held on **December 7** from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in Reynard Hall with baked goods, handmade craft items as well as handcrafted jewelry, and other Christmas décor.

The White Gifts Pageant which celebrates the birth of Jesus will be held during worship on Sunday,

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- County Rd – Office wanted
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- Pine Grove Ln - Explosion
- Route 105 – Suspicious MV
- Delano Rd – Vandalism/past
- Village Dr – By-laws violation
- Wareham Rd – Abandoned MV
- Mill St - Lockout
- Converse Rd – Animal complaint
- Zora Rd – MV collision
- West Ave – EMS/medical
- Joanne Dr – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Health/welfare
- Point Rd – Suspicious activity
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Blueberry Way – Suspicious activity
- Spring St – General service
- Indian Cove Rd – Animal complaint
- Mill St – MV collision
- Joanne Dr – Officer wanted
- Front St – Smoke investigation
- Olde Knoll Rd – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – MV collision
- Front St – Animal complaint
- Aucoot Ave – Parking enforcement
- Alden Rd – EMS/medical
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – MV collision

## MATTAPOISETT

### Log highlights Nov 24-Nov 30

- Barstow St – General service
- Acushnet Rd – Suspicious persons
- Acushnet Rd – 911 call
- West Hill Rd – MV crash
- Church St Ext – MV violations
- Tobey Ln – Ambulance request
- Knollwood Dr – Medical alarm
- Upland Way – Medical assist
- Marion Rd – MV lockout
- Fairhaven Rd – MV crash
- County Rd – MV lockout
- Driscoll Ln – Medical assist
- County Rd - Trespassing
- Pine Island Rd – Medical assist
- Hitching Post Rd – Health/welfare
- Prospect Rd – MV violations
- Justin Ave – Medical alarm
- North St – Health/welfare
- Fairhaven Rd – Unwanted person
- Justin Ave – Unattended death
- Water St – MV lockout
- Zena Ln – Assist other agency
- Gosnold St – Medical assist
- Meadowbrook Ln - Disturbance
- Prospect Dr – Structure fire
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- Meadowbrook Ln – Restraining order
- Marion Rd - Disturbance
- County Rd – MV crash

## ROCHESTER

### Log highlights Nov 24-Nov 30

- Not available at press time

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit [www.Wanderer.com](http://www.Wanderer.com).



# REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

## COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

**Monday, Dec 9:** Beef w/peppers & onions, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, apple

**Tuesday, Dec 10:** Split pea soup, stewed chicken, polenta, vegetable medley, whole grain cornbread loaf, oatmeal cookie, diet: fruit

**Wednesday, Dec 11:** Beef meatballs w/marinara, whole grain pasta, brussel sprouts, wheat roll, applesauce

**Thursday, Dec 12:** BBQ chicken, baked beans, vegetable medley, wheat bread, banana

**Friday, Dec 13:** Tuscan white fish, rice pilaf, Cali blend veg, wheat bread, chocolate pudding

## CENTER SCHOOL

**Monday, Dec 9:** Grilled chicken club on hamburger roll, oven baked French fries, savory green beans

**Tuesday, Dec 10:** Chicken nuggets, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain roll

**Wednesday, Dec 11:** Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, tator tots, cheese stick

**Thursday, Dec 12:** Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup

**Friday, Dec 13:** Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, roasted chic peas

## OLD HAMMONDTOWN

**Monday, Dec 9:** Grilled chicken club on hamburger roll, oven baked French fries, savory green beans

**Tuesday, Dec 10:** Chicken nuggets, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain roll

**Wednesday, Dec 11:** Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, tator tots, cheese stick

**Thursday, Dec 12:** Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup

**Friday, Dec 13:** Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, roasted chic peas

## OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

**Monday, Dec 9:** Grilled chicken club on hamburger roll, oven baked

French fries, savory green beans

**Tuesday, Dec 10:** Chicken nuggets, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain roll  
**Wednesday, Dec 11:** Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, tator tots, cheese stick

**Thursday, Dec 12:** Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup

**Friday, Dec 13:** Hot buffalo chicken dip served with whole grain tortilla chips, fresh veggie sticks

## ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

**Monday, Dec 9:** Grilled chicken club on hamburger roll, oven baked French fries, savory green beans

**Tuesday, Dec 10:** Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain roll

**Wednesday, Dec 11:** Pancakes, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, tator tots, cheese stick

**Thursday, Dec 12:** Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup

**Friday, Dec 13:** Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, garden salad,

assorted salad dressing, roasted chic peas

## SIPPICAN SCHOOL

**Monday, Dec 9:** Grilled chicken club on hamburger roll, oven baked French fries, savory green beans

**Tuesday, Dec 10:** Chicken nuggets, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain roll

**Wednesday, Dec 11:** Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, tator tots, cheese stick

**Thursday, Dec 12:** Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup

**Friday, Dec 13:** Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, roasted chic peas

## OLD COLONY REGIONAL

**Monday, Dec 9:** Teriyaki beef stir fry bowl

**Tuesday, Dec 10:** Italian sub & fries  
**Wednesday, Dec 11:** American chop suey & garlic bread

**Thursday, Dec 12:** Build a baked potato  
**Friday, Dec 13:** Assorted pizza

**December 8** beginning at 10:00 am where we will light the Candle of Peace. During this service we will be taking donations of gift cards to Walmart, Target and local grocery stores such as Stop and Shop, Shaws and Market Basket only.

On **December 15** we will light the candle of joy as Pastor Michael speaks about the meaning of Jesus coming. A beautiful service of Lessons and Carols will be held on **December 22** at 10:00 am where we light the candle of Love with performers from the Seaglass Theater Company.

On Christmas Eve, there are 2 services planned. The Christmas Eve Family Service will be held at 5:00 pm where we will light all Advent wreath candles in addition to the Christ candle with soloist Alissa Cassola.

The beautiful Candlelight Service will be held at 10:00 pm with soloist Andy Crain.

Everyone is invited to celebrate the Advent season at Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Please see our website at [mattapoisettcongregationalchurch.org](http://mattapoisettcongregationalchurch.org) for more information.

### Scanography

Come to the Mattapoisett Free Public Library to see Donna St Amant's astonishing photography exhibit, called "Scanography," through **December 31**. Using a very unique process, Ms St Amant captures nature's treasures on a flatbed scanner.

Donna's love of capturing images began in the early '80s with black and white film and her own darkroom where she marveled at the development process. When the digital era began, replacing film and supplies became more difficult to find, and she stepped away as the extensive time on the computer required in that new format was too close to how she spent most of her workday as an engineer. She sought out more tangible ways to express herself and found working with metal, flame, and hammer as a metalsmith gave her the perfect balance.

Now in retirement, she has rekindled her love of photography. St Amant captures the close-up detail and beauty of flowers, worn beached objects, and elements of nature on a high-resolution flatbed scanner in a process often called "Scanography." Once used to digitize her photographic negatives, the scanner is now her 'studio camera' and the fine detail it captures never ceases to amaze her. Whether a single bloom or a 'medley' of treasures, the objects are placed directly on the scanner glass with the cover left open building depth and layers from foreground to background. Using a preview feature, St Amant can see the image as it will be recorded and can rearrange elements until it is just what she had imagined.

To St Amant, this process feels somewhat like organizing a group portrait. She places the individuals near one another in a pleasing and cohesive composition, intertwines outreaching elements to project a feeling of connection, and then captures the moment.

Overall, she says "it's all about passion, the joy of creating ... and the continuous quest to learn and grow."

### St. Gabriel's Christmas Fair

Join us for a festive day of holiday cheer at our annual Christmas Fair on Sunday, **December 8** from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Marion inside the Parish Hall at 124 Front Street. This year, our fair coincides with the beloved Marion Stroll, making it the perfect opportunity to immerse yourself in the holiday spirit.

Make a day of it. Start your morning at our fair, where you can browse a wonderful selection of handmade gifts including wreaths, home decor, seashell art, crocheted items, ornaments, hair bows, framed resin art, felt soap, wampum jewelry, note cards, pottery, and so much more. Perfect for your loved ones. Indulge in delicious treats, featuring warm drinks, sweet snacks, and more to satisfy your holiday cravings. Enjoy festive tunes that will keep you in the holiday mood as you explore everything our fair has to offer. Plus, don't miss your chance to win exciting prizes in our raffle, featuring several fantastic items.

Bring your friends and family along for a day filled with joy, laughter, and community spirit. We can't wait to celebrate the season with you.

All proceeds will benefit St. Gabriel's Parish Initiatives. For more information about the Christmas Fair, please contact us at 508-748-1507 or [stgabrielmarion@gmail.com](mailto:stgabrielmarion@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you there.

### Peter Pan at the MAC

The MAC Theater is pleased to present J.M. Barrie's Peter Pan, adapted by Craig Sodaro. Kate Fishman directs this very special limited presentation. Show dates are **December 6, 7, 13**, and **14** at 7:30 pm and Sunday, **December 15**, at 2:00 pm. All performances are in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater, located at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion.

This superb adaptation captures all the magic and charm of everyone's favorite story. The Darling children love to hear of Peter Pan's adventures during his visits through the open window of the nursery. Then one night after Nana has taken his shadow and Wendy has sewn it back on, Peter Pan and Tinker Bell whisk the children off to Neverland to be part of the adventures. Wendy, John, and Michael become friends with the Lost Boys and Princess Tiger Lily, and Wendy becomes everyone's mother. When the evil Captain Hook captures Wendy and the Lost Boys, Peter Pan comes to their rescue. Together with the ticking crocodile, Peter Pan puts Captain Hook in his place and returns the Darling children to their home.

The cast includes Libby Achilles, Aubrey Arsenault-Sousa, Kourtney Bartlett, Zoe Callina, Eliza Conley, Penny Conley, Natalie Dai, Charlotte DaRosa, Elizabeth DaRosa, Ann-Marie Foley, Celia Gonet, Amina

# Super Crossword NOT A SINGLE SPOT

## ACROSS

- 1 Hoover, e.g.
- 7 Hertz rival
- 12 Military vehicle for recon
- 20 Roma's place
- 21 Go into a major tizzy
- 22 Worth of a security at its face
- 23 Rare musical gift
- 25 Being filmed
- 26 Aug. follower
- 27 Feel awful
- 28 Tree's anchor
- 30 Sandbox toy
- 31 Elicitor of a rave review
- 39 Newton and Asimov
- 41 Beats of life
- 42 Klutzy sorts
- 43 Naiad or dryad
- 44 Plant swelling
- 46 Ben of "Zoolander"
- 49 Mint quality
- 54 "13th" director
- 55 Styne of song
- 56 TV spots
- 57 Vaper's item
- 58 How-to unit
- 59 Catch sight of
- 60 Ostrich's kin
- 61 Big name in cosmetics
- 64 Big bees
- 66 Rainforests and such
- 69 Round one of the corners in Monopoly
- 72 Mets' div.
- 73 Vast span
- 74 Awful review
- 77 First-aid plant
- 78 Purplish berry
- 79 Derby, e.g.
- 80 Buffalo's county
- 81 Aladdin's monkey pal
- 82 Excellent etiquette
- 88 Wasn't penned up
- 90 Levi's, e.g.
- 91 Start
- 92 Singer Celine
- 93 Green sushi condiment
- 96 "M\*A\*S\*H" actor
- 97 Famed Steelers play of 1972
- 102 Cole Porter's "— Love"

- 103 "I got — in Kalamazoo"
- 104 Toothpaste tube inits.
- 105 — kwon do
- 108 O.J. Simpson trial judge
- 111 Activity that will be unsuccessful when applied to this puzzle's theme?
- 117 Hans Christian —
- 118 JFK Library architect
- 119 The Beach Boys' "Help Me, —"
- 120 People giving rubdowns
- 121 Printer brand
- 122 Motto
- DOWN**
- 1 Big cheeses
- 2 Suited to —
- 3 Goldfish and minnows are members of it
- 4 Samuelsson who got the winning goal in the 1991 Stanley Cup
- 5 Driver's 180
- 6 Large parrots
- 7 Cider fruit
- 8 Chou En- —
- 9 Picnic pest
- 10 Emceeding aid
- 11 Earthy hues, to Brits
- 12 Satirizes
- 13 Division of a long poem
- 14 Tolkien brute
- 15 Coll. in the Old Dominion State
- 16 Home of the NFL's Bucs
- 17 Symbol of a fresh start
- 18 Gold-related
- 19 "Royal," in 20-Across
- 24 Up to, in brief
- 29 Metal in rocks
- 32 Small error
- 33 German for "eight"
- 34 Design detail
- 35 — wrestling
- 36 Strategy
- 37 Quaint newspaper section
- 38 Primary
- 39 Dressed for nighty-night
- 40 IHOP topping
- 44 Result
- 45 — Moines
- 46 Autograph: Abbr.

- 47 All tied up
- 48 Sharp knocks
- 50 "You are not!" retort
- 51 Noble acts
- 52 "All booked up, sorry"
- 53 Model Tequila
- 58 Catch sight of
- 60 Liverpool loc.
- 61 Purple flower
- 62 — acid (fat substance)
- 63 Irish actor Stephen
- 64 Allowance
- 65 Sizable vase
- 66 Put to work
- 67 A single time
- 68 Sports sides
- 69 Early TV host Jack
- 70 "Dark Angel" star Jessica
- 71 Healthy intellects
- 74 Introducing
- 75 Broadcaster
- 76 Aeries, e.g.
- 78 Big primate
- 79 Clutch sitter
- 80 Film scorer
- 81 Morricone
- 82 — Z (old Camaro)
- 83 List of options
- 84 Partly open
- 85 Neuwirth of "Cheers"
- 86 Nonderical
- 87 "Me? Never!"
- 89 Husbands-to-be
- 93 Tots' haulers
- 94 — discount
- 95 Smartphone pic, often
- 96 Railing sites
- 97 Sunni's faith
- 98 Animated 2016 Disney film
- 99 After a time
- 100 Sup at home
- 101 Adobe Acrobat file
- 106 Forever — day
- 107 "Manhattan Beach" novelist Jennifer
- 109 Sooner than, poetically
- 110 Sch. in Terre Haute
- 112 Gig hookup
- 113 FedEx rival
- 114 Zodiac lion
- 115 Dallas Stars' org.
- 116 "Yabba dabba —!"

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# SALOME'S STARS

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A project benefits from your organizational skills that get it up and running. Your success leaves a highly favorable impression. Don't be surprised if you get some positive feedback soon.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Spend time on practical matters throughout the week, then shift your focus to more artistic pursuits. Resist being overly self-critical. Just allow yourself to feel free to create.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Restarting those creative projects you had set aside for a while will help provide a much-needed soothing balance to your hectic life. Besides, it will be like meeting old friends again!

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A change in plans could make it tough to keep a commitment. But stay with it. You'll get an A-plus for making the effort to do what's right and not taking the easy way out by running off.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) The Lion's enthusiasm for a workplace policy review is admirable. But be sure you know who is really behind the resistance to change before pointing your finger at the wrong person.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) You can expect to have a lot of work throughout the first half of the week. Devote the rest of the week to checking your plans in case some need to be adjusted.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Try to avoid signing on the dotted line during the early part of the week. You need time to study issues that weren't fully explored. The latter part of the week might be more favorable for decision-making.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A new development could snarl travel schedules or other holiday-linked projects. Some flexibility might be called for, to deal with problems before they get too far out of hand.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Relatives seek your advice on a matter you'd rather not be involved in. If so, use your sage Sagittarian tact to decline the "offer" so that no one's feelings are needlessly hurt.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A shift in your planning direction might help you speed up your progress toward achieving a long-planned goal. Trusted colleagues are ready to offer valuable support.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) An unexpected demand for the settlement of an old loan could create some preholiday anxiety. But you might not really owe it. Check your records thoroughly before remitting payment.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) It's a good time to get involved with your social circle. Enjoy some well-earned fun and games with those closest to you before you have to resume more serious activities next week.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your ability to sense the needs of others makes you a wise counselor for those seeking help with their problems.

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Goodman, Sophia Goodman, Michaela Healy, Abigail Jacques, Lirin Loranger, Ryan Medeiros, Kaiya Morse, Kaylin O'Connor, Charlotte Osterday, Finnian Patrick, Crosby Ribeiro, Vivienne Sanford, and Phoebe Van Inwegen. The production team includes Steven McManus on Light/Sound and Stage Managers Marisa Beaver and Ron Beaver.

Tickets, just \$20 for MAC members and \$23 for nonmembers, can be purchased at [marionartcenter.org/events](http://marionartcenter.org/events). The MAC is also a participant in Mass Cultural Council's card to culture program. Learn more on the online ticket page.

### Holiday Book Sale and Gift Basket Raffle

The Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library are sponsoring their Annual Holiday Book Sale and Gift Basket Raffle. The book sale runs from **December 1** to the **22** during library hours. The sale includes Books, Puzzles, Games, Dvds and Library t-shirts.

The Gift Basket Raffle runs **December 1** to **15** with winners announced on **December 15** in time for holiday gift giving. There is a wonderful selection including a Chocolate basket, a Kids baking basket, a Kid's Art basket, a Gardening basket, a Birding basket and many more. Raffle Tickets are for sale at the library.

The Holiday sale will feature an Open House weekend on Saturday, **December 7** and Sunday, **December 8** with refreshments and giveaways for kids. This coincides with the annual Christmas stroll, Garden Club and other community events happening.

Be sure to stop by the Elizabeth Taber Library at 8 Spring Street, Marion during library hours.

*Sippican Lands Trust was pleased to officially open the Hoff Property parking lot and connecting trail to White Eagle on Route 6, with the help of Selectman Randy Parker. Mr. Parker cut the ceremonial ribbon, as he was instrumental in securing the land required for the project, by working with MOSAC, BBC, and SLT.*



*Hikers and SLT Board members enjoyed hot coffee and snacks after a morning hike, while hearing speeches from Mr. Parker, President Cathy Stone, Past President Alan Harris, and MOSAC Chair John Rockwell.*



# Holiday BY THE Sea

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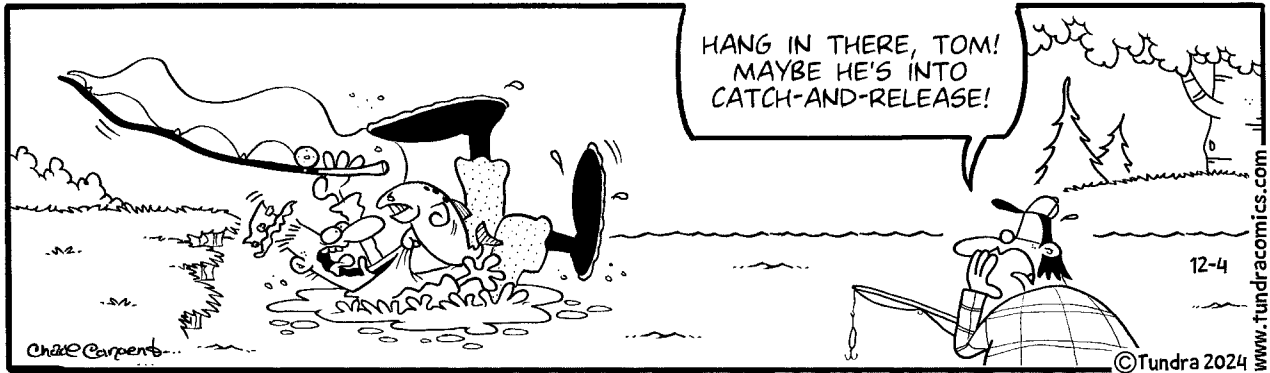
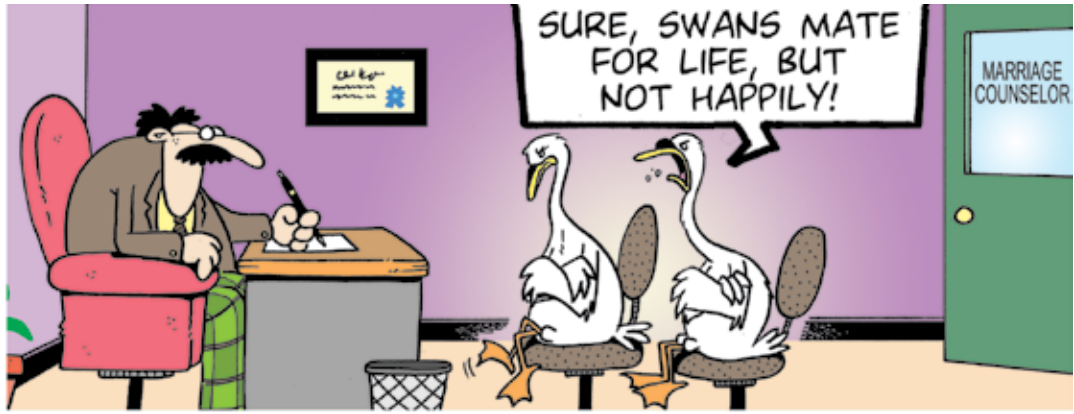








For more information please visit: [SippicanWomansClub.org](http://SippicanWomansClub.org)



**Amber Waves**

by Dave T. Phipps



(Elizabethtaberlibrary.org for hours)

### MWC Holiday Greens Sale

The Fifth Annual Mattapoisett Woman's Club Holiday Greens Sale will be held on Saturday, **December 7** in Ying's parking lot on Route 6 at 22 County Road in Mattapoisett, from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm, or until items are sold out. Please note, in past years, all items have sold out in a couple of hours or less.

This year's sale will feature decorated fresh wreaths, swags, centerpieces, and 2024 Christmas ornaments, all beautifully handcrafted by the talented women of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club. Bundled evergreens and holly branches will also be available for purchase. Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted.

We look forward to seeing you on **December 7** and sharing our creations and festive cheer with you. In case of inclement weather, the rain date will be **December 8**. Proceeds from the Holiday Greens Sale and all our fundraisers directly support the Mattapoisett Woman's Club's Scholarship Fund and other community endeavors.

### Harmonies of Pear and Home

The Harmonies of Pear and Home Concert will be presented at Tabor Academy on Sunday **December 15** at 7:00 pm. This special concert is a collaboration between the South Coast Children's Chorus, and the choruses of Tabor Academy.

Harmonies of Peace and Home is a heartfelt choral project celebrating themes of peace, unity, and the essence of home. This concert will feature a wide range of selections from various cultures and time periods, showcasing the universal longing for connection and belonging. The performance brings together the South Coast Children's Chorus (SCCC), including its Advanced and Preparatory Choruses, alongside Tabor Academy's select ensemble the Madrigals. The concert will conclude in a rousing sing along where festive audience participation is encouraged.

Harmonies of Peace and Home is open to the public and free of charge on Sunday, December 3rd at 7:00 pm at Tabor Academy Wickenden Chapel, 86 Spring Street, Marion.

The mission of the South Coast Children's Chorus is to provide a joyful, educational choral experience for young singers, helping them to develop responsibility, confidence, musicianship, and a passion for excellence in all they do. The SCCC core values are Service, Culture, Confidence & Community. SCCC singers are from many communities throughout the South Coast of Massachusetts including: Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Rochester, Wareham and international destinations through the Tabor Academy partnership. Under the direction of Dr. Tianxu Zhou, SCCC performs throughout the South Coast

and provides free music education through choral singing to 60+ singers in grades 1 to 12 each year SCCC website at [www.singsouthcoast.org](http://www.singsouthcoast.org).

For more information contact: [SCCCsings@gmail.com](mailto:SCCCsings@gmail.com) also, visit us on Facebook at [southcoastchildrenschorus](https://www.facebook.com/southcoastchildrenschorus).

### Christmas on Church Street

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church's annual Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, **December 7** from 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, 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](mailto:mattcongchurch@gmail.com).

### Calling All Ladies

You are cordially invited to join us for a "White Christmas" Ladies Christmas Tea at First Congregational Church of Rochester, 11 Constitution Way, Rochester, on **December 7** from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Come and celebrate Jesus, the Light of the World. Please RSVP by December 1 (text or call) to Marcia at 508-264-2217.

### Mattapoisett Library Artist Series

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library Artist Series presents a "mini" exhibit through **December 29**. Come to the Mattapoisett Library during the month of December to see a "mini" exhibit of note card prints from original artwork by Mattapoisett artist Bernie Klim. The natural scenes reflect interesting composition, color, light, subject matter, painterly relationships, and applications. Free and open to all.

### New Thrift Shop Opens in Rochester

With a grand opening blessing by the pastor of St. Isidore Parish, Rev. Jude Thaddeus Osunkwo, a brand-new thrift shop in the former Rectory at St. Rose



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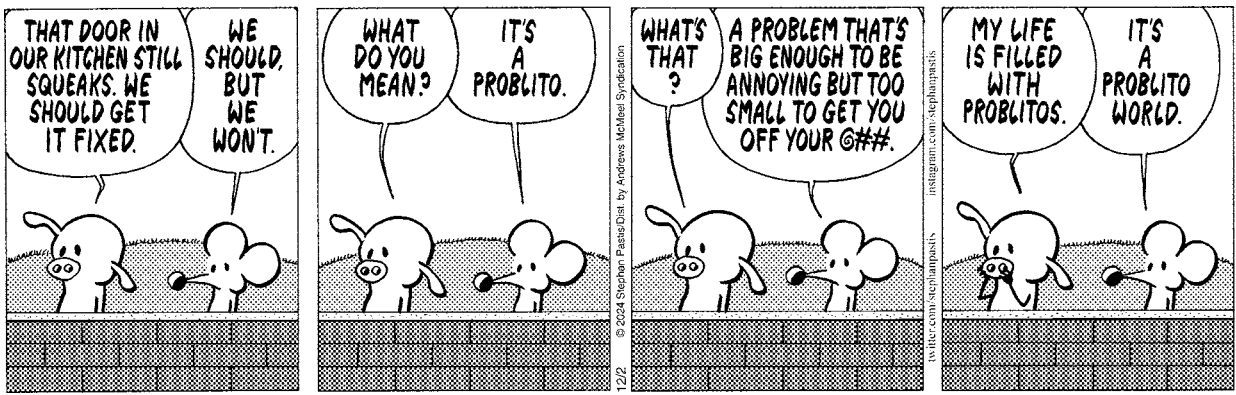
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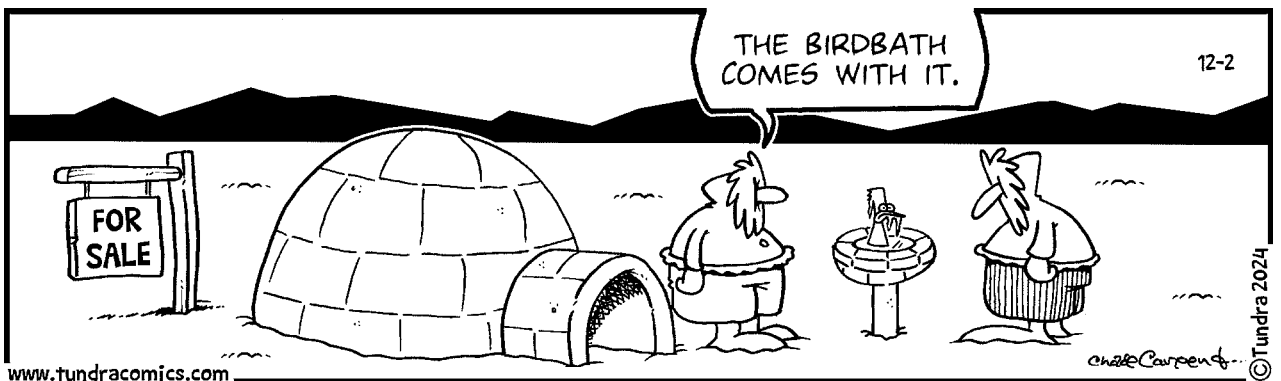


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<p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>A public hearing has been scheduled for December 17, 2024, at 6:35 pm in the first floor Conference Room of the Mattapoissett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoissett, MA and ZOOM, upon the application of Amit Vikram, Inc., DBA Mattapoissett Liquor, 62 Fairhaven Road, Unit A, Mattapoissett, MA 02739 requesting a transfer of All Alcohol Beverage Package Store License. Manager of record to be Jayshreeben Patel. Jordan C. Collyer, Chairman R. Tyler Macallister, Vice Chair Jodi L. Bauer, Clerk 12/5, 12/12</p> <hr/> <p><b>DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM</b> Notice of License Application Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91 Waterways License Application Number 24-WW01-0191-APP Derek A. Maksy, Hammett's Cove, 63 Oakdale Avenue, Marion NOTIFICATION DATE: December 6, 2024</p> <p>Public notice is hereby given of the waterways application by Derek A. Maksy to construct and maintain a pier, ramp, float piles and float at 63 Oakdale Avenue, in the municipality of Marion, in and over flowed tidelands of Hammett's Cove. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.</p> <p>The Department will consider all</p>	<p>written comments on this Waterways application received within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more, with at least five of the ten residents residing in the municipality(s) in which the license or permitted activity is located, to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comment Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).</p> <p>Project plans and documents for the Waterways application are on file for public viewing electronically at: <a href="https://eeonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/">https://eeonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/</a> (enter "63 Oakdale Avenue" in the Search Page as the Location Address). If you need assistance, please contact <a href="mailto:vin.manfredi@mass.gov">vin.manfredi@mass.gov</a> or if you do not have access to email, please leave a voicemail at (857) 283-5901 and you will be contacted with information on alternative options.</p> <p>Written comments must be addressed to: Vin Manfredi, Environmental Analyst, DEP Waterways Regulation Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347. 12/5</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS</b></p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoissett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings held in the Mattapoissett Town Hall Conference room; 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted) New format of meetings; start time is 6:00</p>	<p>pm ****Meeting will be held on December 19, 2024****</p> <p>Case #1552: Application of: Patrick &amp; Linda Denise, 32 Barstow Street, Mattapoissett, MA 02739 RE:32 Barstow Street. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Article 3, Section 3.1.2.2 &amp; 3.1.2.3 as provided by Section 7.2.2. of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to build a 14X20 deck that does not meet all setbacks.</p> <p>The property is further described as Plot 9, Lot 10 on the Assessors map. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, December 19, 2024.</p> <p>Case #1553: Application of: Alexander A Bauer, 330 Haven Avenue, Apartment 1L, New York, NY, 10033 RE:7 Nashawena Road. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Article 3, Section 3.1.2.2 as provided by Section 7.2.2.2 thru 7.2.2.2.7 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to build a 9'17"X16 Post supported deck that does not meet all setbacks.</p> <p>The property is further described as Plot 15A, Lot 140 on the Assessors map. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, December 19, 2024.</p> <p>Case #1554: Petition of: Paul S &amp; Bettina G Henderson, 2 Shipyard Lane, Mattapoissett, MA 02739 RE:2 Shipyard Lane. The applicant is seeking a Variance under Section 5.2.1 as provided by Section 7.2.3. of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to convert an existing garage into an expanded living space.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued on page 46</i></p>

**PEARLS BEFORE SWINE**  
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of Lima church on Vaughn Hill Road in Rochester has opened after months of hard work by a vibrant group of volunteers; the second such shop for the parish.

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### FCCM Annual Holiday Luncheon

The First Congregational Church of Marion is excited to bring back their Annual Holiday Luncheon to coincide with the Sippican Women's Club Holiday House Tour. The luncheon takes place on Saturday, **December 7** from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. With a price of \$15 per ticket, this event promises to be a delightful stop during the House Tour or an opportunity to enjoy some holiday cheer.

The luncheon features our famous Hot Chicken Salad or Pasta e Fagioli (including a vegan/ gluten free soup option), along with mixed greens, brownie sundae, and assorted breads and beverages. The cost of the luncheon is \$15. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Marion General Store or the church office and will also be available at the door on the day of the event.

Before or after lunch, stop by the Cookie Sale to purchase delicious holiday cookies made by some of the best bakers of the church. These cookies will be offered in beautifully decorated boxes and will make a perfect host or hostess gift or a special treat when company pops in.

The Holiday Luncheon will be held on the second floor of The First Congregational Church Community Center, 144 Front Street, Marion. This building, equipped with a stairlift, is located at the rear of the Marion General Store parking lot. Parking is available at the back right of the lot, plus there is additional parking at Island Wharf.

Come, bring your friends, and enjoy.

### FORM Instrument Drive

Friends of Old Rochester Music is holding an instrument drive to collect good condition instruments for use by students in the district. Please reach out to Mr. Richard Laprise, ORR Junior High School Concert & Jazz Band Instructor at richardlaprise@oldrochester.org if you have an instrument to consider for donation. We are especially in need of band instruments including: flutes,

## TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PUBLIC NOTICE

### PRIVATE ROADS THAT NEED TO TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION PRIOR TO SNOW PLOWING FOR THE 2024/2025 SEASON.

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#### Private Roads that need trees and brush Trimmed:

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The Mattapoissett Highway Department does not provide trimming services to Private Roads.

Private Roads Need Grading	Cost of Material	Private Roads Need Grading	Cost of Material
Cedarcrest Ave	\$40	Seammarsh Way & Shore St	\$20
Evergreen Ave	\$20	Starboard Way	\$60
Silver Shell Ave	\$20	Shoreview Ave	\$225
Island St (CB)	\$20	Ocean Dr - South	\$100
Oliver St & Marsten Ct	\$30	Shore Ave (MS)	\$225
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The property is further described as Plot 8, Lot 82 on the Assessors map. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, December 19, 2024.

Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours.

Sincerely,  
Susan Akin, Chairperson  
Tony Tranfaglia, Kenneth Pacheco, Colby Rottler,  
Jordan Rodrigues 12/5, 12/12

**TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 23, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom \*\*) for a Notice of Intent submitted by Ronald Oliveira, 9 River Road, Map 21, Lot 51, Mattapoisett, MA. The applicant proposes to replace the existing individual sewage disposal system that services the single-family dwelling within the buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland, within the Riverfront Area and within a mapped FEMA Flood Zone (EL 16).

\*\*Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 12/5

**TOWN OF MARION  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 18, at 7:05 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by Derek A. Maksy, for proposed construction of a residential pier facility at 63 Oakdale Avenue.

The site is further identified as Lot 18B on Marion Assessors' Map 12. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Matthew Shultz, Chair  
\*Please contact Natashja Molina at nmolina@marionma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. Phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 12/5

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**TOWN OF MARION  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 18, at 7:15 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Robert Saucier, for removal and replacement of front porch at 28 Pinewood Drive.

The site is further identified as Lot 20H on Marion Assessors' Map 22. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Matthew Shultz, Chair  
\*Please contact Natashja Molina at nmolina@marionma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. Phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 12/5

**TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT  
SELECT BOARD  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing has been scheduled for December 19, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the Town Administrator's Office, at the Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 and Zoom (Meeting ID: 862 0090 2751 Passcode: 349204) on the application of What the Taco, Inc., 20 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, requesting a new All Alcoholic Beverages On-Premise License. Manager of record to be Madison Miedzionoski.

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦**

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Coastline Elderly Services is asking adults aged 60 and older and their caregivers to complete a needs assessment survey to help the agency and state elder services identify and support the current needs of aging populations.

Surveys have been mailed to a selection of older adults living within Coastline’s service area. An online version is also available on Coastline’s website at [www.coastlinenb.org](http://www.coastlinenb.org) and printed versions can be obtained at local councils on aging.

Surveys are conducted every three years to better understand the needs of older adults and to develop plans to meet those needs. Every voice counts. If you are an older adult in this age group, please share your concerns in this approximately 10-minute survey.

Survey results are also used to develop an Area Plan on Aging. The purpose of this document is to ensure that Coastline is able to develop approaches that may help to alleviate the concerns identified in the needs data.



The latest survey, conducted in 2021 as the pandemic isolated many people, identified digital skills as its top need including assistance using email, the internet, apps, and digital technology. Other highly ranked needs included programs to help people stay active and well, and funding assistance for home repairs.

For more information on the current survey process, visit [www.coastlinenb.org/needs-assessment-2024/](http://www.coastlinenb.org/needs-assessment-2024/) Coastline serves the communities of New Bedford, Acushnet, Cuttyhunk, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester.

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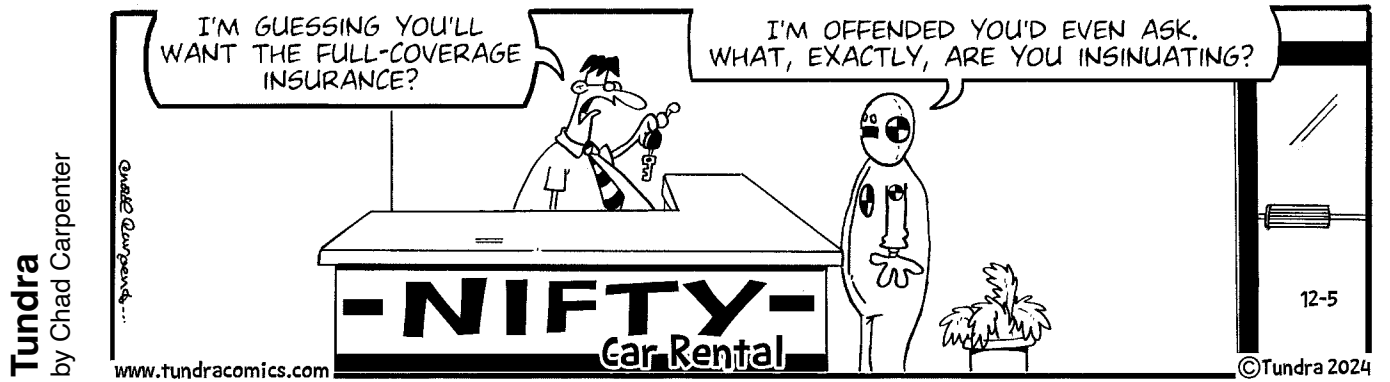
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### Rochester Sharps Collection

As of November 1, sharps (used needles, syringes, etc.) will no longer be collected at the Board of Health Office at the Town Hall Annex. Sharps will be collected at the Rochester Fire Department, Station 1, at 4 Pine Street. Collection will be on the second Tuesday of each month.

A prior appointment must be made with the Fire Department. Appointments can be made by calling: 508-763-1709 from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm, prior to the date of collection. Proof of residency is required.

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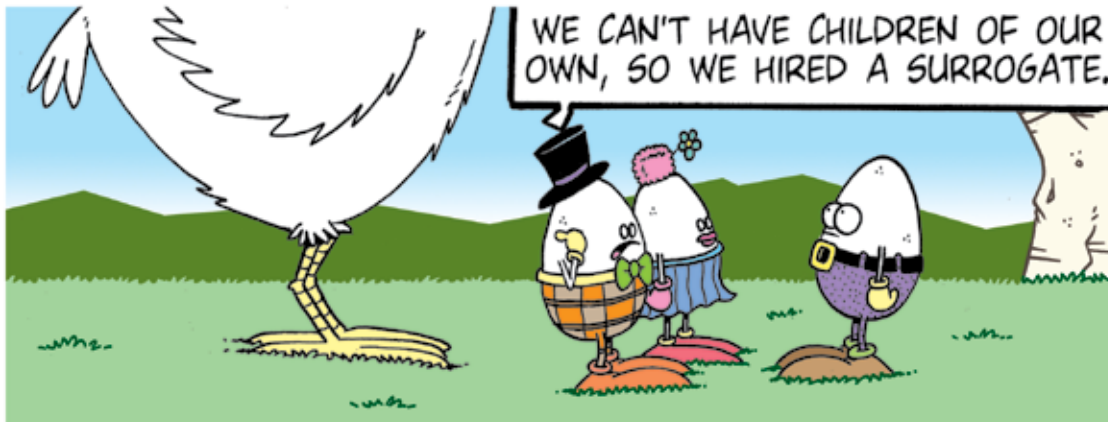


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### Marion Vaccination Information

The Marion Board of Health would like to let residents know that they still have flu and COVID-19 vaccines available.

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Please contact Maureen at the Board of Health at 508-748-3530 then press #1 if you are interested in scheduling an appointment for a vaccination.

### Mattapoissett Congregational Church

The Mattapoissett Congregational Church's steeple is lit nightly and is a beacon of welcome and comfort to all. The Beacon of Light was started as a way to celebrate and honor loved ones or special occasions. If you would like the steeple to be lit in remembrance of, in celebration of, or in honor of a loved one or blessed event, please call the church office at 508-758-2671 or email mattcongchurch@gmail.com for more information. We welcome and encourage multiple entries each month. This is a special way to celebrate our beautiful steeple, as a Beacon of Light in Mattapoissett, and to financially support our church. Thank you for your donation.

### 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.

### 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, Mattapoissett.

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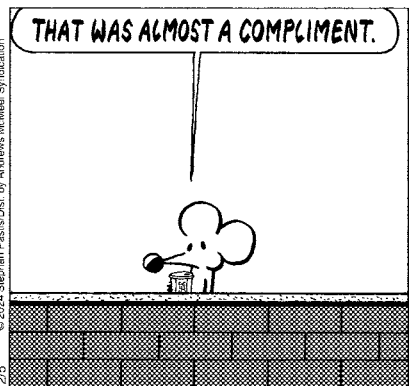
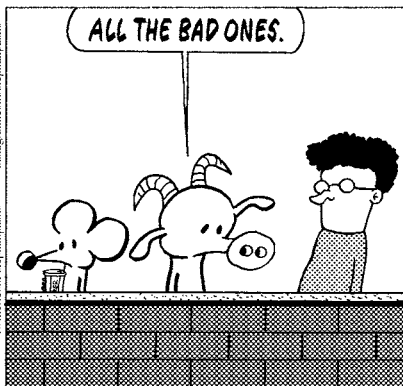
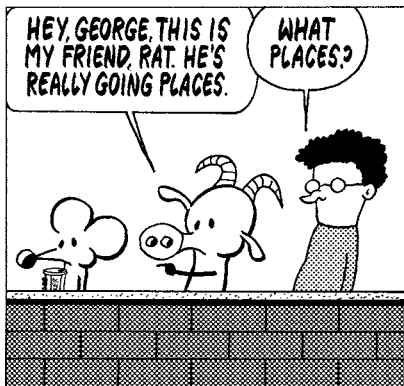
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There will be refreshments as well, filling the hall with festive aromas! Refreshments will include: malasadas and coffee, 'Friendship soup' (recipe to be provided!), popcorn, hot chocolate bar, and more.

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.

### Tri-County Symphonic Band 63rd Concert Season

The Tri-County Symphonic Band, under the direction of Philip Sanborn, unveils its 63rd concert season. From a poignantly powerful opening concert to a cartoon spectacular under the tent, this season invites everyone to share in the excitement generated by the very best symphonic band music ever written.

Sunday, **December 8**, 1:30 pm: The Annual Children's Christmas Concert will take place at the Sippican School in Marion as everyone is very much looking forward to continuing the long-established tradition. A special treat is a performance by the Sippican School Concert Choir. This concert celebrates the holiday season and is free admission for all, our gift to the community.

Sunday, **February 2**, 3:00 pm: The February concert this season is a tribute to the John Philip Sousa Band of the early 1900's. Sousa's band was a touring phenomenon of the era and always included a variety of music, marches and a soloist. This concert, entitled "A



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Sousa Spectacular," will feature works by Aaron Copland, Andrew Boysen, George Gershwin, Jean Sibelius, and of course, John Philip Sousa. Tuba soloist Reece Ashley will perform the Tuba Concerto by Edward Gregson.

Sunday, **March 16**, 3:00 pm: The history of jazz will be the focus of the band's March offering. The program called "Jazz Through the Decades" will highlight some of the most important composers with symphonic band arrangements of works that guide us through the various styles of jazz over the years. Clarinetist Charlie Suriyakham will perform Ante Ggrin's Concertino for Clarinet. Also, pianist/arranger Matt Richard will lead his jazz trio with a suite that he has adapted for trio and symphonic band.

Sunday, **June 8**, 2:00pm: Once again, the band will be under the Grand Tent at Tabor Academy for the Annual Pops Concert to benefit the John R. Pandolfi Music Scholarship Fund. This year's concert will be all about animation as we shine the spotlight on the music from such "drawn" classics as *Fantasia*, *The Prince of Egypt*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *The Incredibles*, to name a few. The band will also collaborate with the South Coast Children's Chorus to add their abundant talents to our homage to the program entitled "An Animated Afternoon."

The 2024-2025 concert season, the Tri-County Symphonic Band's sixty-third, is testament to the organization's commitment to bring quality live music to the community. For more information, visit: [tricontysymphonicband.org](http://tricontysymphonicband.org).

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		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	December 5	10:27	11:00	3:29	4:21
Friday	December 6	11:20	11:55	4:15	5:07
Saturday	December 7		12:16	5:10	6:01
Sunday	December 8	12:51	1:12	6:20	7:04
Monday	December 9	1:47	2:10	7:53	8:08
Tuesday	December 10	2:46	3:12	9:24	9:06
Wednesday	December 11	3:49	4:16	10:30	9:58
Thursday	December 12	4:50	5:16	11:25	10:48
Friday	December 13	5:46	6:12	11:57	11:36
Saturday	December 14	6:39	7:03		1:08
Sunday	December 15	7:30	7:54	12:25	1:59
Monday	December 16	8:20	8:43	1:14	2:46
Tuesday	December 17	9:09	9:33	2:05	3:26
Wednesday	December 18	9:58	10:23	2:53	4:02
Thursday	December 19	10:47	11:15	3:39	4:38
Friday	December 20	11:37		4:26	5:16
Saturday	December 21	12:07	12:25	5:16	6:01
Sunday	December 22	12:57	1:11	6:18	6:53

Phases of the Moon	First Quarter	December 8th
	Full Moon	December 15th
	Last Quarter	December 22nd
	New Moon	December 30th

**I Found the Aardvark!**

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

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Sudoku Answer

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