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#### "Noises Off" at ORRHS **By Sam Bishop**

Starting Thursday, November 21 and going into the weekend, the Old Rochester Regional High School Drama Club will perform their rendition of Michael Frayn's "Noises off." Irony is the farce play's backdrop, as the "play-within-a-play" explores the chaotic nature of play production behind the scenes. The play is Director Brayden Fanti's first at ORRHS and sixth for Assistant Director Sarah Winnem.

The principal cast sees Calder Eaton (Senior) as Lloyd, Charlotte Cook (Junior) as Dotty, Ava LaPointe (Freshman) as Garry, Tenley Lane (Sophomore) as Brooke, Tessa Ripley (Sophomore) as Poppy, Maddie Detrani (Junior) as Frederick, Amanda Tomasso (Junior) as Belinda, Raegan Correia (Junior) as Tim, and Grace Victoria (Freshman) as Selsdon.

The play will run Thursday, November 21 to Saturday, November 23 at 7:00 pm with a final show Sunday, November 24 at 2:00 pm at ORRHS. \$10 for students and \$12 for general admission.

#### Town of Marion Seeks Artists

The Town of Marion is seeking professionals, amateurs, and even people who have never displayed their work before, to submit their work for the 2025 Art Exhibitions planned at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center at 465 Mill St.

Anyone interested in displaying art for the exhibitions can contact Director Gregory by phone at 508-748-3570.

There is no cost for artists to display their work and no residency requirement. The only requirement is that artists select work that falls within the exhibition's monthly themes.

January's theme is "Stories Behind Images," and each work of art is accompanied by a written piece describing its inspiration.

*On the Cover: Left to Right, Junior Charlotte Cook (Dotty/* Mrs. Clackett) and Senior Calder Eaton (Lloyd Dallas) and in the backgrouond Freshman Grace Victoria (Selsdon/Burglar) in ORRHS adaptation of Michael Frayn's NOISES OFF! Playing November 21-24. Photo by Andy Gallagher - Additional photos on page 40.

February is the youth show, where artists ages 5 to 18 can submit work.

March has a "Welcome Spring" theme with pieces inspired by springtime as we emerge from a long winter.

April's theme is images of animals, from realistic to fantastical.

May will feature the Bourne-Wareham Art Association.

June invites artists to use mixed media and fabric arts.

July's theme is "Seaside," and artists are encouraged to depict what it means to live near the ocean. August will feature the "Monday Morning

Painters."

September will feature works from the "Canalside Artists."

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535 Faunce Corner Road, N. Dartmouth 508-985-0007 <u>October's</u> theme is "Your Hometown" and asks for images of the South Coast region.

<u>November</u> is all about photography. <u>December's</u> theme is "Holiday Smalls," with a maximum size of 11" x 14".

There is currently no submission deadline. Hanging of shows and collection of artworks from the past month's exhibit will take place on the first Thursday of the month at 9:00 am.

The submitted art will be displayed at the Benjamin D. Cushing Center on a monthly rotation.

"We are thrilled to invite all community members to submit their artwork for our 2025 exhibitions," Director Gregory said. "This is an incredible opportunity to showcase your creativity and contribute to a vibrant and diverse collection. Whether you're an established artist or a first-time exhibitor, we encourage you to share your works."

#### Handle With Care Conference

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson is pleased to share that Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55 Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Dr. Shari Fedorowicz and Marion Police Chief Richard B. Nighelli recently attended and delivered presentations at the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office Handle With Care Conference on Tuesday, November 12.

"Our school and the Marion Police Department adopted the 'Handle With Care' program to help traumatized children cope and excel in our classrooms," said Assistant Superintendent Fedorowicz. "The event provided attendees with the skills they'll need to reach our most vulnerable students."

According to program organizers, a national survey of the prevalence of children's exposure to violence and trauma revealed that 60% of American children have been exposed to some form of violence, crime, or abuse, and 40% were direct victims of two or more violent acts.

Prolonged exposure to violence and trauma can seriously undermine children's ability to focus, behave appropriately, and learn. It often leads to school failure, truancy, suspension or expulsion, dropping out, or involvement in the juvenile justice system.

Through the Handle With Care model, when Marion police officers respond to an incident where a school-aged child may have been a victim or a witness, they notify school officials of the child's name and advise

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the school to "handle with care." No further information is given to school officials. Teachers and staff are notified so that they can monitor the affected child and prepare to offer additional support or referrals for additional services as needed.

"The police department continues to maintain a strong, positive relationship with the school district and the district attorney's office," Chief Nighelli said. "We are grateful that our community puts a high priority on the wellbeing of our students, and 'Handle With Care' is one of many examples of that commitment."

Overall, the Handle With Care initiative aims to prevent children's exposure to trauma and violence, mitigate the negative effects children experience as a result of exposure to trauma, and increase knowledge and awareness.

The conference held at Bridgewater State University featured a presentation by Chief Nighelli and Assistant Superintendent Fedorowicz, who provided an overview of the Handle With Care program.

"My office's annual Handle With Care



conference could not have been nearly as successful as it was without the attendance and support of our local partners," Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy Cruz said. "I am grateful to Marion Police Chief Richard Nighelli and Old Rochester Regional School District Assistant Superintendent Dr. Shari Fedorowicz for their presentation and thoughts on the efficacy of our office's longstanding Handle With Care program. We look forward to continued cooperation with their agencies as we work to protect children across our joint jurisdictions."

Attendees were also provided with a glimpse inside the Plymouth County Comfort Dogs Program.

In June, Chief Nighelli and Superintendent Nelson welcomed a new comfort dog — Norman,

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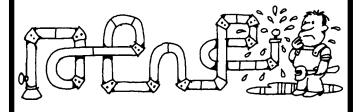
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a young Labrador Retriever — to the Marion Police Department and Sippican Elementary School.

#### ORRHS Unified Bulldogs Defeat Tri-Town Police

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson, Principal Michael Devoll, Coach Emma Fenton, and the Police Departments and Police Chiefs in Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester proudly announce that the Old Rochester Regional High School Unified Bulldogs continued their winning streak against the Tri-Town Police squad by a score of 86 to 74, notching their third straight win in this annual event that has raised thousands of dollars to support the district's unified sports programs.

The game, held on November 13 at Old Rochester Regional High School (ORRHS), was the culmination of another successful, undefeated season for the Unified Bulldogs.

"Watching our athletes and the officers come together on the court was incredible and was a powerful display of community spirit, generosity, and our shared commitment to inclusion," said Coach Fenton, who is also a special education teacher at ORRHS. "We are so grateful for the generous and unwavering support of the Mattapoisett, Rochester, and Marion Police Departments and their commitment to making this event happen every year."

With the support of the Tri-Town Police and others from the Old Rochester Regional community, event organizers raised close to \$4,000 for the high school's unified sports programs through a combination of raffles, concessions, and the cost of admission.

Organizers of the third annual game between the Unified Bulldogs and Tri-Town Police also used the event to collect food donations for community members in need. Hundreds of nonperishable items were collected at the door for the Damien's Place Food Pantry in Wareham.

The Unified Sports program at Old Rochester Regional High School and other schools in Massachusetts is operated in partnership with Special Olympics Massachusetts and the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association, providing students with disabilities

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the opportunity to play high school sports alongside their peers in a supportive and fun environment.

After the game, trophies were presented to the Unified Bulldogs team members and the three police departments. Before the tip-off, Emilia Cantwell was honored for playing her final home game for the Bulldogs. Members of the law enforcement squad presented her with a custom T-shirt, covered with pictures of her and local police, with a statement underneath, "Mattapoisett Police #1 Fan."

"Thank you to everyone who came out, donated, and cheered us on," Coach Fenton said. "You've made a real difference in the lives of our athletes, and we couldn't be more grateful."

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Basketball team's 21-player roster included Transition Program Students Emilia Cantwell, Traeh Carrington, and Aveil Ward; seniors Michael Hogan, Tom Grondin, and Cami Van Ness; juniors Chris Heuberger, Adam Murphy, Quinn Perry, Rachel Tse, Ben Wesoly, David Wilson, and Hannah Thorell; sophomores Thomas Jupin, Jackson Daniel, Harrison Porter, Connor Blachly, and Hannah Mansfield; freshmen Nathaniel Tse, Daniel Giandomenico, and Jazmin Kearns; and eighth-grader Hayden Perry.

In addition to Fenton, the team was coached by assistant coaches Lindsay Deignan, Kris Wordell, Danielle Dore, Noah Richard, and Beth Trout, backed by Athletic Trainer John Mullen, with the support of Athletic Director Chris Carrig.

The season-ending event follows a pep rally held to celebrate the Unified Bulldogs for their successful year, with all Old Rochester Regional High School students in attendance, many holding up homemade posters and offering high-fives to support the athletes. The school raised a banner during the pep rally, marking the Unified Bulldogs' perfect season in 2023. While the team secured a 7-0 record for their regular season, the Unified Bulldogs will play two additional shortened games this year as part of a jamboree event held later in November at B.M.C. Durfee High School in Fall River.

"Congratulations to our talented Unified Basketball team on their perfect season," Superintendent Nelson said. "Thank you to Principal Devoll, Director



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Carrig, and Coach Fenton for their amazing work in operating this program and providing this special recognition for our players. Through these efforts, we get to see and feel the positive impact of inclusivity and camaraderie among our awesome students and staff."

### **Really Important Things on My Mind**

Thoughts on... **By Dick Morgado** 

Now that the election is over, I can go back to thinking about some really important things that have been on my mind. You may be interested in them as well. While you were concentrating on politics, and I am sure

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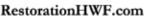
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Let's start with William Shakespeare. Yes, the bard has been in the news recently. If you are a Shakespeare aficionado, you may have heard that some people believe he did not write his many plays, sonnets, and poems. They suggest that Christopher Marlowe, a contemporary of the playwright, actually penned Shakespeare's work. Some even say that Marlowe *was* Shakespeare. Anyway, that's the theory.

Well, here's a twist. Apparently, some very bored mathematicians have been selling the "Infinite Monkey Theorem" that suggests that a monkey with a lot of time on his hands and a typewriter could write all the collected works of William Shakespeare. Thankfully, two brilliant University of Technology Sydney professors have published a paper that declares the theorem is just bananas. In fact, their exhaustive research shows that there is "roughly a 5% chance that one monkey could type the word "bananas" in a lifetime."

Shakespeare wrote 884,421 words. The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust adds that he introduced 1700 words into the English language and that "banana was not one of them." Other academic types agree and say that the whole study was "a wild goose chase," a phrase Shakespeare did invent.

On to other news. I haven't been to New York City in some time but as I recall the streets are covered with pigeon...hum...pigeons. I'll leave it at that. Pigeons are synonymous with that city. Now, an artist has honored the iconic pigeon with a giant, two-story high statue, smack dab in the heart of the city. The "dinosaur" as it has come to be called is in homage to its ancestor, the Tyrannosaurus Rex. (Who knew?)

As you might imagine, the statue's arrival came with some complaints from the good people of the city, since the birds have often been called "rats with wings." They are known to be very smart, able to recognize words and faces. They (the pigeons, not the current populous) arrived in the city in the early 100s of years ago and are



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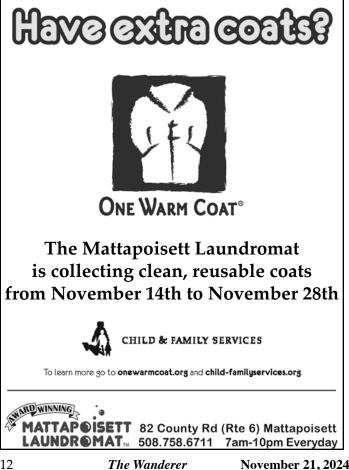


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prized by pigeon racing fans like Mike Tyson and the late Marlon Brando. Not to mention the military used carrier pigeons to send important messages during wars. So be sure to salute the giant pigeon statue the next time you visit New York City.

Finally, recently it was widely reported that NASA has confirmed the exact date the world will come to an end. (Not to be confused with those that predicted doomsday after the election). Relax, don't hide under the bed just yet. It seems that the late physicist Stephen Hawking had predicted that the world would come to an end in a ball of fire in the year 2600 due to overpopulation and the use of too much energy. NASA has been studying this very prediction for many years. Despite the latest



furor the report has caused, they have denied they know the exact date of the end of humanity. Whew!

There, I told you this was really important stuff.

#### Robert Kennedy Jr. is a Danger to Our Health What Does The Doctor Say? By Dr. Edward Hoffer

I will leave it to others to comment on the nature of other Trump nominations but must try to convince you that Robert Kennedy Jr. is uniquely unfit to be the head of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Not all his ideas are bad. His campaign against ultra-processed foods and food additives could benefit the U.S. population if they withstand the onslaught of opposition from the food industry. It would also be better if the revolving door between industry and regulatory agencies could be shut, as he has proposed.

Unfortunately, his rabid anti-vaccination stand by itself should disgualify him from a position overseeing the nation's health.

Vaccines, along with clean water supplies, have done more to save lives than almost any advance in history.

I am old enough to remember the scourge of polio. Almost every summer the city of Montreal would shut public swimming pools because of polio outbreaks. In the mid-20th century, over half a million people world-wide died or were left paralyzed by polio. The best care available was the iron-lung, which took over for paralyzed respiratory muscles.

The Salk inactivated polio vaccine was released in 1955, and in 2 years, U.S. cases of polio fell from 58,000/ year to 5,600. By 1961, that number was 161.

The Sabin oral polio vaccine soon followed, and the ease of giving an oral rather than an injected vaccine led to mass administration around the world. By 2021, only two cases of polio were reported world-wide.

Measles, too, sickened and killed millions before the 1963 introduction of an effective vaccine. Prior to vaccination, there were over 100 million cases and 6,000,000 deaths world-wide. In the U.S. there were some 4,000,000 cases and 450 deaths annually, along with over



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Andrew Wakefield, in Britain, published two studies in 1998 and 2002 claiming that the MMR vaccine caused autism. Both studies have been withdrawn by the publishers, citing fraud, and numerous studies since then have shown no association of vaccination and autism.

Celebrities with no scientific background have continued to push this discredited idea, leaving some parents hesitant to vaccinate their children. The result has been a series of measles outbreaks across the U.S.

Even though most decisions about mandatory childhood vaccination are made at the state level, having a vaccine skeptic as head of the nation's health agencies will only lead to more parents opting out and more children needlessly sick or dead.

Kennedy has also jumped to support therapies such as ivermectin for COVID, despite very solid studies showing that no dose of the drug did any good and, in some cases, did harm.

If you agree to the severity of this, please write to your senators immediately and beg them to reject this candidate as Secretary of HHS.

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

#### COA Director Negotiations and Other Acts

Rochester Board of Selectman By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Board of Selectmen Monday tabled one of its biggest agenda items for an executive session, a review of a new contract for the Council On Aging Director, Eric Poulin.

The board began the discussion in open session in response to a letter from the COA Board supporting a new employment pact for Poulin. Board member Sue Norton



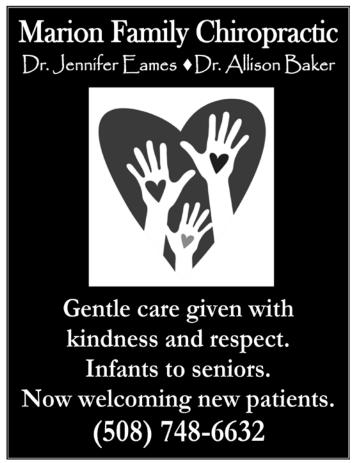


said Eric is too humble to list his own accomplishments and needs, but she and fellow members fully support him continuing as director because he's made Rochester's one of the busiest senior centers around. "We are coming here to answer any questions," she said.

"We want you to look at his contract with an open mind," said fellow board member Pat Joy. "There are opportunities for growth that we don't want to lose."

Board member and town clerk Marjorie Barrows added, "You should see the senior center's activities board. It's completely full. Attendance is off the hook. It's huge."

Acting Select Board Chair Adam Murphy quickly noted any discussion of a contract such as this should be





done in executive session. He agreed that Poulin has done a great job as COA director, but executive sessions are the way the town has always handled contract negotiations, he said. He motioned to table discussion until the next meeting, on December 2, in a private session, and fellow selectman Paul Ciaburri affirmed that move.

The meeting began with a moment of silence for long-time Assessor Debra Lally, who recently passed away. Town Administrator Cameron Durant then reported an update on the Special Town Meeting scheduled for January 27. The warrant will consist of 14 articles, five of which are from the Planning Board or about zoning, he said. Others will be small capital improvement items.

Next the board tabled a second agenda item, a request for building fee increases from Building Commissioner Paul Boucher. Here too Murphy basically said, not so fast. Murphy said Boucher had provided the select board with a new fee schedule based on the rates charged by Building Departments in neighboring communities. But the board first needs to look at the town Building Department's operational costs, he added.

"Permits are down," Murphy said. "I don't see a spreadsheet of department costs. That's what I want to see before raising fees for the general public."

Town council representative Jane Medeiros Friedman echoed this approach. She noted that such fees must be justified based on the costs of the department and what it costs for that particular kind of inspection. "Other town's needs are different," she said. The board agreed to wait for this data, and it postponed action until December 2.

In other action, the board agreed to Durant's proposal to create a Town Administrator bylaw or set of regulations, "to codify the Town Administrator position," he explained. "I want to make sure some guard rails are set."

Friedman of town council said she has provided the board with samples of what such a bylaw or "special act" would look like. Here too, the board agreed to continue discussion to its next meeting.

The board also approved placing a "No Parking" sign in front of town hall after Durant reported cars



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have already parked on the new brickwork in front of the veterans' memorial. Murphy reported that engineers are looking into a solution to the road hazard the configuration of Constitution Way creates. Ciaburri admitted to once almost being hit by a vehicle passing by the town hall front entrance.

The board approved a five-year extension of the SEMASS Waste Disposal Agreement with the town, which will continue to include an annual \$5,000 donation.

The board announced this year's Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on December 9 starting at 5:00 pm at Rochester Town Hall.

The board announced the Fire Department will be the new drop off spot for safe sharps disposal. The



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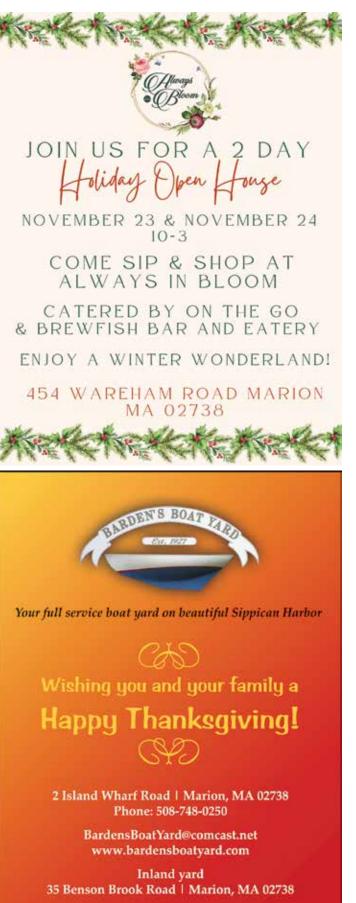
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The board approved a new wine pouring fee of \$250. The board at first debated what rate to impose. The town's only holder of a wine making license, Anthony Ruosso, protested that any higher fee would be ridiculous because he can only sell what he bottles, he does not run a bar with other offerings.

The next meeting of the Rochester Select Board is scheduled for Monday, December 2 at 6:00 pm at 1 Constitution Way.

#### **Neighbors Get No Respect**

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission By Marilou Newell

Neighbors came out to share their concerns and negative experiences at the Park Place subdivision on November 12, as a Notice of Intent filing by Jordan Medeiros got underway. Medeiros, represented by David Davignon of Schneider Davignon and Leone who outlined plans for the construction of the final singlefamily dwelling in the subdivision.

Davignon explained that there was nothing out of the ordinary in the plans, the home will be serviced by the municipal sewer system, have a paved driveway, and underground utilities. He said roof runoff with be handled by an infiltration system and that the project is not in the wetlands but exclusively in the jurisdictional buffer zone.



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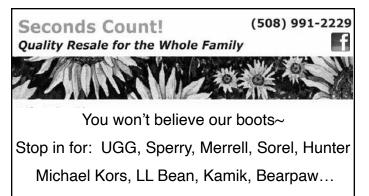
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But this project hearing did give neighbors the opportunity to air grievances arising from another home in the subdivision also owned by Medeiros that has been under construction for two years. Gail Ciano stated that calls to the Board of Health had been placed due to the amount and frequency of construction related debris and trash flying around the site and into adjacent properties. Ciano and her husband said several times that Medeiros had "no respect" for his neighbors and that they were concerned with another construction site close by even more construction trash would follow.

Chairman Mike King said he and member David Lawrence would go to the site the following day to see for themselves if something could be done to ease the issues discussed, but, problems noted on this site could not be visited on the new NOI filing. King said that situation was unacceptable and that construction debris in jurisdictional areas would not be allowed.

The NOI filing for 0 Park Place lot 508 was conditioned with conditions added for a dewatering basin, and roof runoff system.

Also receiving conditioning was the NOI filing by Eric Lawrence, 0 Foster Street for the construction of a single-family home. As this project has wend its way through the permitting process abutters and neighbors have expressed concerns over storm water flooding their properties. This buffer zone project was represented by Andrew Stackpole of Field Engineering. As concerned



residents aired their issues with the plan King suggested that the neighborhood get together and try to work out a storm water management plan for the long term. He said that storm water runoff was a problem throughout Mattapoisett and that maybe there was a state grant that they could apply for to ease the financial aspects of a neighborhood-wide system.

The filing was granted and conditioned with a ground water recharge system and a blind drain for possible sump-pump discharge.

A NOI filed by James DePierre, 20 Cove Street was continued until November 25 pending DEP file number and comments from Natural Heritage.

A letter received from David McIntire was discussed. McIntire inquired of the commission if they would prefer a septic system or connection to the municipal sewer system for property he anticipates developing behind Chase Canopy. The general consensus of the commission was it is always better to use a sewer system versus septic systems, especially in the aquifer.

A NOI filed by Joseph and Sandra Calabro, 12 Centre Drive for the construction of an addition and septic repair was conditioned.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is scheduled for November 25.

#### **New Machinist Shop Approved**

Rochester Zoning Board By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Zoning Board of Appeals on November 14 approved the installation of an at-home machinist business at 84 High St.

Devan Spellman, who owns a machinist shop in Acushnet, has a purchase and sales agreement with the High Street property's current owner. He requested a special permit to install a similar shop in a 1600-squarefoot garage at the Rochester address.

Spellman said his operation in Rochester would include him, two other part-time employees, and his wife who is a nurse by trade and his accountant. He has no plans to expand his business, he said. His machinist work will be done mostly off-site, but he needs the Rochester shop for some of that work. He added that he will have few visitors, and he does not store any materials outside.

To the point that the property also includes cranberry bogs, Spellman said, "I'm looking to do more farming."

He explained that what he does is make machine parts out of metal. He started making automobile parts for classic cars. Now he's branched off to other clients such as the machinery for a box making company.

Asked about the noise his business generates, Spellman noted he has no complaints from neighbors about his Acushnet shop. He keeps his shop doors closed and plans to insulate the building.

Board member Richard Cutler asked what his

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plan is for the entire 6.55-acre property. "We hope to do more than cranberries," Spellman said. "But we plan to keep it as a farming use."

An abutter at 66 High Street asked how far the business will be able to expand. Board Chair David Arancio answered that the need for a road or other expansion would require Spellman to return to the board.

The board granted the special permit for the 84 High St. machinist shop with the condition that any expansion would require a new permit. Also, there shall be no more than three full-time employees. Hours will be restricted to Monday through Saturday 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. All parking shall be on-site. No materials shall be stored outdoors. Shop doors will remain closed. The property's existing special permit for an Airbnb shall be null and void when the machine shop opens.

Next, the board reviewed a request for a variance from the town's front setback requirement for the construction of a 16x24-foot storage shed in the front yard at 324 High St. This hearing was continued to the board's next meeting on December 12 after board members spotted an area on property owner Stephen Cobb's plans that would allow him to place the shed to the side rear of his property rather than in front of his home, a location town bylaw does not permit.

Cobb said placing the shed there does not provide easy access for his grandchildren's play area and is too close to his property line abutting wetlands. He said he has eight grandchildren, and four of them visit every day.

Arancio, however, echoed his fellow board members. "I like that alternative site better," he said. "It goes better there." Arancio instructed Cobb to check with the Conservation Commission agent as to whether placing the shed at the board's preferred location would be a wetlands bylaw violation.

He also asked Cobb to return with a design plan stamped by a Professional Engineer to certify the shed's proposed location. To the latter point, Cobb, an engineer with D.W. White, said he did not want the expense of getting the plans stamped until he was sure the board would approve it but will do so now.

The Zoning Board of Appeals' next meeting will be Thursday, December 12 at 7:15 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

#### Wetland Regulation and Preventative

Measures

Rochester Conservation Commission By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Conservation Commission Tuesday, November 19 began its meeting by approving a one-year extension of the Order of Conditions for a project at 109 Neck Road to design and install additional screening for a canal canopy and ground-mounted solar array filed by Renewable Energy Development Partner LLC.

The vote came after Renewable Energy



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representative Sarah Stearns told the commission the project is essentially complete but out of an abundance of caution the extension will allow time to react to the Planning Board's possible requests for more screening.

Next, the commission granted a Negative Determination to a request for a Determination of Wetlands Bylaw Applicability for the Marion Department of Public Works' Mary's Pond Road project to furnish and install a backup generator, propane tanks, chain link fence, buried gas piping, buried conduit, concrete pad, and associated work adjacent to a Combined Chemical Feed station. Wetlands regulations do not apply to this project. This was followed by approval of a Notice of Intent for a plan that is part of the same project by the Marion Department to install a new propane-fueled emergency generator and propane tanks on Wolf Island Road.

The board then approved a Certificate of Compliance for the satisfactory completion of the construction of a single-family home at 512 High Street.

Next, the board saved its biggest project hearing for last. As abutters continued to raise concerns about how the project will affect flooding, natural resources, and wildlife in their neighborhood, the commission re-opened its hearing of five separate Notices of Intent to build single family dwellings with attached garage, driveway, and associated clearing, grading and utilities installation on two-acre lots at 0 High Street.



Only one proposed lot, Lot 4, received the board's approval after project engineer Brian Wallace said he has taken steps to address concerns by reducing the length of the driveway. One abutter asked what will stop a future homeowner from turning the proposed gravel driveway to less impervious pavement. Commission Chair Chris Gerrior said the board attempts to educate builders and homeowners alike on wetland laws. To the concern of potential basement flooding, Wallace noted most new homeowners and abutters will have sump pumps to counteract the problem.

The hearings on three of the High Street lots were continued to December 3, as they are within the jurisdiction of state Natural Heritage Foundation protections and Wallace has yet to hear the agency's response to how those lots should be handled.

Discussion of Proposed Lot 10 was also continued to December 3 after abutter Jeremy Saccone, who said his property near County Road frequently floods because of the bog and will flood even more when a house lot is built near him, introduced the input of his own engineer, Joshua Bows, who attended the meeting via Zoom. Bows said he disagreed with Wallace's hydrological calculations and re-calculations regarding how this lot might affect flooding his client's property. Wallace said he has revised the plan after a site visit with Conservation Commission members. He said he has placed the driveway further from the lot's low point and added a PVC drainage pipe. Bows said he would like to review those new calculations "to have the opportunity to protect my client." The commission agreed to the continuance to allow both Bow and Wallace to review the Lot 10 plan.

The next Conservation Commission meeting will be December 3 at 7:00 pm, at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

#### **Board Continues ADU Planning**

Mattapoisett Planning Board **By Marilou Newell** 

On November 18, the Mattapoisett Planning Board once again took up the matter of Accessory Dwelling Units as defined by a new state regulation effective in February 2025. The board agreed that rather than simply allowing the state regulations to become Mattapoisett regulations, new bylaw(s) with explicit language was necessary.

For about an hour, the members discussed the pros and cons of what will become more expansive use of land for residential units. They agreed that one of the major stumbling blocks will be various set-backs. Other clarifications needed will be lot coverage, maximum size of ADU, whether or not multiple units can be built on a single parcel, and clarification of zoning districts.

Local businessman David McIntire lent his voice in this matter with a written statement used to direct the hearing's topics of discussion. He stated, "...language



needs to be clearly written," and reminded the board that, "...ADUs were part of the Master Plan."

Member John Mathieu offered that set-backs should return to their original measurements and member William Wennerberg said he didn't want the board to become the "taste police."

The board will continue discussions and asked the public to offer their suggestion as the board begins the task of crafting language for bylaw(s) changes. Contact Town Planner Victoria Alfaro in the Planning Office with your comments.

In other business, three filings for Approval Not Required were granted to Jeffrey Dunn, 83 Angelica Avenue, Maureen McQuillan, 5-5R Meadowbrook Lane, Residential & Commercial Jobs

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and, Colin Labrie, 7 Holly Woods Road.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is planned for December 2.

#### **Marion Historic District Plans Progress**

Marion Historic Study Committee **By Jeff Wagner** 

The Marion Historic Study Committee is awaiting a response from the state on its bylaw draft proposal for a historic district within the town village.

Meg Steinberg, the town's Historic Commission chairwoman and an advisor to the study committee, told Planning Board members recently that homeowners



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within the district can renovate homes and can even demolish some properties, as long as the rebuild matches the neighborhood within the village.

Repeating her report to the Planning Board, Steinberg and study committee members via a zoom meeting last week were brainstorming the next steps in hopes of getting a bylaw proposal before voters at the annual Town Meeting in the spring.

Steinberg said most renovation and remodeling projects would not need any local approval as long as the visible, front exterior still maintains the same historical facade. For instance, new windows or a new roof would not need local review, Steinberg noted.

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

Steinberg and study committee chairman Will Tifft said that the committee awaits feedback from the Planning Board. After that, the committee will await suggestions from the state Historical Commission to "see that we are conforming to state guidelines and views."

"We have supplemented this by informing the town administration and select board of conversations and building inspector about what we were thinking," Tifft said.

Tifft said the committee is under deadline to submit a final recommendation by March 1. After receiving suggestions for revisions from the state, the committee plans on hosting a public meeting about the proposal in February.

Tifft, citing a survey conducted last year, noted that 75 percent of respondents were supportive of a historic district within the village area.

Committee members noted that some were hesitant about losing control over future decisions involving their homes or businesses.

Steinberg has called the proposal a "light" district, meaning there would be fewer restrictions upon homeowners in terms of possible renovations, rebuilding or remodeling. In fact, committee members noted that most projects within the district would not need town approval other than demolition or major renovations to



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the exterior facade.

The committee also plans on sending out mailers with frequently asked questions and answers about the bylaw proposal.

The committee will meet again via Zoom on December 7 at 5:00 pm.

#### Hobby Barn Gets Approval for Limited Water Usage

Rochester Water Commission

#### By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Water Commission on November 13 granted the Hobby Barn now under construction on New Bedford Road access to the public water main there.

The board approved Briggs Brains LLC Project Manager Jason Maurer's request to permit a two-inch connection to supply the two buildings being constructed on the property with domestic water service and another six-inch water main connection for fire prevention service.

"These are not buildings that will be occupied all the time," Maurer said. "It is expected the maximum usage volume will not exceed 300 to 400 gallons per day. But this is an occasional-use building without set hours so many days there will be a fraction of the maximum usage."

Ultimately, the board allowed the connection but restricted the Hobby Barn to water usage not to exceed 300 gallons of water per day. "It will be no more than the



usage level of a residential home," Maurer promised.

'Briggs Hobby Barn' is a plan to construct two buildings to store and repair collectible automobiles, trucks, and other motor vehicles on 2.8 acres on New Bedford Road. It received a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals on May 23 and a site plan review permit from the Planning Board on June 11 Maurer said in his letter to the board that the project will be used only by the owner, Mark Briggs and his wife, and their personal guests as a private facility.

In other business, commission chair Fred Underhill announced a public hearing will be held on November 19 on Zoom concerning 27 acres of land that the Buzzards Bay Coalition has purchased on New Bedford Road opposite Cushman Road. There is a Marion well in the area, Underhill explained, and all parties want to make sure that water is protected.

Underhill also announced that the Mattapoisett River Valley Water District is holding a regional meeting on that same date, at 4:00 pm, also entirely on Zoom. This meeting, he said, will include the Water Departments, selectmen, and town administrators from Mattapoisett and surrounding towns, including the Wareham and Middleboro water departments. "Everybody will be there to see what each other is doing," he said. He added that the public may attend but the meeting will be all-business.

The Rochester Water Commission's next meeting will be Wednesday, January 8 at 4:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

#### Staff Saddened by Discarding of Drama Club Materials

Rochester School Committee By: Sam Bishop

The Rochester School Committee met Thursday, November 19. The meeting began with a dedication to the late Debra May Lalli, an active and involved citizen of Rochester. Deb worked in the Rochester Assessor's department for 22 years. She also worked and volunteered in local schools, served as the co-chair of the Project Grow Parents Group, was a member of the Rochester PTO, was co-chair of funding development and installation of the Dexter Lane skate park, and for many years was secretary of the Rochester School Committee.

The committee then moved to hear public comments. The comments regarded an event that took place at Rochester Memorial School (RMS) where during the summer, a member of the fire department had declared the school's prop room contained many fire hazards. "Consequently, all the props and all of the costumes, all the accessories; were thrown away and put into a dumpster" the former head of the school's drama club said. She also stated no one at the school was notified when everything was thrown away. She said in place of the thousands of dollars of material the drama club had collected over 30 years was now science equipment held

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in cardboard boxes. Her main wish is for something like this to never happen again and for funding to go towards starting back up the drama club as "nothing is left." The next speaker also talked of her personal items such as her father's typewriter from 1959 being thrown away with the other material. Next, Kate Tarleton spoke and discussed her disappointment at the drama club being dismembered and said an apology, at the least, is owed to both the community and school.

Following these comments, the committee moved to its "recognition" phase and thanked the new Town Administrator Cameron Durant and new Police Chief Michael Assad for their service and offered an introduction to the school committee.

The committee discussed implementing a school resource officer (SRO) at RMS. This would be a law enforcement officer stationed at the school to assist with transitioning periods but "not discipline" as Superintendent Michael Nelson said. While they did not come to a decision yet, they did hold a unanimous vote to continue to explore the idea.

Next was the approval of a fundraiser, a "Stuffed Animal Sleep Over." For \$5 per animal, students can leave their stuffed animals at the school after classes to participate in various photographed events around the building. The committee also passed a unanimous vote to approve this event.

The next agenda item was to discuss a partnership with the Marion Institute to discuss farm and plant growth-based curriculum to "help the students understand the farm to school model," said the superintendent. It was argued by a Marion Institute representative that the institute and its programs will increase enrichment in and outside the classroom as well as bringing many interactive learning elements to the school both during summer programs and during the regular school season. This would be building and maintaining gardens as well as harvesting later on. A third unanimous vote was held to further talks with the Marion Institute and begin facilitating plans for a partnership.

The committee then discussed MCAS testing



and striving for score improvements. In math, RMS as a whole exceeded the state by 6% in ELA, in math by 5%, and in science by 14%. While overall the testing was good, it was stated the district needs a new math curriculum. It was also said something has to be done to better build students' stamina for writing.

Then the committee moved to approve various donations. 62 toothbrush kits for first grade, a clarinet and a drum set, and various books from both the Plumb Memorial Library and RMS PTO. All donations were accepted, and thanks were given to those donating.

Towards the end of the meeting and during the final comments, committee member Robin Rounseville stated she does not feel the fire inspection done at RMS, mentioned earlier, was conducted correctly and stressed something like that cannot happen again. The superintendent expressed his regret as well and said he and the committee will do their best going forward to make sure they do what they can, so this situation is never replicated.

The next meeting of the Rochester School Department will be held on January 16, 2025 at the Rochester Memorial School.

#### **Bulldogs Succeed on the Field and Charitably**

Sports Roundup By Aiden Comorosky The third annual unified Bulldogs vs Tri-Town Police took place on November 13 and was a huge success. The unified basketball team won 86-74,



as Thomas Jupin was named the player of the game, hitting a buzzer beater at the last second of the game. It was also transitioning student Emilia Cantwell's last home game as a Bulldog, as she was presented with a "Mattapoisett Police Number One Fan" t-shirt before the game. Cantwell scored the first basket of the game, and the crowd erupted. Some other highlights included a lockdown defense by David Wilson, and lots of three pointers from Michael Hogan. Old Rochester collected hundreds of non-perishable food items for Damiens Food Pantry in Wareham during the event.

"This event was a powerful display of community spirit, generosity, and the shared commitment to inclusion, and we can't wait for next year!" said ORR Head Coach Emma Fenton.

Football

Old Rochester defeated Norton 42-10 on November 15, in the Elite Eight. They will play in the Final Four against Shawsheen Valley Tech (8-0), at Scituate High School on November 22.

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# OBITUARIES



**Patricia A. (Fay) McCarthy**, 87 of Mattapoisett passed peacefully at home surrounded by family on November 13th. She was the wife of the late Walter F. Mc-Carthy, Jr. for 57 years.

Born in the Bronx, NY, daughter of the late James R. and Julia T. (Williams) Fay, she lived in Brockton and Buzzards Bay for many years before moving to Mattapoisett

in 1993.

She was a member and past president of the Mattapoisett Women's Club and an active participant in the Mattapoisett Garden Club. She worked for 10 years as a teacher assistant with special needs children in the Brockton school system. An avid Red Sox fan albeit growing up in the shadows of Yankee Stadium. She took great pride in creating and maintaining beautiful gardens at her village home. She was an enthusiastic reader and also a frequent visitor and lover of Ned's Point.

A loving and devoted mother to her son, Brian McCarthy of Hopedale, MA; a daughter, Laura Burrill and her husband Curtis of Chesapeake, VA a daughter-in-law, Tracy McCarthy of Buzzards Bay; a son-in-law, Thomas Cifello of Buzzards Bay; a brother, Gerald Fay of Annandale, NJ; 14 grandchildren, Richard and David McCarthy, Erin and John McCarthy, Scott Burrill, Curtis Burrill and Kimberly Hjort, Amanda Teles, Daniel, Matthew, and Timothy Barrett; Justin, Thomas and Jeffrey Cifello; a sister-in-law, Susan Jahnke and her husband Harry of Wareham; 7 great-grandchildren, Sean, Kendra and Cadence Burrill, Cassidy Hjort, Elaina Barrett, Tayden Teles, Danny Barrett, Jr. and a great, great granddaughter Ayla Burrill, along with many nieces and nephews.

She was the mother of the late Richard McCarthy, Theresa M. Barrett, and Patricia Cifello and the sister of the late Robert Fay.

Visitation was held on Monday, November 18th in

the Saunders-Dwyer Home For Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. Her Funeral Service followed in the funeral home. Burial was at the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer. com.



**Beatrice Sherman Briggs**, wife of the late Edwin L. Briggs, passed away November 5th one day before she turned 93. She was the daughter of the late Charles and Mary (Costa) Sherman.

Beatrice lived in Mattapoisett all her life. She liked watching the Red Sox,

knitting and crocheting. She enjoyed going on the Council of Aging trips and eating out. She was kind and had many friends.

Beatrice is survived by her sisters Eleanor Sherman and Frances Briggs. She had many nieces: Jodi Silveria (Robert), Jeanne Arruda (Edmund) and Kathleen Sherman. She is survived by her nephews Jay Briggs and Mark Sherman. She is survived by great nieces Shelli Rae Thayer (Nick), Danielle Silverberg (Joseph Frade) and Natali McGrath. She is also survived by her great nephews Ryan Briggs (Shauna), Jack McGrath and Alex Arruda. Beatrice is also survived by three great-great nieces Josephine Frade, Teagan Thayer and Leonie Briggs. Her Brother and sister-in-law Raymond & Kathleen Briggs. She was pre-deceased by her brother William Sherman.

Beatrice will be laid to rest in Marion with her husband Eddie or Briggsy as he was known.

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#### Academic Achievements

Thomas Lavoie of Mattapoisett was recently elected membership into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline





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collegiate honor society, at the University of Rhode Island.

#### Nasketucket Bird Club

The Nasketucket Bird Club will welcome wellknown bird expert Jim Sweeney who will present "Birds of Texas" on Tuesday, **November 26** at 6:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Public Library, 7 Barstow Street.

Jim will talk about the spring migration dynamics in Texas and the natural history of many of the specialty species of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, Big Bend National Park, and the Edwards Plateau. The focus will mostly be on species that may be unfamiliar to Massachusetts birders and locations that are particularly good during the spring migration in Texas.



Jim has been birding since the age of ten and enjoys the pursuit of common species as much as the rarities. He is particularly interested in seabirds, shorebirds, and sparrows.

The meeting is open to the public and handicapped accessible.

Check our website at: massbird.org/nasketucket/ or email our President Justin Barrett at jmbarrett426@ gmail.com.

#### 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, **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





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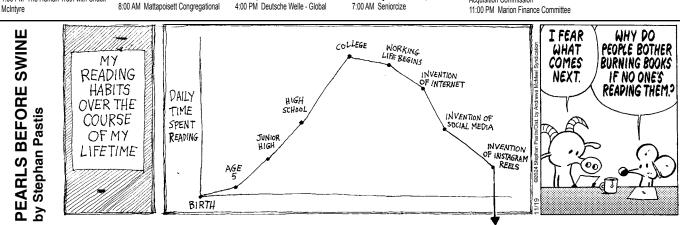
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as Pastor Michael speaks about the meaning of Jesus coming. A beautiful service of Lessons and Carols will be held on **December 22** at 10:00 am where we light the candle of Love with performers from the Seaglass Theater Company.

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 for more information.

#### Scanography

Come to the Mattapoisett Free Public Library to see Donna St Amant's astonishing photography exhibit, called "Scanography," from **December 1** to **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





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# Movie Review

### Joey, Do You Like Movies About Gladiators? By Rob Gonsalves www.robsmovievault.com

*Gladiator II.* Starring Paul Mescal and Denzel Washington. Directed by Ridley Scott. Running time: 148 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters.

In the much-belated sequel Gladiator II, Denzel Washington practically keeps the whole leaky ship afloat by himself. This actor can seem humorless and forbidding, but he has a streak of playfulness, and he indulges it full-tilt as Macrinus, a former slave turned wheeler-dealer in ancient Rome. Macrinus, who oversees the empire's gladiators and deals supplies to the armies in Europe, has his fingers in a lot of pies. Washington doesn't make Macrinus a bitter would-be dictator burning for power; he treats power as something that's there for the taking, and there's no reason he shouldn't take it. His mighty privilege as a man who has the ears of the decadent twin emperors is a gentle spring breeze he luxuriates in. Such a man must thank the gods for each morning he can wake up and continue his plot to rule Rome. Washington brings fun and relaxation to this villain.

A lot of the folks in the margins of *Gladiator II*, like Washington, seem to take the opportunity to make their characters either more eccentric or more complex — or both — than they needed to be. Pedro Pascal, for instance, is on hand as Roman general Marcus Acacius, who invades the village of our hero, Lucius Verus (Paul Mescal), and orders his wife killed. But we learn Acacius is an increasingly doubtful general, who secretly resents having to kill and to get his men killed for the honor of two dingbat emperors no one especially likes. As he's done so often, Pascal plays it beautifully. Connie Nielsen returns from the first movie, as majestic as always, and smaller roles get amusing turns from actors like Matt Lucas, Tim McInnerny, and Lior Raz.

It's the nominal hero we have trouble caring about, a problem that, for me, goes back to the original and its stoic beefcake hero played by Russell Crowe. Lucius is a brilliant soldier and an even more brilliant gladiator, once he's captured and put to work for Macrinus. How are we supposed to root for him or be nervous on his behalf? Paul Mescal isn't exactly Dave Bautista physically, but we certainly get the sense that Lucius can take care of himself. So we don't have a



thought in our heads watching him fight to the death. When he's up against Acacius, we're worried about Acacius. The whole plot motor is jump-started by Lucius' desire to avenge his wife — who died honorably in battle anyway; it's not like Acacius snuck into her bedchamber and slit her throat. So everything having to do with Lucius feels wan and undercooked. It's a real problem, because I was having more fun with the movie around Mescal than I had with the movie around Russell Crowe.

Partly it's the variety of gladiatorial performance. There are hellishly agile apes, rhinos, even *sharks* in a sequence pitting "ships" against each other in a waterfilled Colosseum. Director Ridley Scott goes all out; some of this stuff, and some of the material involving the twin emperors, may elevate *Gladiator II* to the status of camp cult classic. (Speaking of the emperors, this does seem like yet another homophobic "macho decent guys against effeminate wastrels" thing — really, guys, in 2024? The more brain-damaged of the emperors actually makes his pet monkey a consul, possibly a tip of the laurels to Caligula and his alleged promotion of his horse.) Sometimes the filmmaking has spice, sometimes it just comes off as Scott playing in the tub with floating boats and action figures.

It may be unfair to judge Mescal boring here, because unlike Washington or Pascal he just isn't given anything interesting to play. As the son of the original's Maximus, Lucius has a lot to live up to; almost everyone in the movie knew Maximus or served with Maximus or had breakfast at IHOP with Maximus, or whatever. So Lucius can't be written as too difficult or conflicted or, god knows, as a pacifist. At one point one of the emperors derisively calls Lucius "Poet" because he quotes Virgil from memory, but what if he'd actually become not a warrior but a poet? Would Maximus be proud that his son grew up to be a great gladiator and killer, or would he be heartbroken that his son grew up into a world that still required him to be a great gladiator and killer?



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."

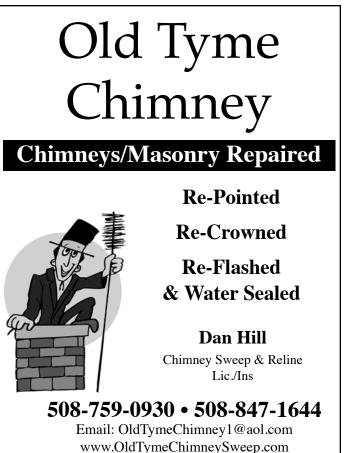
**Mattapoisett Museum Visit** The rafters of the Mattapoisett Museum rang with





excitement when Center School's curious and eager 1st graders visited. Welcomed by Curator Connor Gaudet, they quickly settled in their seats and were ready to learn about Mattapoisett's past.

Gaudet showed the attentive first graders two rocks to explain what an artifact was. He explained that a rock found in nature was not an artifact because it was unaltered by human hands. Then he held up a rock that had been fashioned into an ax head. He pointed out that the rock had been shaped into a tool that helped Indigenous peoples do work - and that made this rock an artifact. Gaudet pointed out that every object, or artifact, in the Museum was from a place or a person living in Mattapoisett.



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# **FUN**



The Marion Natural History Museum hosted a program last Friday on the Ocean Twilight Zone with Dr. Benjamin Grassian of Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI). Dr. Grassian is researching Diel Vertical Migration, or the daily vertical migration of animals in the mesopelagic zone of the ocean in response to light and predation. Dr. Grassian described his research findings and brought in specimens of some of these animals which had been netted during the study. The museum hosted a full house for this fascinating topic. To view the museum's upcoming programs please visit the website: www. marionmuseum.org.



Marion Garden Group members wiring shells and pinecones for greens and wreaths at their Christmas sale December 7 at the Music Hall in Marion from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.



The Marion Natural History Museum's after-school group had a chance to learn about how our local insects survive the winter with Plymouth County Entomologist Blake Dinius. Some form galls, others go into a deep hibernation, some freeze solid, and others hide inside or under things like trees or leaves. Then the kids had a chance to go hunting for insects and found several different species. Many thanks to Blake Dinius for another great program. We have three upcoming programs including "Trees from the ground up" with state forester James Rassman, "Winter Birds" with Nasketucket Bird Club president Justin Barrett, and our annual Holiday Party with nature crafts and refreshments. If you'd



On November 13, the students at Rochester Christian Learning Center honored local veterans with song, cards, coffee, and donuts. Every branch like to register for any of these programs, please go to of the service was recognized, and each veteran addressed the children about their service record. Courtesy photo.

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

www.marionmuseum.org.



#### Machine Work/Yard Renovations

Next, Education Committee member, Gail Roberts, described the artifact "seek and find" activity that would introduce them to many of the Museum's artifacts. Each child received a sheet with photos of several artifacts. Every time they found one of the artifacts, they put a star sticker on it. The students were grouped for easier access to artifacts

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and led by Education members Katherine Gaudet, Robbin Smith, Pauline Hamel and Gail Roberts.

As eagle-eyed students respectfully explored the Museum, they asked questions about objects they viewed.



### Happy Thanksgiving

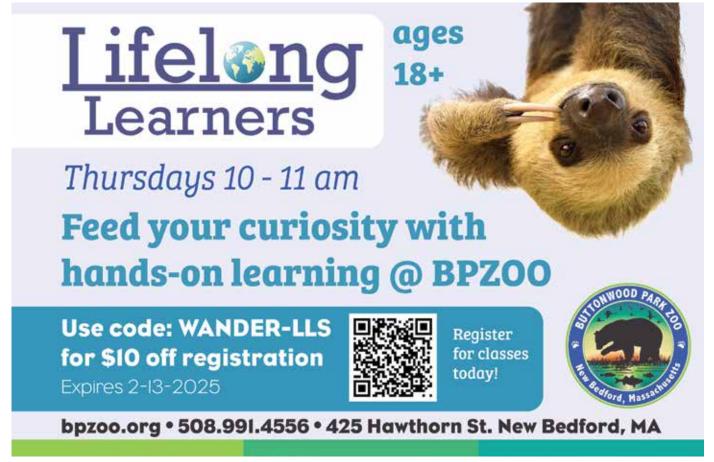


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Among their favorites were the first Mattapoisett fire engine. They were amazed that fires were put out with buckets of water as well as just one hose. They also loved the old phone with the rotary dial and "cradle" for the handset. After finding all their artifacts, students head back to wrap up.

Using a Powerpoint, Gaudet

showed different artifacts and asked questions. How is this artifact the same as today's object? How is it different? What has changed? Their answers were thoughtful and astute.



#### TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS

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#### Log highlights Nov 10-Nov 16

- South St Suspicious person
- Wareham Rd General service
- Wareham Rd Annoving phone calls Windsor Dr – Assist other police dept
- Mill St General offense
- North St EMS/medical
- Field Stone Ln Smoke investigation Point Rd – MV collision
- Point Rd Suspicious person
- Dexter Rd Wildlife services
- Route 195 East Smoke investigation
- Point Rd EMS/medical
- Point Rd Road hazard
- Mill St EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd EMS/medical
- Barros Dr EMS/medical
- Stonev Run Ln MV collision
- Mill St Fraud
- Spring St Animal control
- Lady Slipper Ln Fraud
- Allen St Family disturbance
- Front St Suspicious activity
  Mill St Suspicious activity
- Joanne Dr EMS/medical
- Route 195 East MV collision
- Joanne Dr EMS/medical
- Joanne Dr Officer wanted
- · Wareham Rd Larceny/past
- Ryders Ln EMS/medical

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#### Log highlights Nov 10-Nov 16

- Brierpatch Ln Notification
- Crook's Way 911 call
- Holly Ln Medical assist
- Water St Medical assist North St Ambulance request
- Angelica Ave MV violations
- Fairhaven Rd Suspicious persons
- Beacon St Health/welfare
- Brant Beach Ave Health/welfare
- Holly Ln Medical assist
- Long Plain Rd Animal control
- Fairhaven Rd MV crash
- Gosnold St Medical assist
- Shaw St MV crash/past
- Marion Rd MV violations
- Route 195 West MV crash
- Brant Beach Ave Medical alarm
- Marion Rd Follow up investigation •
- Aucoot Rd Property lost
- Cannon St Medical assist
- Long Plain Rd – Animal control
- Fairhaven Rd Assist other agency Neds Point Rd 911 call •
- Fairhaven Rd Complaint
- Shaw St General service
- Pleasant View Ave Parking complaint
- Pearl St General service
- Upland Way Assist citizen
- Millbank Rd MV crash
- For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.
- EGIONAL LUNCH VIENUS
- **COASTLINE ELDERLY** NUTRITION PROGRAM Monday, Nov 25: Broccoli stuffed chicken, mashed potatoes, mixed root

vegetables, Hawaiian roll, applesauce Tuesday, Nov 26: Wild rice

& vegetable soup, Salisbury steak, white rice, brussle sprouts, wheat bread, pear Wednesday, Nov 27: Chicken alfredo, whole grain pasta, broccoli, Hawaiian roll, banana

#### Thursday, Nov 28: Thanksgiving – no meals served Friday, Nov 29: No meals

served **CENTER SCHOOL** Monday, Nov 25: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, carrots

Tuesday, Nov 26: Taco nacho

brown rice, black bean salad

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platter, taco toppings bar,

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Wednesday, Nov 27: Pancakes, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty Thursday, Nov 28: Thanksgiving - no school Friday, Nov 29: No school

#### **OLD HAMMONDTOWN**

Monday, Nov 25: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, carrots Tuesday, Nov 26: Taco nacho platter, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad Wednesday, Nov 27: Pancakes, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty Thursday, Nov 28: Thanksgiving – no school Friday, Nov 29: No school

#### **OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR &** SENIOR HIGH Monday, Nov 25: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven

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baked French fries. carrots Tuesday, Nov 26: Taco nacho platter, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad Wednesday, Nov 27: Breakfast only will be served Thursday, Nov 28: Thanksgiving – no school Friday, Nov 29: No school

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#### **ROCHESTER MEMORIAL**

Monday, Nov 25: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, carrots Tuesday, Nov 26: Taco nacho platter, taco toppings bar. brown rice. black bean salad Wednesday, Nov 27: Pancakes, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty Thursday, Nov 28: Thanksgiving - no school Friday, Nov 29: No school

#### SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Nov 25: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven

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#### Log highlights Nov 10-Nov 16

- Snipatuit Rd Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy MV collision
- Marion Rd Medical
- Marion Rd Burglar alarm
- Cranberry Hwy Threats
- Alley Rd Fraud
- Bassett St Suspicious activity
- Snipatuit Rd Erratic MV
- Walnut Plain Rd Follow up
- Cranberry Hwy Vandalism
- Pine St Animal control
- Featherbed Ln 911 call
- Dexter Ln Traffic complaint Mendell Rd Burglar alarm
- Pierce St Noise complaint

Burgess Ave – Erratic MV

Sarahbeth Ln – 911 call

County Rd - MV collision

Marion Rd - MV collision

High St – Well-being check

Pine St - Suspicious activity

Braley Hill Rd – MV collision

· Marion Rd - Failure to stop/arrest

baked French fries. carrots

platter, taco toppings bar,

Wednesday, Nov 27:

hashbrown patty

Thursday, Nov 28:

Pancakes, maple syrup,

Thanksgiving – no school Friday, Nov 29: No school

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

potato, corn, gravy & dinner

Tuesday, Nov 26: Chicken

Wednesday, Nov 27: No

Thanksgiving – no school

Friday, Nov 29: No school

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Monday, Nov 25: Crispy

chicken bowl w/mashed

roll OR Shepherd's pie &

dinner roll

school

nuggets & fries

Thursday, Nov 28:

Tuesday, Nov 26: Taco nacho

brown rice, black bean salad

Jones low salt sausage links,

Hathaway Pond Cir - Fraud

Coombs Rd – Animal control

New Bedford Rd – Inside smoke Cushman Rd – Animal control

- North Ave MV collision
- Rvder Rd Medical

The Education Committee and Connor Gaudet look forward to hosting more school groups in the future.

## 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 stgabrielsmarion@ 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, 7,13,14** 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



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 Beiver and Ron Beiver.

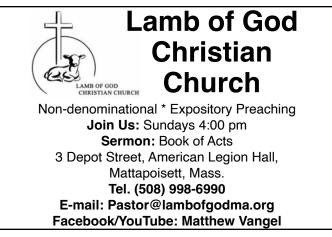
Tickets, just \$20 for MAC members and \$23 for nonmembers, can be purchased at marionartcenter.org/ events. The MAC is also a participant in Mass Cultural Council's card to culture program. Learn more on the online ticket page.

## 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** & Sunday, **December 8** with refreshments and giveaways for kids. This



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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. (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 9am until 1pm, 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.

For more information contact: SCCCsings@ gmail.com also, visit us on Facebook at southcoastchildrenschorus.

## From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

The collection at the Rochester Historical Museum consists of papers, books, newspaper clippings, maps and more. It also includes more concrete items most of which have been donated by people who realize the historical significance of items in their homes or businesses.

Recently, we had a visit from Albert Foster and his wife from East Freetown. He brought with him some items to donate. These donations highlighted an aspect of the Hartley Sawmill that not everyone might be aware of. While the actual mill buildings are gone, the office building, built in 1920, is still there and has been renovated by Rick Miranda.

The office was the bailiwick of Hannah Ellen Hartley, known to many of us as Aunt Nell (Nellie). She



# TriTown Happenings



On Sunday, November 17th parishioners at Saint Gabriel's Episcopal Parish in Marion created over two hundred apple pies at its annual "Great Pie Challenge". This annual intergenerational event was brought to Marion by Wendy Reardon who is St. Gabriel's Director of Youth and Family Formation. About 150 pies will be donated to local organizations who will give them away to people in need. The rest of the pies will be sold as a fundraiser which will help raise money for the 2025 Youth Mission Trip heading to North Carolina in June to help with hurricane cleanup.





Left to Right, Sophmore Tessa Ripley (Poppy), Sophmore Tenley Lane (Vicki/Brooke), and Freshman Ava LaPointe (Roger/Garry) in ORRHS adaptaion of Michael Frayn's NOISES **OFF!** Playing November 21-24. Photo by Andy Gallagher





Left: Junior Amanda Tomasso (Belinda Blair/ Flavia Brent) and Right: Junior Maddie Detrdi (Frederick Fellows/ Phillip Brent/ Sheikh)

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library is currently hosting a display of student works of art titled Visual Voices. The works represent a variety of styles and mediums relating to the ORRHS student art studies. The exhibit will be available for viewing through November 30. The art students are: Gio de Souza, Phoenix Ducharme, Lily Hinds, Owen Osterday, Cy Huggins, Devyn Southern, Molly Wronski, Isabel Govoni, Adam Murphy, Ty Marques, Adian Costa, Grace Victoria, Anya Walker, Madison Spangler,

Tessa Winslow, Kelsi Chick, Edan Dupre, Tom Grodin, Dayvie Zuckerman, Trillian White, Taylor Cook, Lulu Johnson, Cam Pepin, Lanie Kozen, Ella Silva, Morgan Leblanc, John Galavotti, Emile Joseph, Cameron Van Ness, Brayden Nadeau, Zach Mendes, Preston Griffin, Jake Dellas, Breann DeCaro, Sophia Sandvoni, Kaya Savaria, Deryon Velsos, Sadie Hartley-Matteson, Jack Czerkowicz, August Hebert, Cooper Trahan, Connor Foley, Quinn Zell, Logan Henicke, Asher O'Brien, Eden Dupre, Caleb Bousquet, Caroline Achilles, Xavier Pateakos, Gavin Bellanger, Alex Barber, Faelyn McCarthy, and Lanie Kazen. Photos by Marilou Newel



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kept the books that tracked the sales of lumber, shingles and boxes for the mill, but that was not her only job. The mill office was also a hardware store. Even today, you can see the many small



cubbyholes that held a wide variety of nuts, bolts and screws. Larger items, like chains and shovels. were also sold. Aunt Nell had her own numerical code on boxes that told her the content and price of the items inside.

Mr. Foster who had his own hardware store donated a box of "button turn", screws, some keys with a Hartley Sawmill tag, a couple of receipts, correspondence from Miss H. E. Hartley about nuts and bolts and a very sturdy shovel. All items were purchased from the mill hardware store, and all are items that we are happy to add to our collections of Rochester's past.

Albert was a good friend of Ralph Gurney and in addition to his donations to the museum's collection, he entertained us with some great stories about days at the mill.



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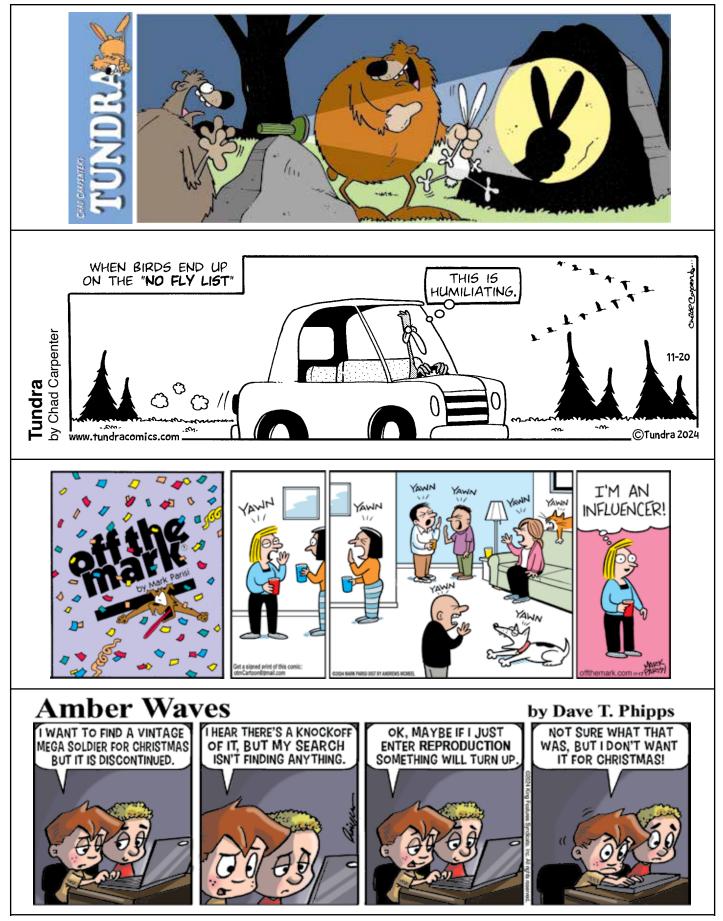
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# Getting into the Holiday Spirit

It's been thirty-eight years since the Sippican Woman's Club's first Holiday House Tour. In 1986, club members Shirlee Thomas and Jean Collison suggested a fundraiser to then Club President Betsy Parks and Judy Harrison, Treasurer of the club. They agreed it was a great idea, and the first Holiday House Tour was launched. Both Shirlee and Jean had their own homes on the tour. Shirlee is the only surviving member of those original four.

During 3 years of COVID, the club cancelled the House Tour, and the previous year the club was unable to secure a sufficient number of houses to hold the tour.

Saturday, **December 7** will be 34th Holiday House Tour from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm sponsored by the Sippican Woman's Club. The theme for this year's tour is "Holiday by the Sea" and its theme may be carried out throughout the tour by homeowners and participating designers. Proceeds from the House Tour go toward scholarships to Marion students as well as other organizations serving the Marion community.

Embellishments to the tour have been added. Recently post tour 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, the Beverly Yacht Club has opened its doors to post tourgoers to relax; our clubhouse is decorated with a Seaside theme and the doors are open to view the compilation of the club's history prepared by club member and club historian Jeanne Bruen; new this year is the location of the "Sugarplum Tea" (2:00 pm to 4:00 pm) to be held at Tabor's Head of School's residential Great Room. For tour information visit: SippicanWomansClub.org.

Others have joined in the festivities of the season – The Marion Garden Group has its Greens plus Sale on Saturday, **December 7** from 9:00 am to 11:30 am at The Music Hall; The Marion Art Center has its Holiday Shop open 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

On Sunday, **December 8** from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm The Marion Village Stroll is held and coordinated by Angela Rossi and sponsored by The Marion Business Community Association offering treats from local merchants, Santa arrives via boat at the Old Landing at 3:00 pm, Clydesdale pulled wagon rides, crafts, games, musical performances, Tree lighting at 5:30 pm at the Bandstand.

In the center of Marion, the Marion Garden Group decorates seasonal window boxes and the Marion Business Community Association places small evergreen trees to be decorated with white lights along Front Street's downtown area. Over the years, many have joined in celebrating the holiday spirit. On a cold winter night, the little village of Marion looks like a winter fairyland.

## William's Fund

This is an appeal to the community on behalf of our students. My name is Sheilah Sullivan. I've lived in Marion for over 30 years, raised my two kids here, and



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had the remarkable privilege of teaching at Old Rochester Regional High School for 25 years.

Teachers, counselors, and school staff often have a unique perspective into the lives of our young people. It's not uncommon for us to develop insights into the unmet needs outside of the school day that impact our students' abilities to thrive inside the school building.

In 2010, my family and I established a non-profit for the sole purpose of providing emergency financial assistance for students and families at ORRHS and ORRJHS. It's called "William's Fund" after my father.

Confidential referrals for assistance are made by the school social workers. The district does not benefit financially in any way.

William's Fund provides assistance for hardships that arise unexpectedly and impact a student's wellbeing — oil deliveries and utility bills, gift cards for groceries and clothing, bedding and supplies for emergency camping or short-term housing, etc.

Last year alone, we distributed almost \$30,000 in emergency assistance.

To-date, we've been able to rely on word of mouth for support from individual community members like you. But at this time, our fund is nearly depleted, and we are turning to the wider community for help.

Will you consider making a tax-deductible donation to help our students have the resources they need to thrive in school? We are 100% volunteer-run. That



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

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 4, at 7:05 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 Lars Olson, for proposed construction of raised deck with stairs at 105 Front Street.

The site is further identified as Lot 133 on Marion Assessors' Map 16. 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. 11/21

#### TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770, regarding a Site Plan Review application in the Residential/Agricultural District, Mattapoisett River Valley Watershed, Scenic Highway and Groundwater Protection District, filed by Eversource Energy, for the property located at Substation #745, 214 Rounseville Road, identified on Assessor's Map 32, Lot 28A.

The applicant is proposing upgrades to the Rochester substation necessary to interconnect distributed generation facilities.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, during normal business hours. Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86028204723 Meeting ID: 860 2820 4723

Or Call: 1 646 876 9923

Arnold Johnson, Chairman 11/21, 11/28

#### TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTIXE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1218

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of DIV HDV Rochester, LLC, c/o Highland Development Ventures, for property located at 0 County Road, identified on Assessor's, Map 17, Lot 41.C7, who is seeking a Special Permit to erect six (6) total signs on the property including a one-sided ground sign, two (2) wall mounted signs, and three (3) directional signs, pursuant to Chapter 20.60, Section E.1. and Chapter 22.60, Section E.8., of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws.

The public hearing will be on Thursday, December 12th, 2024, at 7:15 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA. David Arancio, Chairman 11/21, 11/28

#### TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT SELECT BOARD/BOARD OF ASSESSORS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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The Mattapoisett Select Board, along with the Board of Assessors, will conduct a public

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hearing on December 3, 2024, at 6:45 pm, in the conference room at the Town Hall, and on Zoom Meeting ID: 829 7067 9332 Passcode: 467691 for the purpose of allocating the local property tax levy among the five property classes for the Fiscal Year 2025. Interested taxpayers may present oral or written comments on their views at that time. 11/21, 11/28

#### TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #823

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, December 12, 2024 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Donald and Pamela Moore Simi, represented by David M. Davignon, P.E., for a Special Permit under section 230-6.1 A., and 230-6.1 C. of the zoning by-law to allow the removal and reconstruction of a portion of a single-family dwelling consisting of a one stall garage, which will decrease the current non-conformity but increase the building area and volume, as allowed under section 230-7.1, 230-7.2 and 230-7.3. The property, located at 56 West Avenue, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 3 as Lot 14. Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 11/21, 11/28

#### TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #824

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:45 pm on Thursday, December 12, 2024 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Laura Hartford, for a Special Permit under section 230-6.1 (E) (2) of the zoning by-law to allow the demolition and reconstruction of an existing detached guest cottage; and under section 230-5.1(K) of the zoning by-law to place a 10x15'utility shed in the rear right corner of the property.

The property, located at 70 Water Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 16 as Lot 135c.

Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 11/21, 11/28

#### TOWN OF MARION

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

Engineering Services: Design, Permitting, Bidding, and Construction Services for Creek Road Wastewater Pump Station Resiliency Improvements Project

Description: The Town of Marion is seeking qualifications from engineering firms to provide design, permitting, bidding, and construction services for the Creek Road Pump Station Resiliency Improvements Project.

The Town of Marion initiated design of the project and currently, a 90% design package has been completed. It is anticipated that the select ed firm will finalize the existing design package, finalize permitting requirements, provide bidding services, and provide construction administration services, part-time resident observation, and post-construction services.

In addition to the services listed above at the pump station, there is the potential for additional similar services for the station's force main. RFQ Packages: RFQ Packages will be available beginning November 25, 2024 at 8:00 am. Packages are available via email by contacting Nathaniel

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Munafo, at nmunafo@marionma.gov Due Date & Time: Proposals are due by 12:00 pm on December 12, 2024.

Place: RFQ responses are to be submitted to: Nathaniel Munafo, WPCF Manager at nmunafo@ marionma.gov. The Town of Marion DPW requires electronic submission of this bid in PDF format. File size shall be limited to no more than 20 megabytes (MB).

Questions/RFI's: If you have questions about this RFQ or have a request for information or clarification, please contact Nathaniel Munafo at nmunafo@marionma.gov. All questions and requests for clarification must be received in writing by the end of the day (12:00 pm) December 4, 2024. It is anticipated that a compilation of all questions and responses will be distributed via email to prospective proposers by 5:00 pm on December 5, 2024 Proposal Reviews: All proposals will be reviewed by an evaluation committee composed of employees of the Town. Interviews may be conducted. 11/21

#### TOWN OF MARION ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Town of Marion, shall receive General Bids at the Town of Marion Department of Public Works, 50 Benson Brook Road, Marion, Massachusetts for the Construction of the Emergency Generators at Various Pump Stations Project, Contract No. 13, until 2:00 pm prevailing time, Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at which time bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Bids submitted after this time will not be accepted.

The Work of this Contract generally consists of furnishing and installing permanent liquid propane emergency generators at the Wolf Island Road Pump Station and the Combined Chemical Feed Station and furnishing and installing a permanent liquid propane generator replacement at the Main Pump Station as well as electrical service upgrades. The generator at the Combined Chemical Feed Station (East and West Well) Site will provide emergency power for the East Well, West Well, and Mary's Pond Wellfield sites. Work also includes furnishing and installing 1,000 gallon liquid propane tanks, concrete pads, bollards, chain link fence, selective demolition, automatic transfer switches (ATS), and associated electrical and gas piping work. Additive Alternate A includes furnishing and installing a permanent liquid propane generator replacement at the Perry Hill Pump Station and all associated work.

Contract Documents may be obtained electronically through Tata & Howard, Inc. by contacting Mitchell Garon at mgaron@tataandhoward. com.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security in the amount of 5% of the total bid amount and in the form described in the Instructions to Bidders. A Performance Bond and Labor and Materials Payment Bond each in the amount of 100 percent of the contract price will be required in the form described in the Instructions to Bidders.

No Bidder may withdraw his bid within 30 days (Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded) after the actual date of the opening of the General Bids.

Complete instructions for filing bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders. The bidding and award of this Contact will be under

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means 100% of your donation goes directly to students and their families.

If you'd like more specifics about the fund, please email me at shesullivan@gmail.com. To make a secure online donation, visit www.orrwilliamsfund.org. To make a donation, via check, please make it out to William's Fund, Inc. and mail to Sheilah Sullivan 39 Lewis Street, Marion, MA 02738.

A letter with necessary information for taxdeductible donations is provided.

Thank you so much for your help supporting the young people we care so deeply about. And a big thank you to the teachers and staff at ORR/ORRJHS for their work.

## **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.

## Last Sunday at the Museum

Sunday, **November 24** is the last Sunday that the Rochester Historical Museum at 355 County Road will be open from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Both the exhibit and store will be open. We will be happy to open for anyone who would like to visit. You can arrange an appointment by calling either Sue at 508 295 8908 or Connie at 617 750 2818.

Look for our Rochester items at the Plumb Library Christmas Bazaar on **December 14**.

Our December activities will be a Sunday, December 15 Organ Concert and a Christmas Party on **December 18**.

## Sunday at the Museum

The Rochester historical Museum at 355 County Rd. will be open on Sunday, **November 17** and Sunday, **November 24** from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Both the exhibit and shop will be open.

## **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.

## TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Brush and tree grooming is the responsibility of the Property Owners of that Private Road. Trees & brush must be cut back 2 feet from the edge of the road and 12 feet in height to provide clearance for plows and emergency vehicles. <u>Private Roads that need trees and brush Trimmed:</u>

<u>Pine St near Bayview (limbs trimmed near Bayview), Oliver St North (large Oak tree)</u> The Mattapoisett Highway Department does not provide trimming services to Private Roads.

Cost of	Private Roads Need Grading	Cost of
Material	-	Material
\$40	Waterman & Union St	\$40
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\$20	Shoreview Ave	\$225
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# ORRHS Drama Club to Present 'Noises Off'

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Principal Michael Devoll are pleased to share that the Old Rochester Regional High School Drama Club will perform "Noises Off" later this month.

Performances will occur at 7:00 pm from Thursday, **November 21** to Saturday, **November 23**, and at 2:00 pm on Sunday, **November 24**.

Tickets will be available for purchase at the door or at the Marion General Store, Isabelle's in Mattapoisett, or Friends' Marketplace at Plumb Corner in Rochester. They are \$12 for students and senior citizens and \$15 for general admission.

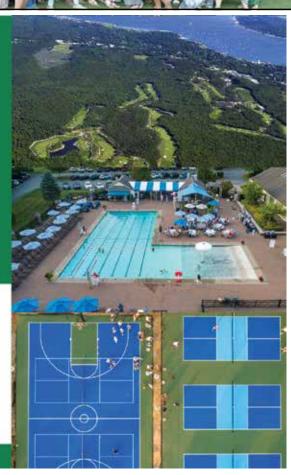
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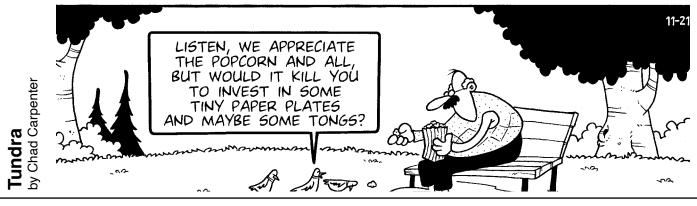
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currently a latex-free building. Due to issues with latex elastics, audience members are asked to refrain from bringing flower bouquets into the building.

"Noises Off" is Director Brayden Fanti's debut show at ORRHS and the sixth show for Assistant Director Sarah Whinnem. This is the first year they've worked together with the ORRHS Drama Club.

The principal cast for the ORRHS Drama Club's production of "Noises Off" includes: Calder Eaton (12th grade) as Lloyd, Charlotte Cook (11th grade) as Dotty, Ava LaPointe (9th grade) as Garry, Tenley Lane (10th grade) as Brooke, Tessa Ripley (10th grade) as Poppy, Maddie Detrani (11th grade) as Frederick Amanda Tomasso (11th grade) as Belinda, Raegan Correia (11th grade) as Tim, and Grace Victoria (9th grade) as Selsdon

Shawn Elliott will design the lighting for the show, and John Farrell will design the sound. Volunteers Mike Eaton, Eric Osterday, and Erin Bednarczyk led set construction.

"Noises Off" is a theatrical farce by English playwright Michael Frayn. First published in 1982, the play is a behind-the-scenes look at a chaotic stage production populated with frenetic and unstable actors, a volatile director, and an overworked and overly emotional stage crew. Interspersed throughout the typical narrative structure of the piece are scenes from the play-withina-play the group is performing: a tacky comedy called "Nothing On."

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This play is appropriate for all ages but may be more enjoyable for ages 11 and older.

"This will be the first production under the leadership of Brayden Fanti, and we are very excited by the energy within our Drama Club," Principal Devoll said. "Our students have been working very hard on the show, and we are proud of their efforts."

"We are thrilled to invite the public to our Drama Club's upcoming production of 'Noises Off,'" Superintendent Nelson said. "Our talented students have worked incredibly hard to bring this unique, fast-paced comedy to life, and these performances offer a fun night out with family and friends."

## Colonization and the Wampanoag Story

On Saturday, **November 23**, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Library, the Mattapoisett Museum and the Library co-host Aquinnah Wampanoag scholar, author, and historian Ms. Linda Coombs. She will discuss her book, *Colonization and the Wampanoag Story*, the process of writing it, and why it is important to teach various perspectives of American history.

It was published in September of 2023, as one of five titles in Penguin Random House's Race to the Truth series of similarly themed stories intended for middle grades. Other books include *Slavery and the African American Story* by Patricia Williams Dockery and *This Land* by Ashley Fairbanks.

Coomb''s non-fiction book is aimed at educating 7th graders about the Wampanoag perspective of the European colonization of New England and was recently at the center of a controversy in East Texas when a parental school board reclassified it as fiction and moved it from the children's section to the adult section of the library. Coombs will talk about her reaction to the decision to reclassify her book as fiction and the international backlash it caused. The outrage over the decision gained international news coverage, causing a Texas Court to order the book be returned to its rightful place on the non-fiction shelves.

"To claim this book is fiction dismisses our perspective and history," said a statement from Debbie Reese, founder of American Indians in Children's Literature. "Books like *Colonization and the Wampanoag Story* are important to Native kids because they affirm our existence as Native people in the present day. But they're also for non-Native kids, because those kids are being shaped by the information in books. This country is better off if we all know history in a more informed way."

Coombs will be signing and selling copies of part of the Race to the Truth series.

## Sippican Choral Society

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## Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee

The Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **November 21** from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Light snacks and socializing from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Niemad Corporation facility, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett. This month's discussion will focus on the results of the November 2024 national and local elections and building upon that momentum moving forward.

If interested, please attend or contact Paul Criscuolo, Chairperson, Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee for more information. Email: pcmattygop@ proton.me

## **Mattapoisett Library Artist Series**

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library Artist Series presents a "mini" exhibit from **December 1** to **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.

## Mattapoisett Woman's Club Presentation

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club invites potential new members and interested local residents to its **November 21** monthly meeting which will feature speakers from the Mattapoisett Land Trust. Kristen McCormack, VP of the Land, will begin the program with an overview of the Land Trust's 50 years of persevering



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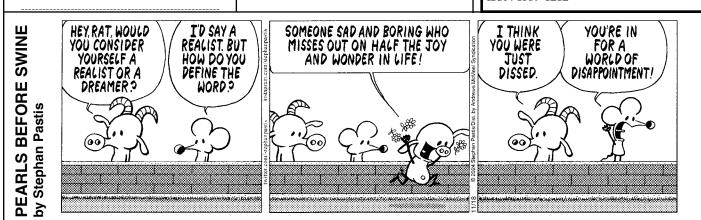
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land for the enjoyment of all. This will be followed by the Education Committee Co-Chairs of the Land Trust, Mary Cabral and Wendy Copps, explaining the programs that they are able to offer our public schools to enhance the learning experiences for many students and the free Story Walk programs that they set up on Land Trust Properties. The public is welcome to attend this program which will begin at 12:45 pm at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church in Reynard Hall.

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is a civic, social, educational, and philanthropic organization. Membership is always open to local women who are interested in the objectives and mission of the organization. For more information or questions please contact info@ mattapoisettwomansclub.org.

## New Thrift Shop Opens in Rochester

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Kane, Michael Daly, Jeremiah	Rodrick, Laurence A TR Rodrick, Mary Jean TR Rodrick Family Realty Trust	678 Point Rd	Marion	11/04/2024	860,000.00				
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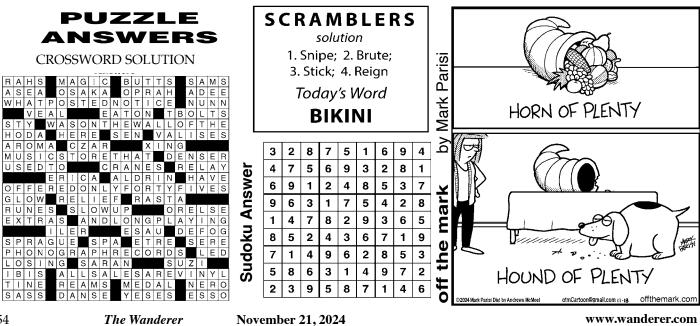
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# I Found the Aardvark!

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

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

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on I Found the Aardvark In the November 14, 2024 edition the Aardvark was on page 41



Friender		OLIDAY SALE!! Thursday, November 28th, 2024
Friends'		• Rochester, MA 02770
marketplace		08.763.5333
at PLUMB CORNER	Open Daily: 7am−8pm *'	*SEE STORE FOR HOLIDAY HOURS**
GROG	ERY, DAIRY & F	ROZZEN
Martinelli's 25.4 oz. Sparkling Apple Cider Plus Dep.	Heinz 12 oz. Cocktail or Chili Sauce	Planet Oat
Ocean Spray 64 oz. Selected Variety \$399 Drinks	Pillsbury 14 oz. Selected Variety Quick Bread & Muffin Mix	Selected Variety Oatmilk
Poland Spring 24-28 Pack, 16.9 oz. \$599 Water	Domino 4 Ib. Granulated \$729	\$799
Poland Spring 8 Pack, 16.9 oz. Selected Variety Sparkling WaterPlus Dep. <b>\$299</b>	Sugar	
Dunkin' 10 ct. or 12 oz. Selected Variety \$849 Coffee	Ocean Spray 5-6 oz. Selected Variety	
Del Monte 11-15.5 oz. Selected Variety 2/\$4 Vegetables	Craisins	MEAT, DELL, CHEESE
French's 6 oz. Original Crispy Fried Onions		& PREPARED FOODS
Ocean Spray 14 oz. Whole Berry or \$229 Jellied Cranberry Sauce	Shredded Cheese or Cuts	Bone-In, Split Bell & Evans
Dole 20 oz. Selected Variety 2/\$4	Crescents or Cinnamon Rolls	Chicken Breast
One Pie 15 oz. 2/\$5 Pumpkin	Hood 32 oz. Half & Half	U Ib Bell&Evans
College Inn 32 oz. Selected Variety 2/\$5 Broth	Cabot 7 oz. Whipped Cream	Boar's Head 1.9 oz. Pkg. S599
Better Than Bouillon 8 oz. Selected Variety Cooking Base	Blue Diamond 64 oz. Selected Variety \$349 Almond Breeze Milk	Cooked Bacon
Campbell's 10.5 oz. Cream of Chicken or <b>2/\$3</b> Cream of Mushroom Soup	Land O Lakes 8-16 oz. Selected Variety \$499 Butter	
Heinz 12 oz. Selected Variety 2/\$5	Philadelphia 8 oz. Bar. Selected Variety 2/\$6	
Hellmann's 15-30 oz. Selected Variety \$699 Mayonnaise	Pillsbury 14.1 oz. 2 Pack Ready Pie Crusts	New England Traditions
WINE	GHEF PREPARED	Land O Lakes White American Cheese\$ <b>799</b>
Clos Du Val		Store Made Greek Pasta Salad
Clos Du Val 750 ml - California, Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon		Store Packaged Seafood Salad
Kono 750 ml - New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc	04000	Store Packaged Red Bliss Potato Salad
BAKERY	Various Styles! Cheese, Pepperoni, etc.	Bel Gioioso 8 oz. Pkg. Mozzarella Cheese\$399
22-24 oz. Pkg. Fresh Baked	Take & Bake \$899-\$1099 Pizzas	Brie Cheese
Apple or desc	Savory Pies to Go! \$1799 \$1099	Pineland Farms 7 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety \$599
SEE OTHER SID	E FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVIN	GS THIS WEEK!

