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Davin's 3rd Annual Holiday Raffle Food Drive

By Sam Bishop

Since 2022, Davin Alves of Marion has run a raffle to feed the hungry this holiday season. Davin collects donations and raffles off prizes, either purchased or gifts given to be raffled. 100% of proceeds from the food drive goes to food pantries and homeless shelters; those being Damien's Food Pantry and United Way of Greater New Bedford.

The same as the last couple years, Davin assembled letters and papers to send to local businesses to drum up support and get the word out. Davin's message this year is:

Hello, my name is Davin Alves. I am 12 years old and I live in the town of Marion. I'm in the 6th grade at Sippican Elementary School. Two years ago I wanted to start a raffle during the holidays to raise money to buy food and then donate that food to local food pantries. We raised almost \$1,000 the first year and \$3,470 this past year. My wish is to raise even



more money this year with your help. If you sponsor or donate to this raffle, I'd appreciate it. I can't do this without your help. Sincerely, Davin Alves. Happy Holidays!

On the Cover: Rochester Memorial School students singing Christmas songs at the Rochester Town Hall during the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Photo by Mike Decicco.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 3 tickets for \$10, 7 tickets for \$20, or 20 tickets for \$50. Tickets can be purchased through Davin's mom's Venmo @kathylee-8-12 or if by cash/check, sending an email to brinx1@verizon.net.

The raffle will take place December 20 at 7:00 pm live on Kathylee Alves Facebook page.

Futsal Champs

By Sam Bishop

Beckham Harvey of Marion has an exciting journey this month. He, along with his futsal team FC Flair of Marlboro, are headed to the World Futsal Cup in Spain later this month. Futsal is an indoor soccer variant played on a smaller pitch; this makes it more fast-paced.

On Christmas Eve, Beckham, family, and team will travel to Barcelona. They will stay there until the tournament on New Year's Eve. FC Flair are currently the national futsal champs for their 2015 age group.

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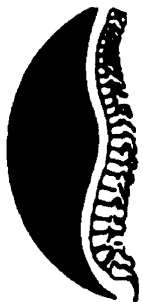


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Excited for the odyssey, Beckham said, "I can't wait to go to Barcelona because we will get to play top academy teams from around the world. Hopefully we will win the championship! I am excited to learn about the culture in Spain and we will get to see Barcelona on Christmas morning, which is pretty cool." Best of luck to Beckham and company. Enjoy the holiday travels!



ORR Celebrates Inaugural Community Service-Learning Day

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Old Rochester Regional High School Principal Michael Devoll are pleased to announce the resounding success of the district's inaugural Community Service-Learning Day, which took place on Wednesday, November 27, during a half-day of school leading into the Thanksgiving break.

The event provided all Old Rochester Regional High School students with opportunities to engage in meaningful service projects, promoting empathy, responsibility, and connection to the community. Over 20 volunteer activities were offered, ranging from writing letters to soldiers and assembling care packages for local senior citizens, to campus beautification. The event also included off-site opportunities to distribute food to people in need at Damien's Pantry and help in the warehouse at Friends of Jack.

"We are incredibly proud of our students and staff for their enthusiastic participation in this first-of-its-kind event," Superintendent Nelson said. "We hope that it's the first of many. This first annual schoolwide Community Service-Learning Day reflects our commitment to developing not just learners, but leaders who give back to

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the communities that support them.”

Superintendent Nelson would also like to thank Interim Assistant Principal Lauren Millette for leading this initiative.

“Without her leadership, this event would not have been possible,” Superintendent Nelson said.

The day began with shortened classes, followed by a brief assembly where students were encouraged to reflect on the value of service. Then, the students participated in their selected projects, many of which directly benefited local organizations and individuals.

“Watching the students and faculty participate in the various service-learning activities with smiles on their faces was such a highlight,” Interim Assistant Principal Lauren Millette said. “So many of the students reflected on how special it felt to give back. It was definitely a great day to be a Bulldog.”

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Other activities included creating handmade cards for hospitalized children, baking treats for local families for Thanksgiving, and helping to make blankets from fleece for PACE Headstart in New Bedford, to be given to the preschool students there. Some students kept busy knitting crocheted hats, scarves and mittens, to be donated to local homeless shelters.

“This day was a beautiful example of learning and connection,” said Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Dr. Sharlene Fedorowicz, who learned how to crochet with the students. “Joining our

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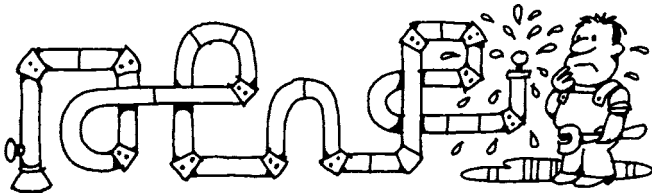
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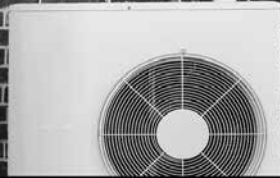
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students to crochet scarves for those in need reminded me of the power of shared experiences and the lasting impact of giving back together.”

The district extends its gratitude to MassHire for generously funding the transportation that allowed over 100 students to participate in off-campus volunteer activities, making this day of service possible.

One group of students left campus to help fill and put together winter care bags at the Dartmouth Housing Authority. Another group split up and went to all of the elementary schools in the district, assisting schoolteachers and reading to younger Bulldogs. Some students traveled to volunteer at a local charity called Gifts to Give in Acushnet.

Several groups of students focused on campus beautification efforts, such as painting inspirational quotes on bathroom walls, helping to build the Transition Program’s garden, and updating hallway bulletin boards.

Some students focused on emergency preparedness, learning CPR and earning a certificate of completion through the Family & Friends CPR Course offered through the American Heart Association. One group helped plan mental health initiatives and events for the nonprofit KyleCares, dedicated to promoting open and honest communication about the mental health challenges experienced by teens and young adults in today’s society.

Principal Devoll highlighted the importance of the event for the school’s culture.

“This event was a huge success both inside the school and in the community,” Principal Devoll said. “As part of a year-long study, we identified service learning as a major opportunity to foster growth in our student body and strengthen our commitment to the community.”

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Feedback from community partners was overwhelmingly positive, with several noting the enthusiasm and diligence of the student volunteers, thanking them for helping out. Students themselves shared that the experience was rewarding, with many of them looking forward to similar opportunities in the future.

The district is already planning to expand Community Service-Learning Day next year, building on the success of this inaugural event.

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**Mattapoisett American Legion Hall
 Eagle Scout Project**
 By Sam Bishop

Last month, Eagle Scout Ryland Perron of Troop 55 in Fairhaven completed his Eagle Scout project; that being grounds work at the American Legion Hall in Mattapoisett.

For the project, Ryland leveled the earth, removed weeds, stoned were laid, and mulch was spread. This was done near the entrance



to the hall. On this worked land was placed a bench, built in honor of the late Richard R. Langhoff, a former member of the American Legion. A plaque with Langhoff's name was made for the bench. It was donated by Village Sign Inc. Ryland was thankful to all the local business that helped make the project possible.

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Third-Grader Wins Feinsein Foundation Golden Ticket

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Principal Lynn Dessert are pleased to announce that Sippican Elementary School third-grader Rose O'Brien recently won a Feinsein Foundation Golden Ticket. The ticket earned her school a \$5,000 grant and an additional \$500 for Rose to donate to a charity of her choosing.

On Thursday, November 5, Rose received a certificate from the Marion School Committee.

Rose chose to donate the \$500 gift to the Marion

Council on Aging. The third-grader said she wanted to donate to the elderly in her community because she helps to take care of her grandmother, and her family often speaks about taking care of the elderly as they once cared for their families.

Each Feinsein Junior Scholar receives an individually numbered Golden Ticket. Beginning in October, random drawings were held, and Rose's ticket was one of the ones selected.

Rose also received a Feinsein Junior Scholar sweatshirt as a winner, and her picture will appear on



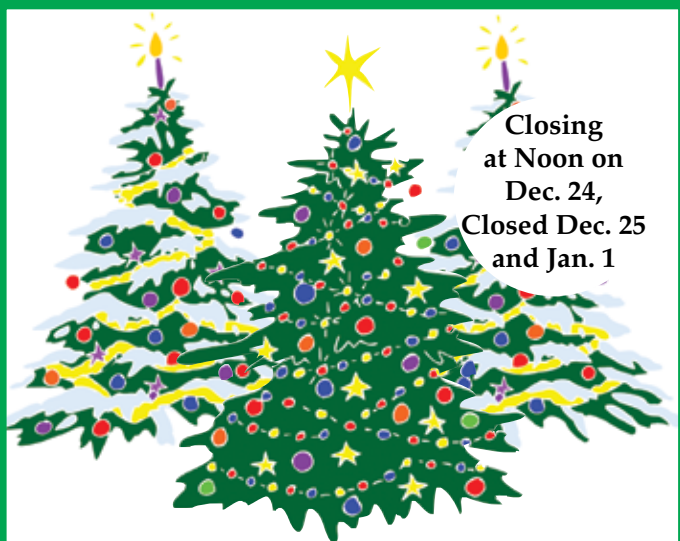
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“With heartfelt thanks to the Feinstein Foundation, we’re overjoyed to receive this winning Golden Ticket,” Principal Dessert said. “This incredible opportunity will enrich our school community and empower our students to reach new heights. It’s a chance to share good deeds and honor the valuable contributions of our elders by supporting the Marion Council on Aging.”

Superintendent Nelson congratulated Rose on having her ticket selected.

“Along with the excitement of the grant for our school, I also want to recognize Rose for choosing to donate the \$500 she was awarded to the Marion Council on Aging,” Superintendent Nelson said. “It is heartening to see young people like her understand and act upon the importance of respecting and caring for our community’s elders.”

“The grant that comes along with the Golden Ticket provides an exciting opportunity for Sippican Elementary School,” said Marion School Committee



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Chairperson April Nye. "In addition to helping the school, this is also a way for students to recognize and embody the Feinstein Junior Scholar values of doing good deeds. The Golden Ticket contest allows students to understand how their actions can positively affect their communities."

Killing Brian Thompson will not Solve America's Health Care Problems

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

The fatal shooting of UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson as he headed to a shareholder meeting should not have come as a surprise. The U.S. is a gun-obsessed culture and leads the world in gun fatalities. What was more shocking was the outpouring of "he had it coming" posts on social media.

Whether or not the killer was motivated by a personal experience with United, the numerous posts referenced people's rage at the health insurance industry.

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Private health insurance companies offering Medicare Advantage plans routinely overstate the health problems of their enrollees to get unjustified extra payments from the government.

A former Aetna medical director admitted under oath that he never looked at patients' records when deciding whether to approve or deny care but simply rubber-stamped the nurse reviewers' decisions.

United was castigated by a Senate committee for using algorithms to deny care and it was noted that the denial rate for rehab care after hospitalization rose from 10.9% in 2020 to 22.7% in 2022.

Denying care is good for insurers' profits, and these profits flow into executive salaries. The CEOs of America's six largest health insurers took home a total of \$122,970,614 in total compensation in 2023.

Taking money from employers and individuals and paying medical bills is not rocket science and does not warrant sky-high profits. Medicare operates with an overhead of about 3% while private insurers charge 15% or more.

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We need to get the excess profits out of health insurance companies and put that money towards patient care.

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

Clock Ticks Towards TikTok Ban

On National News

By Sam Bishop

A friend of mine recently asked: "You're up to date on things, right? Is TikTok actually getting banned?" That brings us here. This is a non-issue to most. However, to the young among us, this is the dilemma of the ages.



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On Friday, December 6, a federal appeals court made up of three judges unanimously upheld the law which would force TikTok's parent company, ByteDance, to sell TikTok to an American-registered company by

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January 19, 2025. The company, the following Monday, filed an emergency motion in the court to delay the date until the Supreme Court can deliberate on the legality of the ban.

Should ByteDance not sell off TikTok by January 19 and the Supreme Court not challenge the law, app stores will be prohibited from offering the app and carriers, internet and cellular, will be blocked from transmitting TikTok data effectively halting all excess to app creators and content, bar the use of a VPN.

In terms of prospective purchasers for the social media giant, many have expressed interest from Canadian billionaire Kevin O'Leary to Microsoft. Whatever is happening behind closed doors is hard to tell, though there are still about six weeks left of negotiating any potential acquisition. It is hard to get an exact valuation of TikTok as it's a part of a greater whole, ByteDance. Though it is generally accepted the company is worth many tens-of-billions of dollars, if not over \$100 billion, with many thanks to the high valuation stemming from its revolutionary content-targeting algorithm.

While many won't notice the application's ban, should it happen, its effects, both commercial and

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political, will have lasting consequences.

Cap Planning Gets Project Updates

Mattapoissett Capital Planning Committee

By Marilou Newell

At the December 9 meeting of the Mattapoissett Capital Planning Committee town administrator Mike Lorenzo gave a status report on a variety of multi-phase multi-dollar projects.

Topping the list was the Main Street (village streets) construction project. Lorenzo said that design currently stands at 20-percent and that an arborist has been hired to assist with planting and tree removal planning. During a June information session public comments were received and various traffic flow issues and ideas were floated such as one way travel on Water Street. The town has been working with the state on utilities design.

Lorenzo shared that long before any work can be scheduled some 120 easements would have to be granted for things like material storage and equipment. Also the culvert at the town beach on Water Street had to be



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replaced. Water lines with an estimated price tag of \$20 million need to be considered.

Regarding the Pearl Street project, Lorenzo said that project which the town had approved along with Oakland Street at an estimated cost of \$1.4 million, will go out to bid in the coming weeks with a spring start date and that Oakland Street underground services (gas, sewer, and water) were complete. He said an asphalt overlay is planned. However, he cautioned that the \$1.4 million will not be enough given current pricing.

Long Wharf reconstruction project is at a bit

of a stall presently. Additional borings confirmed site conditions as amenable to repairs but that materials for the project had yet to be decided.

Improvements to the Highway Department Building are moving along and the floor drains have been completed. But the discovery of asbestos required extra work. He forecasted that this project should come in close to budget at \$350,000. Lorenzo also noted that exhaust fans have been installed.

Student work on the Holy Ghost Grounds building which included flooring, electrical with new panel and fixtures is ongoing with the students from Old Colony “plugging along.”

Library repairs with the exception of the slate roof are funded up to \$45,000 for carpet replacement yet to be done. Also pending is a full feasibility study for Town Hall Lorenzo noted. In May 2023 \$35,000 was appropriated for the study he said. Regarding repairs to Town Hall he said that holes in the roof had been patched, exterior trim and painting was complete, “...the animals can’t get in.”

On the topic of vehicles he reminded the committee of the year or more wait times for new vehicle deliveries. Both the Highway Department and the Police Department (a new ambulance) are waiting for deliveries.

The bike path’s next phase was mentioned at a possible cost of \$3 million. Lorenzo said that funding was a “big question mark” but that grants would be sought, “...it may have to go through the TIP process.”

Lorenzo also touched on debt saying that while the library and local schools are rolling off the payment schedule, the new fire station is rolling on.

Recently completed projects include a new generator for the housing authority, Old Slough Road,

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Next meeting of the Mattapoisett Capital Planning Committee to be announced.

Request for Determination of Applicability Denied

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

A Request for Determination of Applicability filing was turned down on December 9 when the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission reviewed the filing brought by Colin Labrie, 7 Hollywood Road.

The filing was for the removal of trees within the 100-foot wetlands boundary an area subject to coastal storm flowage. Representing the applicant was Chris Vandenberg of Civil Environmental Consultants who quickly found the commission members in opposition to his plans. The commission indicated that the applicant's site activities to date already constituted a violation and



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that a Notice of Intent filing was in order.

The commission acted on the RDA by giving it a positive determination and that requires an NOI filing.

An NOI filed by Eric Smith for the construction of a single-family home, located at 0 Grand Avenue, was continued while an NOI filed by Thomas Holt, 39 Mattapoissett Neck Road, also for a single-family home, was conditioned.

Two of four requests for Certificates of Compliance were granted, being Nicholas Leblanc, Lot 83 Shagbark Circle, and Long Built Homes for Lot 90 Shagbark Circle. Exception was taken for two other COC requests because the engineer of record did not certify compliance to conditions. Requests from Craig Medeiros Esq. for COCs for 21 Fieldstone Drive (two certificates) were denied and engineering certification requested.

A continued NOI for James DePierre, 20 Cove Street for the razing of an existing structure and the construction of a new residence was conditioned.

Coming before the commission was David Davignon with a requested and received a withdrawal without prejudice for Approved Amended Orders of Conditions (SE44-1503, SE44-1524, SE44-1520, and SE44-

1526) for landscaping in and near a barrier beach that would have included technical features due to possible storm surge erosion in the future for property located on Good Speed Island.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Conservation Commission is scheduled for December 23.

Deliberation on High Street Development

Rochester Planning Board
By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester’s Planning Board Tuesday endorsed one Approval Not Required application for a proposed house lot at 0 High St. but extended the hearing for three other lots that are part of the same project after the developer’s representative refused to accept the condition the panel wanted to place on those parcels.

For lots six, seven, and eight along Forbes Road, the board wanted to add the condition that these parcels be stamped ‘non-buildable’ because they lay too close to the Connet Woods housing development and might need to adhere to covenants and rules of that development’s Homeowners Association. This, board members said, would require discussion and a meeting of the minds between the two projects.

Project engineer Brian Wallace, who attended the meeting via Zoom, said he disagreed with adding this condition. He said the design of these house lots will not change from what is being presented.

David Arancio, a trustee of the Connet Woods Homeowners Association, started the conversation by noting these lots are so close to Connet Woods that it would become part of the Connet development without having to adhere to its special rules and restrictions. Board member Ben Bailey advised Wallace



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that it would be easier for him and the board to accept the condition. Wallace said he preferred a continuance to the next meeting instead but also that “more discussion needs to happen.”

Arancio said he was disheartened to hear push back from Wallace rather than allowing the attorneys for the project and the town to get together and find common ground.

The hearing for the three single-family dwellings with attached garage on two-acre lots that will utilize pieces of neighboring cranberry bogs was continued to January 14, 2025.

In other action, the board reviewed a Site Plan Review application filed by Eversource for a new substation interconnecting generation facilities at 214 Rounsville Road. Eversource representative Heather Sykes said this is an upgrade that will help meet the town’s future energy goals and improve utility service. The board continued this hearing until January 14 to give the town’s consulting engineer, Ken Motta, time to review and comment on the plan.

The board conducted public hearings on the bylaw amendments proposed for the January 28 Special Town Meeting.



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The board recommended approval of proposed changes to Large Scale Solar Photovoltaic Installation regulations that strengthen the conditions for adequate screening and a proposal for new battery storage systems regulations.

The board added language to the bylaw amendment proposal adding rules for short-term rentals. The Planning Board will be charged with granting a Special Permit for any property owners who wish to operate a short-term rental.

The board also considered favorably proposals



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to eliminate use variances and add a new section to the Agricultural Land Residential District to address the state's new accessory dwelling unit regulations.

The Rochester Planning Board's next meeting will be Tuesday, January 14 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

CPA Funding Will Be Competitive

Mattapoisett Community Preservation Act Committee

By Marilou Newell

The Mattapoisett Community Preservation Committee has begun meeting in preparation for Spring Town Meeting at which time grant applications will have been vetted by the committee as acceptable to the process and therefore ready for the town to vote on.

According to committee chairman Chuck McCullough, grants from five entities were received. Those are \$50,000 for restoration of the town owned Barlow Cemetery, \$50,000 requested by the town's Historical Commission for the continuation of memorializing the town's historic resources (as mandated by the state's charge for such commissions), \$65,000 sought by the Mattapoisett Museum for the



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carriage house access compliance, \$85,553 for American Legion hall upgrades, and \$23,332 requested by the Marion Institute for a community based garden at Old Hammontown School.

In a separate message to all applicants, McCullough noted the following: "This year the CPA Committee has been presented with five requests for funds totaling \$250,000. The five requests are seeking historical or open space/recreation funds. The fund balances for the historical and open space/recreation CPA categories now total approximately \$85,000.

We do have undesignated funds available to backfill any shortfall of funds in other categories, but the committee is very protective of the undesignated funds needing to ensure that we're able to support emergency situations that may come before the committee. This is a very competitive year for CPA Funds and the committee's focus will be to sort out the high priority needs from the lower priority wants. It will be important that you be prepared to breakout the priority needs and to be prepared to segment the project, if possible, over a period of years."

After the first of the year, one-on-one interviews

will be scheduled to more fully explore the grant applications with the applicants and ask specific questions that will better inform the committee members. The committee members are Bob Spooner, Margaret DeMello, Michelle Hughes, Jim Pierson, Bill Hall, and Karen Field.

Good News in Marion Schools

Marion School Committee

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

From meeting the new school service dog, strong MCAS scores, and celebrating the district's first Feinstein Foundation Golden ticket award, the Marion School Committee on December 5 was filled with good news.

Sippican Elementary School third-grader Rose O'Brien, a Feinstein school for her good deeds, won a random drawing that helped garner \$5,000 for the school and \$500 for a charity of O'Brien's choice.

O'Brien, who says she helps take care of her grandmother, chose to donate the \$500 to the town's Council on Aging.

At first, I didn't even know I was winning and later in the day they told me I was a winner," O'Brien told the School Committee, adding that she wants to help "the old people of the community."

"It was a perfect fit, and we are so excited," Sippican Principal Lynn Dessert said at last Thursday's meeting. "I am really excited about Rose's choice, and I had a conversation with Rose about what she thought was important."

"Our youngest generation here at Sippican will be helping our older generation at the Council on Aging," School Superintendent Michael Nelson said.

Sippican Assistant Principal Gregory Thomas also reported on some positive charitable work of students. He said \$2,000 was donated by the Feinstein Foundation to the food pantry. Another \$2,000 was donated for the school's giving tree on which students conduct good deeds, write about it and it goes on a tree.

Along with charitable acts, Marion students were touted for their solid work on last year's MCAS tests.

Dessert and Sharlene Federowicz, assistant superintendent of teaching and learning, reported that most students in grades 3 through 6 surpassed the state average in English, Mathematics, and Science.

Only Grade 4 did not experience strong growth, but Federowicz stressed that those students started

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kindergarten remotely and spent Grade 1 learning through masks worn by both teachers and staff.

She and other school leaders credited extra learning programs and a revamped curriculum toward the town surpassing the state average.

On that note, the School Committee later that evening voted to approve a \$3,900 grant it has received from the state for professional development – something that also will harness growth in teaching and learning.

In other news, the School Committee was introduced to Sippican’s new, most popular staff member: Norman the service dog.

School Resource Officer Jonathan Tracy said Norman, an 8-month-old golden labrador retriever, has walked students to class and has greeted many visitors at the SRO office.

His presence in the school has helped brighten the day of many students, some of whom have had bad days lifted up by the school’s new furry friend.

“The benefits of it – I have seen every single day,” Tracy said, adding that kids having tough days have been escorted to class by Norman.

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Tracy said.

School officials said they plan on making “Norman” stuffed animals and awarding hard-working students – aptly calling it the Norman Award.

The School Committee also introduced new art teacher Joanne Smith, a longtime art teacher who started in the district in 1997.

Smith said she was happy to rejoin the tri-town family, where she started as an educator.

Nelson said he visited her art class and was happy to see the great art experiences of the students.



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The School Committee voted to dispose of old and some old and outdated math and science textbooks. Nelson said, citing his conversation with Dessert, that the advent of online learning has made some of these books obsolete. He said disposing of them will free up classroom and storage spaces.

The School Committee will meet again on January 30 at the Sippican Elementary School.

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The revised plan will not impact Marion CEA's current electricity supply options and prices which are fixed until November 2025 through our supply contract with Constellation. No action is required by existing participants to continue receiving the current pricing.

OBITUARIES



Barbara Whitehead Silva, 93, of Mattapoisett, Massachusetts died peacefully at home on Monday, December 2, 2024. She was the daughter of the late Charles "Charlie" Whitehead and Blanche Whitehead of Dartmouth, MA, and mother of Lisa A. Grace, and grandmother of Matthew R. Grace.

Barbara was a graduate of Dartmouth High School. She was a devout Catholic and long-time parishioner of St. Anthony's Church in Mattapoisett. She donated regularly to the Mattapoisett police and emergency services departments, as well as to United States Veterans. Barbara held her extended family and friends close to her heart. Referred to as Baba by her loved ones, she raised and impacted many generations amongst her family, friends, colleagues, and community.

Barbara was the former President/CEO of First Citizens' Federal Credit Union, starting in the early 1950's as Treasurer, she served the bank for 45 years. Barbara led their growth from a state-chartered credit union to a federally-chartered credit union in the 1980's, as well as their expansion from their Bristol county headquarters in New Bedford to several branches and counties throughout Massachusetts.

Barbara was a committed member of the communities in the South Coast of Massachusetts, particularly New Bedford, and was a business leader at a time when women were in the extreme minority. Barbara served many area orga-

nizations, including as former Trustee of St. Luke's Hospital; Board Member of the Massachusetts Small Business Loan Review Board, the United Way, and New Bedford Junior Achievement; Board Member and Chairperson of the New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce, Director of the Credit Union National Association (CUNA) of Massachusetts, and Executive Committee Member of the Economic Development Corporation of Greater New Bedford. She was the first woman inducted into the New Bedford Area Business Hall of Fame in 1985 and received the Citation Award from the American Business Women's Association in 1987.

A private Funeral Mass will be held for her family. A celebration of Barbara's life will be held at the Country Club of New Bedford (where she was a member for over 30 years) on Saturday, December 14, from 11am to 2pm. The celebration is open to all who knew and loved Barbara.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations are made in Barbara's name to St. Anthony's Church of Mattapoisett, MA. (<https://anthonyandrita.com>). Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at office@wanderer.com.

On the program website, MassCEA.com/Marion, you can review both the revised plan and the current plan. You can also watch a short video describing the revised plan and read the DPU Guidelines. The program website has a comment form to provide written comments, or you may email support_ma@goodenergy.com with the subject line "Marion Plan Comments." Good Energy is the consultant that developed and manages our program on a day-to-day basis.

The public review period is open until January 13, 2024.


Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

The Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library's annual Holiday Book sale will be operating until Sunday, **December 22**. Check out our holiday raffle baskets and find gifts for the whole family. All proceeds benefit the library.

Join Miss Macy for a special pajama story time on Thursday, **December 19** at 6:30 pm. We'll sing songs, read stories, and get cozy together. Participants of this all ages are invited to wear PJs and bring their favorite stuffed animal.

Celebrate the shortest day of the year on Saturday, **December 21** at 11:00 am with Solstice Storytime. We'll learn why cultures around the world celebrate the winter solstice and make a craft to bring light to the long night. This program is intended for kids ages 3 and up.

Kids who can't stay up until Midnight, are invited to join us at the Elizabeth Taber Library to ring in the New Year - at noon. Drop in anytime between 11 am and our countdown at Noon for merriment, crafts, a bubble-wrap dance floor, and light refreshments.



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From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By **Connie Eshbach**

The Rochester Historical Society, begun in 1967, has been around long enough to be considered historical in its own right. Like any organization with longevity, it has undergone changes over the years.

The Society founders bonded over discovering the histories of their old homes and also creating maps of Rochester through its over 200 years. With each map moving from century to century, they added roads, businesses and homes of residents with the names of the people living there at the time.

Because the Society had no building to call its own, meetings were held at the homes of members, often accompanied by a meal. Any items donated to the group had to be stored at these same member's homes. Most meetings were for members only. Many projects were proposed and there was a constant search for a place to



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make it into a museum.

They held antique shows, helped plan the celebrations for the Bicentennial and more wholeheartedly, the 300th anniversary of Rochester. They conducted historic tours of town, spoke about the town's history to groups, and held Thankful suppers,

Finally, in 2003, the East Rochester Congregational Church became the Rochester Historical Society Museum. In the following 21 years, the mission of the Society has expanded with most if not all meetings and events open to the public. Monthly meetings with speakers sharing

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historical knowledge or expertise, yearly exhibits, along with bake sales, an annual yard sale, concerts and special outdoor events have helped us to share Rochester's history.

In the past, the Society had Christmas parties for the members.

The picture shows Betty Beaulieu sharing her Christmas wish with Santa Claus. When my husband and I first joined the Historical Society and attended a Christmas party, Anna White was happy to see me, assuming, that



as Marion Hartley's (church organist and expert pianist) granddaughter, I would be able to take over the piano playing duties. I had to disappoint her as my few years of lessons left me with only the ability to find middle C on



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Thursday December 12, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
 8:00 AM Cape Conversations
 8:30 AM For Your Health
 9:00 AM Mattapoisset Land Trust
 9:30 AM Artist Interview - Pamela Hoss and Kim Barry
 10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
 10:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
 11:00 AM Tri-Town Veterans Day Ceremonies
 11:30 AM Patrocast with Darren Paltowitz
 12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
 12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
 1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
 1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Paul Thomas
 3:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Sea Turtles in MA Waters
 4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
 5:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
 5:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
 6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
 6:30 PM Tri-Town TV
 7:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 7:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
 8:30 PM The Beacon Hill Report
 9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church
 10:00 PM ORR Powderpuff Game vs Wareham
 11:30 PM Sippican Choral Society - Songs of Peace and Hope

Friday December 13, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
 8:00 AM The World Fusion Show
 8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities
 9:30 AM Mattapoisset Land Trust
 10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
 10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
 11:00 AM Cape Conversations

11:30 AM A Conversation With...
 12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
 12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
 1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
 1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
 2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
 2:30 PM Two Grannies on the Road
 3:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
 3:30 PM This is America and the World
 4:00 PM Patrocast with Darren Paltowitz
 4:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
 5:00 PM MEFA College Financing Seminar
 6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
 6:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Sea Turtles in MA Waters
 7:30 PM Thomas Bassett - Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony
 8:00 PM ORR Athletic Hall of Fame Induction 2024
 11:00 PM Sippican Choral Society - Songs of Peace and Hope

Saturday December 14, 2024

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
 9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
 10:00 AM A Conversation With...
 10:30 AM Cape Conversations
 11:00 AM Science 360
 11:30 AM Health Source
 12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
 1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Paul Thomas
 2:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
 3:30 PM South Coast Matters
 4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
 4:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Mysteries of Midwater
 6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
 6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
 7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
 7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
 8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
 8:30 PM Mattapoisset Land Trust
 9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
 10:30 PM Let's Talk Business
 11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday December 15, 2024

6:00 AM Health Source
 6:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
 7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
 8:00 AM Mattapoisset Congregational Church
 9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
 10:00 AM MAC Arts in the Park
 11:00 AM Boston Celtics Owner Wyc Grousbeck Interview
 12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
 1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
 1:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
 2:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
 3:00 PM Bulldog Sports Show
 3:30 PM Patrocast with Darren Paltowitz
 4:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
 4:30 PM The World Fusion Show
 5:00 PM Tri-Town Veterans Day Ceremonies
 6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
 6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
 7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
 7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
 8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
 8:30 PM Mattapoisset Museum: The Hurricane of 1938
 10:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Mysteries of the Midwater
 11:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
 11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday December 16, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
 8:00 AM For Your Health
 9:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 9:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
 10:00 AM A Conversation With...
 10:30 AM Cape Conversations
 11:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
 11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline

1:00 PM In the Toy Box
 1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
 2:00 PM Southcoast Matters
 2:30 PM The Collective Chat
 3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
 3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
 4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
 4:30 PM Boston Celtics Owner Wyc Grousbeck Interview
 5:00 PM Mattapoisset Land Trust
 5:30 PM Artist Interview - Pamela Hoss and Kim Barry
 6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
 6:30 PM ORR Hall of Fame Induction 2024
 7:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
 8:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 9:00 PM Let's Talk Business
 9:30 PM Building the Future
 10:00 PM Gay USA
 11:00 PM Music in the Park with Charlotte Silva

Tuesday December 17, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
 8:00 AM For Your Health: Seasonal Flu
 8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
 9:30 AM The Collective Chat
 10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe
 10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
 11:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning
 11:30 AM In the Toy Box
 12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
 12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
 1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
 1:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
 2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
 2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
 3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
 3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
 4:00 PM Mattapoisset Summer Band
 5:30 PM Tri-Town TV
 6:00 PM Marion Art Center - Unplugged - Matt Richard & Donn

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 8:40 PM The Beacon Hill Report
 9:10 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 10:00 PM Gay USA
 11:00 PM ORR Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Wednesday December 18, 2024

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

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7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
 10:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission
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 1:30 PM Marion School Committee
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 6:30 PM Marion Marine Resources Commission
 7:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
 11:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission

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 11:00 AM ORRJHS Drama Club
 12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
 1:00 PM Old Colony Graduation
 2:00 PM Old Colony Drama
 3:30 PM ORR Boys Soccer vs Norton
 5:00 PM ORR Unified Basketball vs Case
 6:00 PM ORRJHS Bulldog Weekly
 6:30 PM Old Colony TV
 7:00 PM Cable History of Old Colony RVTHS
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 10:00 PM Old Colony Boys Soccer vs Blue Hills

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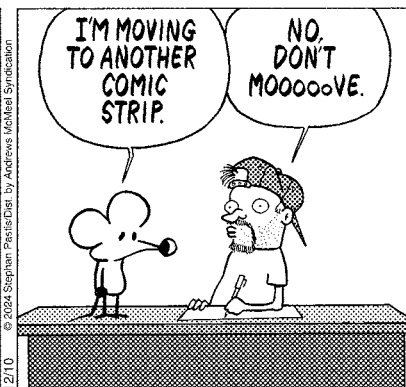
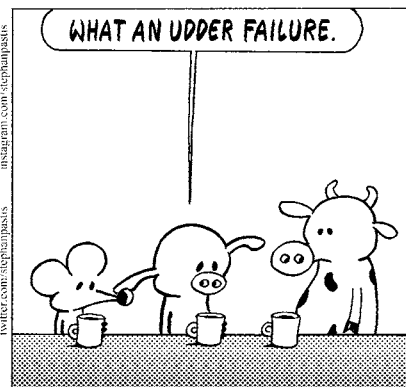
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

by Stephan Pastis



any piano.

The museum's piano hasn't been played in years, but that isn't standing in our way. Inspired by the many dolls, games and toys in our current exhibit, we are having a Christmas party. As always, we're inviting everyone (not just members) to join us at the museum at 355 County Rd. on December 18 at 6:30 pm. Come and see our decorated church and play with some of the exhibit items.

Then at 7:00 pm, the musical part of the party begins (if you can only attend this part, that's fine). First, sixth grader, Andrew Cody, will entertain us with some trumpet solos. You may have heard him perform in October at the SAR ceremony at Rochester Center cemetery. After that, we'll join Sheila and Tom Perry in singing holiday songs. We'll have cookies and cocoa to finish the evening.

We are asking attendees to bring an unwrapped gift for a teen or child.

On the Sunday before the Christmas party, we will be having what has become our annual holiday organ concert. Organist, Bruce Gardzina, is back and will be playing our rare Vocalion organ at 2:00 on Dec.



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MOVIE REVIEW

Chaos

By Rob Gonsalves
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Cop1941 (1979). Starring John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd. Directed by Steven Spielberg. Running time: 118 minutes. MPAA rating: PG. Available on home physical and streaming media.

Ah, the critics back there in 1979. They didn't know. Walking into Steven Spielberg's epic slapstick farce *1941*, which came out 45 years ago on December 14, they didn't realize they were in for a live-action cartoon. They also didn't know what was coming just two years later.

Perhaps it's only because I first happened to catch *1941* on cable around the same time *Raiders of the Lost Ark* came out, but it has always been my belief that *1941* was no more or less than a dry run for the *Indiana Jones* films. It has the same look, the same sound (John Williams' score is hysterically over-amped); with a tweak here and there, it could plausibly be unfolding in the same reality. Indy fights Nazis in 1936; five years later, one of them (Christopher Lee) turns up on a Japanese sub.

So if you go into *1941* looking at it as Indy's scrappier younger brother, with its pants around its ankles and firing a pistol into the California night sky, you might have a better time with it. The movie is explicitly Spielberg's attempt to wield farce on the level of *It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World*, stuffed with stars and chaos, a gigantic *Mad*-magazine parody of itself. Everyone in the huge cast bellows and shrieks, and for good measure they all reprise their screaming during the end credits. *1941* is loud.

The movie became a stick with which to slap Spielberg down. He'd had two big hits in a row; now he would be made to eat dirt. But really there's nothing to be ashamed of here. There's a surfeit of diversions here, legions of characters chasing each other around, locked into their own violent, fearful or sexual obsessions. The perversity runs wild: the movie kicks off with a goofball riff on *Jaws*; the then-hot comedy team of John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd are in the movie but never share a scene; if there's an actual protagonist, it's hooper Bobby DiCicco, who just wants to enter a USO dance contest.

If, on some level, you can't relish the scenes between Christopher Lee and sub commander Toshiro Mifune — especially when Slim Pickens drops in for some cornpone scatological yucks (Mifune's crestfallen "This has not been honorable" always cracks me up) — well, I don't know what to tell you. Similarly, the meeting of Belushi's deranged Wild Bill Kelso and Warren Oates' equally deranged Colonel "Madman" Maddox — two grizzled icons of different generations squinting at each other and taking one another's demented measure. Or Treat Williams'



scummy corporal who has a thing against eggs. Or Ned Beatty allowing an anti-aircraft gun on his property, to the consternation of wife Lorraine Gary. Or the way Aykroyd looks perfectly at home as a sergeant rattling off tech specs. Or Robert

Stack's Major General Stilwell — the film's only voice of sanity — shedding tears during a screening of *Dumbo*.

There's no way a movie this massive, this dedicated to craziness, and this *fun* needs to justify itself on any level. There's a lavish, colorful entertainer at work in *1941* and the first two *Indy* films that now seems long lost. Until he remade *West Side Story* decades later, *1941* was the closest Spielberg had ever come to mounting a full-fledged musical, and I wish it had done better at the box office if only so that we could've gotten more brilliantly inspired sequences like the jitterbug number, which degenerates into a messy brawl, which critics took as a metaphor for the film itself.

1941 is chaotic because it seeks to tell, in slapstick terms, a story of American hysteria — the script by Bob Gale and Robert Zemeckis was based loosely, in part, on the actual "Battle of Los Angeles," in which a still-unknown thing in the sky led to the Army pretty much losing their minds and perforating the night air with shells. *1941* shows that Spielberg was not always the somber WWII chronicler of *Saving Private Ryan*, prostrating himself at the graves of the Greatest Generation. Here, the Greatest Generation is a bunch of morons. America is stupid. But Japan is stupid, too — they don't even have a working compass on their sub. Everyone (except Stilwell) is stupid. It's a farce, an anti-patriotic farce post-Vietnam.

Is it, uh, perfect? Getouddahere. The women tend to be floozies, ditzes or straight-up nymphos (Nancy Allen as a reporter who gets aroused when she's up in a plane, much to Tim Matheson's delight). The racism of the day is exploited for laughs (more so in the extended cut on DVD, which fleshes out the conflict between Frank McRae and John Candy). But, again, pretty much everyone in the movie is a suitable case for treatment. Charges of sexism/racism don't stick to a happy calamity like this movie, which sprays everyone with the same mix of soot, slime and raw eggs. I love *1941*. I don't apologize to you, or my fellow critics, or even Spielberg for that. I saw it at precisely the right time, eleven years old, grew up on the *Little Rascals* and "Nyuk nyuk nyuk" and *Looney Tunes*, and so knew what I was watching. Does the rest of the world know what this film is? I guess not.

15th. The concert will be followed by refreshments and conversations.

Again, an unwrapped gift can be brought to the organ concert.

Rochester Historical Society

The Rochester Historical Society will be at the Plumb Library on Saturday, **December 14** from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. At the Christmas Fair we will be selling all of our Rochester items which make great holiday gifts. We will have our 4 styles of sweatshirts—full zip, hoodie, crewneck and 1/4 zip. Also, t-shirts, denim shirts, hats, and our new long-sleeve T-shirts. We'll have maps, books, Rochester themed Tic Tac Toes, cup plates and small boxes. Stop by to say "hi" and you can even join or renew your membership.

On **December 15** at 2:00 pm, Bruce Gardzina, an organist for over 50 years, will be playing holiday songs on our rare Vocalion organ built in 1893. Like all of us as we age, it has a few aches and pains (which we have plans to fix soon), but it is eminently playable. Bruce is able to make beautiful music fill the church/museum. There is something magical about listening to music on an organ from the 1800's in a church built in 1857, especially when the sunlight streams through the stain glass window. There will be refreshments to follow the concert. All are welcome.

On **December 18**, beginning at 6:30 pm, we are having a Christmas party and music will be a big part of it. At 7:00 pm, we will have some holiday trumpet solos played by Andrew Cody, a sixth grader at Rochester Memorial, and then we will all join in carol singing (or listening) led by Sheila and Tom Perry who have headlined many musical nights for the Historical Society. We will be serving cocoa and cookies to round out the night.

Both events are at the Rochester Historical Society Museum at 355 County Rd., Rochester and all are welcome. We are requesting attendees to bring an unwrapped toy for a child or teen. Anyone with questions may call Connie at 617-750-2818 or Sue at 508-295-8908.

As part of the Rochester Historical Commission Historic Plaque program, the Commission has presented a historic plaque to the North Rochester Church. The plaque is shown here being held by Commission

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members, Tim Bates and Sue La Fleur. While this church building built in 1841 is old, it is not the original North Rochester Congregational Church building.


The first North Rochester Church was about a mile from today's church and was built in 1748. A second meetinghouse was built on the same location as today's in 1791 and then today's church was built in 1841.

The Historic Plaque program is open to anyone with an antique home. All the information needed can be found on the town's web site under the Historical Commission. Application and a check may be left at town Hall or mailed there.

Warm Weather Donations for Veterans

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) requests your help collecting new hats, gloves, and white socks through **January 15**.

TAB understands that winter can be especially tough for veterans, so our members have partnered with The Veterans Transition House in New Bedford to help. Your donations of NEW hats, gloves, and white socks will help provide much-needed warmth and comfort to those who have served our country. You can drop off your



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TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



The 2024 Marion Christmas Stroll took place on December 8. Pictured are Carolers outside The Sippican Historical Society (top), Mr. and Mrs. Clause riding their carriage on Front Street (left), and Santa arriving by tugboat (bottom). Photos by Sam Bishop and Mick Colageo.

Photo by Jennifer Shepley



Sunset from Mattapoissett Town Beach. Photo by Rob Grant.



The Marion Natural History Museum wishes to thank Justin Barrett for his excellent program on learning how to bird watch. The kids had a lesson on using binoculars and had a chance to practice outside. Although it was getting dark, we saw a Junco, several sparrows, and took a close up look at squirrel nest. Thank you, Justin. Photo courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold.



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contributions in the bins at the Mattapoissett Library, 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoissett, until January 15.

If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Lawrence, the Adult Services Librarian, at ALawrence@sailsinc.org or call the library at 508-758-4171. Thank you for showing support and compassion for our veterans. The Teen Advisory Board and The Veterans Transition House appreciate your kindness.

Sippican Historical Society

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

Dr. Bruzelius, a leading voice in architectural history and digital visualization, will share fascinating stories from Notre Dame's restoration after the devastating fire on April 15, 2019. The cathedral has not only been fully restored but is cleaner and more magnificent than it has been in centuries. The restoration process allowed architects, historians, and scientists



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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Dec 1-Dec 7

- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Lost property
- Crapo St – General service
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Spring St - Fraud
- Front St – General service
- Main St – EMS/medical
- Spring St – General service
- Joanne Dr – Suspicious activity
- Wareham Rd – General service
- Village Dr – General offense
- Barros Dr – EMS/medical
- Mill St – General offense
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Point Rd - General service
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Briggs Ln – EMS/medical
- Spring St – EMS/medical
- Allen St – EMS/medical
- Front St – MV complaint
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Village Dr – Noise complaint
- Village Dr – Animal complaint
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Spring St – Health/welfare
- Water St – Vandalism/past
- Quail's Crossing Rd – EMS/medical

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Dec 1-Dec 7

- Water St – Suspicious MV
- Fairhaven Rd – General service
- Fairhaven Rd – MV crash
- Barstow St – Health/welfare
- Barstow St – Medical assist
- Cathaway Ln - Disturbance
- Oakland St – Health/welfare
- Fairhaven Rd – General service
- Second St – Medical alarm
- Marion Rd – Health/welfare
- Meadowbrook Ln – Restraining order
- Meadowbrook Ln – Assist other agency
- I195 East – MV violations
- Marion Rd – Assist citizen
- Timberledge Ln – Suspicious MV
- Greenbough Dr – MV violations
- Marion Rd - Disturbance
- Holly Ln – Medical assist
- County Rd – Stolen property
- County Rd – Property lost
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Shore Dr – Follow up investigation
- Acushnet Rd - Complaint
- County Rd – Health/welfare
- Shaw St – General service
- Main St - Disturbance
- Brant Beach Ave - Notification
- Acushnet Rd – Suspicious persons
- Aucoot Rd – MV violations

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Dec 1-Dec 7

- Clapp Rd – Animal control
- County Rd – General services
- Snipatuit Rd – 911 call
- Cranberry Hwy - Medical
- Benson Rd - Investigation
- Cushman Rd - Investigation
- Benson Rd – Follow up
- Cranberry Hwy – Erratic MV
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation
- County Rd – Follow up
- North Ave – MV stop/arrest
- Burgess Ave – Public assist
- Snipatuit Rd – Animal control
- Cushman Rd – MV collision
- Dexter Ln – General services
- North Ave – Community policing
- Cushman Rd – Animal control
- Cushman Rd – Assist other agency
- Walnut Plain Rd – Burglar alarm
- Dexter Ln – Animal control
- Marion Rd – Animal control
- Vaughn Hill Rd – MV collision
- New Bedford Rd – Suspicious activity
- Rte 495 – MV collision
- High St – Suspicious activity
- North Ave – General services
- Snipatuit Rd – Suspicious activity
- Walnut Plain Rd – Missing person
- Walnut Plain Rd - Investigation

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



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Dec 16 Hawaiian chicken w/pineapple, sweet rice, carrots, wheat bread, pear

Tuesday, Dec 17: Potato pollock w/tartar sauce, vegetable rice pilaf, green peas, wheat roll, chocolate pudding

Wednesday, Dec 18: Garden salad, Italian stuffed shells w/turkey Bolognese, mixed vegetables, Hawaiian roll, mixed fruit

Thursday, Dec 19: Baked ham w/ pineapple raisin sauce, mashed sweet potato, broccoli, wheat roll, cinnamon swirl, diet: fruit

Friday, Dec 20: Maple bacon chicken, roasted potatoes, brussel sprouts, wheat bread, pear

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Dec 16 Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken soup

Tuesday, Dec 17: Taco Tuesday: Chicken or beef tacos, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

Wednesday, Dec 18: Wacky waffles, maple syrup, potato

smiles, cheese stick, yogurt cup

Thursday, Dec 19: Baked creamy chicken penne, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

Friday, Dec 20: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, roasted chic peas – Early release

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Dec 16 Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken soup

Tuesday, Dec 17: Taco Tuesday: Chicken or beef tacos, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

Wednesday, Dec 18: Wacky waffles, maple syrup, potato smiles, cheese stick, yogurt cup

Thursday, Dec 19: Baked creamy chicken penne, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

Friday, Dec 20: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, roasted chic peas – Early release

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Dec 16 Grilled cheese

sandwich, homemade chicken soup

Tuesday, Dec 17: Taco Tuesday: Chicken or beef tacos, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

Wednesday, Dec 18: Wacky waffles, maple syrup, potato smiles, cheese stick, yogurt cup

Thursday, Dec 19: Baked creamy chicken penne, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

Friday, Dec 20: Breakfast only – Early release

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Dec 16 Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken soup

Tuesday, Dec 17: Taco Tuesday: Chicken or beef tacos, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

Wednesday, Dec 18: Wacky waffles, maple syrup, potato smiles, cheese stick, yogurt cup

Thursday, Dec 19: Baked creamy chicken penne, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

Friday, Dec 20: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, roasted chic peas – Early

release

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Dec 16 Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken soup

Tuesday, Dec 17: Taco Tuesday: Chicken or beef tacos, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

Wednesday, Dec 18: Wacky waffles, maple syrup, potato smiles, cheese stick, yogurt cup

Thursday, Dec 19: Baked creamy chicken penne, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

Friday, Dec 20: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, roasted chic peas – Early release

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Dec 16 Orange chicken bowl & dinner roll

Tuesday, Dec 17: Hot dog & fries

Wednesday, Dec 18: Bagel pizza & side salad – Early release

Thursday, Dec 19: Appetizer sampler & carrot sticks

Friday, Dec 20: Assorted pizza

to examine the structure in unprecedented detail, uncovering new insights into the craftsmanship and design of one of the most iconic Gothic cathedrals.

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

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

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

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

Tinkhamtown Chapel Christmas Sing-along

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

Rochester Historical Society's December

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

Christmas comes to the Rochester Historical Museum at 355 County Road at 2:00 pm on **December 15** when Organist Bruce Gadzina is back to play our rare Vocalion organ. While our organ looks like a pipe organ, www.wanderer.com

it is a smaller size that was a perfect fit for a home and the pipes are just window dressing. The music, however, equals or surpasses that of a pipe organ. Watching Bruce play as he manipulates the pedals, keys and stops, is a unique experience. After the concert, we will have refreshments downstairs.

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

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

ORR Class of 1985 Reunion

The Old Rochester Regional Class of 1985 will be hosting our 40th Class Reunion on Saturday, **August 2** at 6:30 pm at the Ponderosa Sportsman Club at 242 Robinson Road in Acushnet. The cost is \$30 per ticket and tickets are on sale now. Payment may be made via Venmo@ lisagarabedian122 or by check (payable to ORR Class of 1985) mail to Lisa Gayoski Garabedian, 86 Crescent Avenue, Scituate, MA 02066.

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

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

If these names mean something to you, you are welcome to come join our reunion. The committee has decided to invite all classes from ORR to join in our

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- 6 Jaunty greeting
- 10 Basics
- 14 Aid in crime
- 18 Full of vitality
- 19 Purim's month
- 20 Patio cooker
- 22 Sage guide
- 23 Pope after Sergius II
- 24 Acting Ward
- 25 "Same here"
- 26 Arab country
- 27 Player hitting to prepare for a spike
- 30 Energetic journalist
- 32 Chicago-to-Tampa dir.
- 33 Suffix with leopard
- 34 Caroling song
- 35 Journalist covering a particular sector
- 38 To be, to Bardot
- 39 Look of hair
- 40 Dubai's country, for short
- 41 "Kung Fu Hustle" director and star

- 45 Canonized Mlle.
- 46 Campers under canvas
- 50 Field unit
- 51 Jarred
- 55 Having no commercials
- 56 High-scoring hoops shot
- 59 Met or La Scala frequenter
- 61 "That didn't escape my notice"
- 62 Prior to, to bards
- 63 Pooch's cry
- 65 Country singer Blake
- 67 Andrea — (ill-fated ship)
- 69 Swimming sensation at the 1972 Olympics
- 71 Nine-sided shape
- 75 Comic buffoon
- 78 Entertainer Zadora
- 81 Deli salad
- 84 Injury rehab professional
- 86 Scattering in the field
- 88 Baja blanket
- 90 Vandals, e.g.

- 92 Gillette brand
- 93 Genghis Khan followers
- 95 Silvery gray
- 96 Deliverer of a fine spray
- 99 Text-scanning device, briefly
- 100 Revises text
- 103 First letter of the Arabic alphabet
- 104 130-to-135-pound bout competitor
- 108 "— Well That Ends Well"
- 109 Cavity fillers' org.
- 112 According to
- 113 Sheriff's star
- 114 Popular yoga pose ... or something found seven times in this puzzle
- 117 Color shade
- 119 Research facility
- 121 TV "Warrior Princess"
- 122 Duck with soft feathers
- 123 Tortilla treat
- 124 One of the singing Braxton sisters

- 125 Eternally
- 126 Love, to Lucia
- 127 Place of bliss
- 128 Stuck-up type
- 129 Relaxation
- 130 Crowded

- 36 Sports sites
- 37 Snitching sort
- 38 Sort of sword
- 41 Fill totally
- 42 Sch. worker
- 43 Went wrong
- 44 See 41-Across
- 45 Give a bias to
- 47 Wildlife-tracking aids
- 48 Lulu Hogg player Peggy
- 49 Stitch up
- 52 GI address
- 53 "Bleech!"
- 54 "The Raven" poet
- 57 Spanish river
- 58 See 56-Across
- 60 Red Muppet
- 64 Infant's cry
- 66 Nabisco treat
- 68 Doing sentry duty
- 70 See 69-Across
- 72 H.S.-level exam
- 73 "... bug — feature?"
- 74 Quarterback great Joe
- 75 Relief sound
- 76 Mao — -tung
- 77 Other, to Gabriela
- 79 About

- 80 Petri dish gel
- 81 Old JFK jet
- 82 Meadow
- 83 Haughtiness
- 85 Gridiron score after a throw, in brief
- 87 Street urchin
- 89 Alternative to "Section 2"
- 91 Steadfast
- 94 Spring farm machines
- 97 Earthen pot
- 98 Interpret wrongly
- 101 Street eating, informally
- 102 "— kick from champagne" (Cole Porter lyric)
- 104 Milk, in Italy
- 105 Homer epic
- 106 Bulb unit
- 107 See 104-Across
- 108 Two of Henry VIII's wives
- 109 Append
- 110 Active sorts
- 111 Match up
- 115 "— Only Just Begun"
- 116 Very thin coin
- 118 2,000 pounds
- 120 See 119-Across

DOWN

- 1 Give birth, as a whale
- 2 Margarines
- 3 Forerunners of cellos
- 4 Pernicious
- 5 Like July, order-wise
- 6 Dinosaurs, so to speak
- 7 Exemplar
- 8 Passageway
- 9 Brand of toothbrushes
- 10 DOJ heads
- 11 She wrote "Jane Eyre"
- 12 Apple quaffs
- 13 Most sluggish
- 14 Past time
- 15 Lousy pieces of advice
- 16 Rub out
- 17 Piano fixer
- 21 Talk like Daffy Duck
- 28 Past time
- 29 See 27-Across
- 31 See 30-Across

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A change in holiday travel plans might be more vexing than you'd expected. But try to take it in stride. Also, it couldn't hurt to use your Aries charm to coax out some helpful cooperation.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine determination helps you deal with an unforeseen complication. And, as usual, you prove that when it comes to a challenge, you have what it takes to be a contender.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Although a romantic theme dominates much of the week, all those warm and fuzzy feelings shouldn't interfere with the more pragmatic matters that you need to take care of.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Best not to ignore doubts about an upcoming decision. Instead, recheck the facts you were given to make sure nothing important was left out. Meanwhile, a weekend surprise awaits you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) No time for a catnap -- yet. You still might have to straighten out one or two factors so that you can finally assure yourself of the truth about a troubling workplace situation. Stay with it.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) News from an old friend could lead to an unexpected (but nonetheless welcome) reunion with someone who had once been very special in your life. Be open to the possibilities.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It might be time for a family council. The sooner those problems are resolved, the sooner you can move ahead with your holiday preparations. Don't let the opportunity pass you by.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Take some time out to give more attention to a personal relationship that seems to be suffering from a sense of emotional neglect. Provide some much-needed reassurance.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Cheer up! An unusual circumstance that might faze most people can be handled pretty well by the savvy Sagittarian. Look at it as an opportunity rather than an obstacle.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Someone you believe has hurt you in the past might now need your help. Reaching out could be difficult, but the generous Goat will be able to do the right thing, as always.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Prioritizing is an important part of your preholiday scheduling. Try to give time to both your workday responsibilities and any personal matters you might have neglected.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) With the vestiges of your anger about a painful incident fading, you can now focus all your energy on the more positive aspects of your life, including a certain personal situation.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of bringing your own strong sense of reassurance to others and encouraging them to be hopeful!

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reunion fun so spread the word to friends in other classes. We are looking forward to a great reunion. Warm regards from the Class of 1985 Reunion Committee.

Annual Holiday Pops Concert

On Sunday, **December 15**, Music Director Yaniv Dinur will lead the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra in two performances of its popular Holiday Pops Family Concert, this year taking place in the Bronspiegel Auditorium, New Bedford High School. Bring your family and friends to the festively decorated theater to enjoy the most entertaining holiday concert in town.

The NBSO will play a sleighful of your holiday favorites, including A Merry Carol of the Bells and works from "The Nutcracker" ballet. Members of the Southeastern Massachusetts Youth Orchestras (SEMAYO) and the Showstoppers will join the orchestra for several merry numbers. The children's matinee at 3:30 pm will offer a craft activity for the children from 2:30 pm to 3:25 pm and the concert runtime is no more than one hour. The 7:00 pm performance features a bit more music. Both concerts offer a photo station in the lobby before and after the performance. Please note there is no intermission.

A concession selling water, soda, and snacks will be available in the lobby. Debit and credit cards are the only accepted form of payment - no cash. Please note that water is the only item allowed inside the auditorium.

Tickets are \$20-\$45 for adults, while admission for children and students is just \$10 (not available online). Purchase your tickets through the Z box office, by calling 508-994-2900, in person at 128 Union Street in the lower lobby of the DeMello International Center, New Bedford, or online at www.nbsymphony.org. Free parking is available in the lots around the high school and across the street at Keith Middle School.

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December Events at the Mattapoisett Library

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Barstow Street this December.

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

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

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

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

Holiday Sing Along

Come one, come all. Join the Mattapoisett Museum, 5 Church Street, on Sunday, **December 18** from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm for the annual Holiday Sing Along. Get into the holiday spirit by singing songs with live musical accompaniment. The song list will include old time favorites such as Jingle Bells, Rudolf, Deck the Halls,

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TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Rochester residents braved a rainy night to continue its yearly tradition of lighting the Christmas tree in front of town hall and host a visit from Santa Claus. To start the ceremony, Rochester Memorial School students sang Christmas songs under a blue canopy covering the front steps. Then came Santa escorted in by Fire Engine two to greet the children and hand out candy canes. Inside town hall, children and parents were treated to hot cocoa. The winner of the RMS "Holiday Time in Rochester" art contest was RMS fifth grader Georgia Duggan. Photos by Michael J. DeCicco.



Marion Garden Group sale was a success. Many thanks to all who supported it. Courtesy photo.



Mattapoisett Congregational Church Fair (Left) Music- jazzy holiday favorites- played by jovial local talent Elliott Talley. (Center) Penny Hiller enjoys a chat at the lunch tables- coffee and cider, bisque or vegetarian chili by Alice Openshaw (gobbled up!) (Right) Jewelry sale attracts town shoppers. Photos by Jennifer Shepley

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

White Christmas, and many more. Bring your wish lists because Santa Claus will be making a guest appearance to cap the event. Refreshments will be served.

Lessons & Carols

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

Scanography

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

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

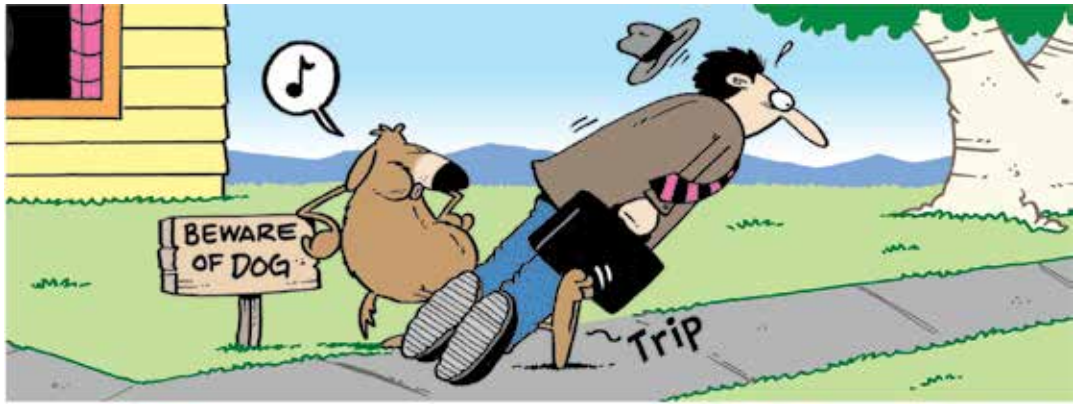
Now in retirement, she has rekindled her love of photography. St Amant captures the close-up detail and beauty of flowers, worn beached objects, and elements of nature on a high-resolution flatbed scanner in a process often called "Scanography." Once used to digitize her photographic negatives, the scanner is now her 'studio

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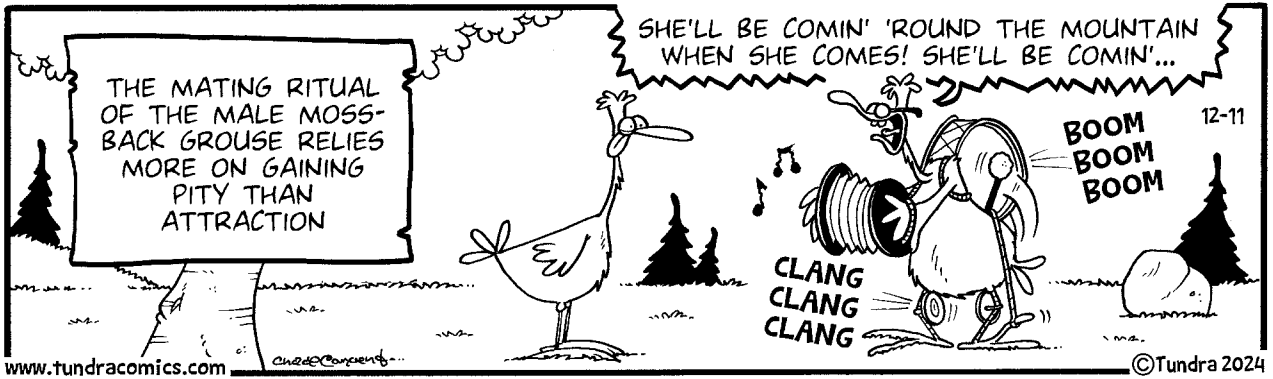
Students from the Upper Cape Tech Wrestling and Hockey teams assisted the Massachusetts State Police for their 3rd annual Toys for Tots "Stuff the Cruiser" event on Saturday, December 7, 2024. The students worked alongside the officers and helped in loading the cruiser with toys donated by local residents. Upper Cape Tech emphasizes with its students the importance of giving back along with the power of community and collaboration. Left to right: Trooper Kisla, Coach McKinney, Brandon Dunn, Coach Rabinovitch, Colton Ellis, Dominic Raygoza, Elijah Rogers, Dawn Berube, Cooper Eslick, Christopher Rodrick, William Fitzgerald Klemp, Sophia Benedetto, Bryce Blake, Lyddia Brum, Daniel Hingston, Andrew Manley, Nolan Roche, William D'Amico, Wyatt Tuttle, Braeden Blanchard, Oliver Barton, Theodore Black, Liam Barton, Fintan Ballard, Evan Barrasso, Bryce Barton, Kaden Lucier, Jacob Dutton, Jameson Ellis, Dominic DelVecchio, Benjamin Russell, Coach McGuire, Coach Sweeney, and Trooper Bravo.



The Sippican Woman's Club along with several homes splendidly decked out for holiday celebrations were opened to the public on December 7. Breathtaking decorations coupled with spectacular homes both vintage and new were a visual feast. Since 1947 the club has given back to the community in the form of scholarships to area students. They estimate some \$500,000 has been awarded to date. Photo by Marilou Newell



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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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."

Peter Pan at the MAC

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

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

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



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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 December 22** during library hours. The sale includes Books, Puzzles, Games, Dvds and Library t-shirts.

The Gift Basket Raffle runs **December 1 to December 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.

Be sure to stop by the Elizabeth Taber Library at 8 Spring Street, Marion during library hours. (Elizabethtaberlibrary.org for hours)

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



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<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>A public hearing has been scheduled for December 17, 2024, at 6:35 pm in the first floor Conference Room of the Mattapoissett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoissett, MA and ZOOM, upon the application of Amit Vikram, Inc., DBA Mattapoissett Liquor, 62 Fairhaven Road, Unit A, Mattapoissett, MA 02739 requesting a transfer of All Alcohol Beverage Package Store License. Manager of record to be Jayshreeben Patel. Jordan C. Collyer, Chairman R. Tyler Macallister, Vice Chair Jodi L. Bauer, Clerk 12/5, 12/12</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoissett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings held in the Mattapoissett Town Hall Conference room; 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted) New format of meetings; start time is 6:00 pm *****Meeting will be held on December 19, 2024*****</p> <p>Case #1552: Application of: Patrick & Linda Denise, 32 Barstow Street, Mattapoissett, MA 02739 RE:32 Barstow Street. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Article 3, Section 3.1.2.2 & 3.1.2.3 as provided by Section 7.2.2. of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to build a 14X20 deck that does not meet all setbacks. The property is further described as</p>	<p>Plot 9, Lot 10 on the Assessors map. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, December 19, 2024.</p> <p>Case #1553: Application of: Alexander A Bauer, 330 Haven Avenue, Apartment 1L, New York, NY, 10033 RE:7 Nashawena Road. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Article 3, Section 3.1.2.2 as provided by Section 7.2.2.2 thru 7.2.2.2.7 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to build a 9'17"X16 Post supported deck that does not meet all setbacks.</p> <p>The property is further described as Plot 15A, Lot 140 on the Assessors map. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, December 19, 2024.</p> <p>Case #1554: Petition of: Paul S & Bettina G Henderson, 2 Shipyard Lane, Mattapoissett, MA 02739 RE:2 Shipyard Lane. The applicant is seeking a Variance under Section 5.2.1 as provided by Section 7.2.3. of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to convert an existing garage into an expanded living space.</p> <p>The property is further described as Plot 8, Lot 82 on the Assessors map. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, December 19, 2024.</p> <p>Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours. Sincerely, Susan Akin, Chairperson Tony Tranfaglia, Kenneth Pacheco, Colby Rottler, Jordan Rodrigues 12/5, 12/12</p>	<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that a public hearing has been scheduled for December 19, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the Town Administrator's Office, at the Mattapoissett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoissett, MA 02739 and Zoom (Meeting ID: 862 0090 2751 Passcode: 349204) on the application of What the Taco, Inc., 20 County Road, Mattapoissett, MA 02739, requesting a new All Alcoholic Beverages On-Premise License. Manager of record to be Madison Miedzionoski. Jordan C. Collyer, Chair R. Tyler Macallister, Vice Chair Jodi L. Bauer, Clerk 12/5, 12/12</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT ANTASSAWAMOCK CLUB, INC. PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Antassawamock Club, Inc. will close its Private roads to public traffic on Saturday, December 28, 2024. Signed: Board of Directors Antassawamock Club, Inc. Susan Chapman Moss, Secretary 12/12, 12/19</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoissett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 23, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoissett</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued on page 46</i></p>

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



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by Chad Carpenter



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](https://www.facebook.com/southcoastchildrenschorus).

Mattapoisett Library Artist Series

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

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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The Applicant proposes the placement of sand as beach nourishment together with other site maintenance.

The proposed work will be performed on a Coastal Beach, Coastal Dune and Barrier Beach and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zones VE (El. 17 & 20).

The property address is 36 Cove Street which is further identified as Lot #79 on Assessors Map #1. 12/12

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

The Marion Select Board will hold a public hearing at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at the Marion Town House Conference Room, 2 Spring Street, to consider the petition of Eversource Energy covering the installation of 32' of 1-4" PVC Conduit in Delano Road. This construction is necessary to remove a pole and overhead wires and to change the customer's service to underground at 305 Delano Road. Norman A. Hills – Chair 12/12

**TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
PUBLIC NOTICE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Town of Mattapoisett Opens Public Review Period for Revised Electricity Aggregation Plan

Mattapoisett, MA – (December 9, 2024) - The Town of Mattapoisett is holding a 30-day public review period for its revised aggregation plan for Mattapoisett Community Electricity Aggregation. Mattapoisett CEA is our Town's official electricity supply program, active since 2016.

The aggregation plan describes how our electricity program is structured and operated. Mattapoisett secured approval for our original aggregation plan from the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) in 2015. In July 2024, the DPU issued new rules for aggregation plans, called "Guidelines for Municipal Aggregators". The Guidelines expand local authority for cities and towns concerning the operation of their programs and increase public transparency about program operations. The revisions to our aggregation plan ensure that the plan aligns with the new Guidelines.

The revised plan will not impact Mat-

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tapoisett CEA's current electricity supply options and prices which are fixed until November 2025 through our supply contract with Constellation. No action is required by existing participants to continue receiving the current pricing.

On the program website, MassCEA.com/Mattapoisett, you can review both the revised plan and the current plan. You can also watch a short video describing the revised plan and read the DPU Guidelines. The program website has a comment form to provide written comments, or you may email "support_ma@goodenergy.com" with the subject line "Mattapoisett Plan Comments." Good Energy is the consultant that developed and manages our program on a day-to-day basis.

The public review period is open until January 13, 2025. 12/12

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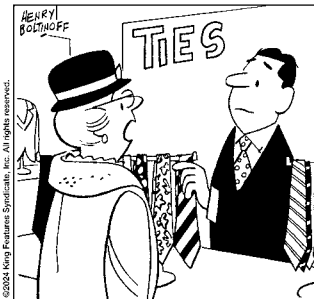
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FORM Instrument Drive

Friends of Old Rochester Music is holding an instrument drive to collect good condition instruments for use by students in the district. Please reach out to Mr. Richard Laprise, ORR Junior High School Concert & Jazz Band Instructor at richardlaprise@oldrochester.org if you have an instrument to consider for donation. We are especially in need of band instruments including: flutes, clarinets, alto and tenor saxophones, trumpets, French horns, trombones, baritones, and tubas. We will work with our local music shop on low-cost instrument repairs. You will be provided with a tax-deductible letter in appreciation of your gift. Thanks for helping to ensure our music students have the resources they need to flourish and continue to enrich our community with music.

Coastline Elderly Services Survey

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

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

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

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

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

For more information on the current survey process, visit www.coastlinenb.org/needs-assessment-2024/ Coastline serves the communities



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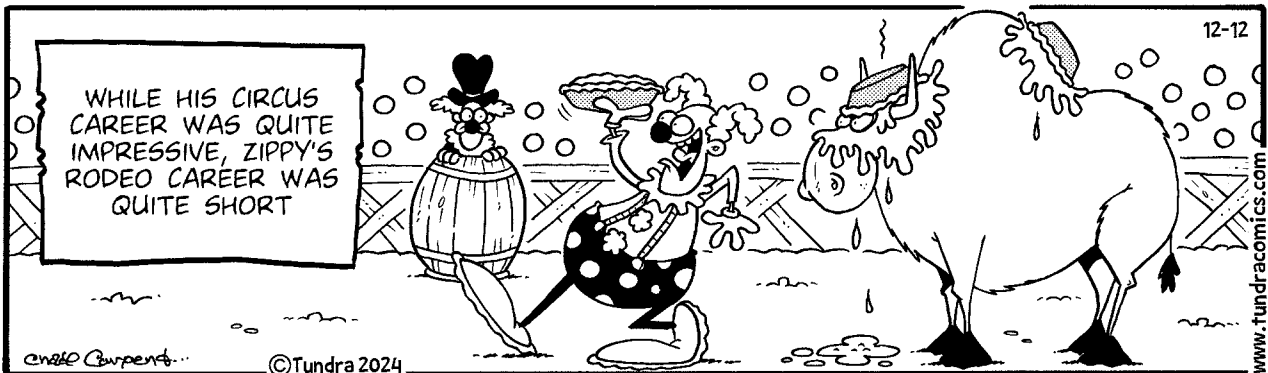
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Marion Vaccination Information

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

If you are in need of in-home vaccination appointments, these are administered through the Marion Community EMS Program.

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

Mattapoisett Congregational Church

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church's steeple is lit nightly and is a beacon of welcome and comfort to all. The Beacon of Light was started as a way

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

North Rochester Congregational Church

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

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| Jessica Collyer | December 12 |
| Louie Aiello | December 12 |
| Alaina May Franco | December 13 |
| Grace Hebert | December 13 |
| Jeffrey Despres | December 13 |
| Patrick Saunders | December 13 |
| Ronnie Morrell | December 13 |
| Scott Greany | December 13 |
| Stephen J. Burke | December 13 |
| Tammie Dianne Moreno | December 13 |
| Beth Redman | December 14 |
| Jeanette Webb | December 14 |
| Meadow Perry | December 14 |
| Daneen Eilertsen | December 16 |
| Brandon Garde | December 17 |
| Donna Walther | December 17 |
| Kimberley Goguen | December 17 |
| Molly Janicki | December 17 |
| Thomas DeCosta | December 17 |
| Judy Anthony | December 18 |
| Kenly Hiller | December 18 |
| Palmer W. Clingman | December 18 |
| Peter MacLean | December 18 |

If you would like *The Wanderer* to announce a birthday for yourself, a friend or family member, please submit your information online to us at www.wanderer.com. To submit information by regular mail, please send the person's name (month and day) along with your name and phone number so we can confirm the information to Birthdays, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. You may submit birthday announcements anytime during the year and they will be published/posted during the appropriate week.



The Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response, ASPR, an agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, in collaboration with the U.S. Postal Service has reopened COVIDtests.gov, so that households across the country can order four additional over-the-counter COVID-19 tests for free. These tests are intended for use throughout the 2024 holiday season to detect currently circulating COVID-19 variants. Clear instructions are included on how to verify extended expiration dates.

These efforts complement ASPR's ongoing distribution of free COVID-19 tests to long-term care facilities, low-income senior housing, uninsured individuals, and underserved communities. Through this community organization distribution program and the home-ordering program, ASPR has provided a combined total of more than 1.9 billion COVID-19 over-the-counter tests.

As the fall and holiday seasons will create increased close proximity gatherings of people, the Administration remains committed to helping Americans access tests to help so that, if they develop a respiratory illness, they can learn whether it is due to COVID-19 and then make the best choices about seeking medical care and reducing risks to family, friends, and co-workers. To order four free, over-the-counter COVID-19 tests, visit COVIDtests.gov.

The Marion Board of Health has a limited number of COVID-19 tests available for pick up at their office. Please call 508-748-3530 for more information.

Tri-County Symphonic Band 63rd Concert Season

The Tri-County Symphonic Band, under the direction of Philip Sanborn, unveils its 63rd concert

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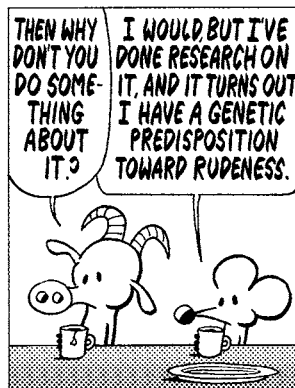
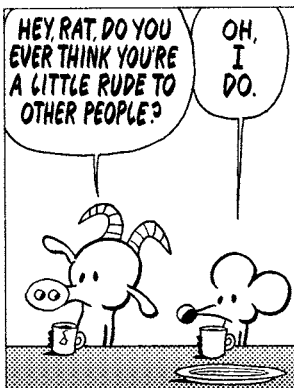
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



season. From a poignantly powerful opening concert to a cartoon spectacular under the tent, this season invites everyone to share in the excitement generated by the very best symphonic band music ever written.

Sunday, **February 2**, 3:00 pm: The February concert this season is a tribute to the John Philip Sousa Band of the early 1900's. Sousa's band was a touring phenomenon of the era and always included a variety of music, marches and a soloist. This concert, entitled "A Sousa Spectacular," will feature works by Aaron Copland, Andrew Boysen, George Gershwin, Jean Sibelius, and of course, John Philip Sousa. Tuba soloist Reece Ashley will perform the Tuba Concerto by Edward Gregson.

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

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



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Afternoon."

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

Drum Circle Class

Drum Circle class is held once a month at the Mattapoisett COA. Did you know that drumming increases dopamine and serotonin levels, which help to help elevate our mood? In addition, it can help reduce stress, among other benefits. Check it out once, and you won't want to miss a beat. The instructor is Sam Holmstock, who earned a B.A. Music Degree from Berklee College of Music. He has performed worldwide with the band Entrain. Upcoming sessions, starting at 1:00 pm: **December 18**. Register for one or more by calling 508-758-4110 or email to coadirector@mattapoisett.net.

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Local Tides



Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	December 12	4:50	5:16	11:25	10:48
Friday	December 13	5:46	6:12	11:57	11:36
Saturday	December 14	6:39	7:03		1:08
Sunday	December 15	7:30	7:54	12:25	1:59
Monday	December 16	8:20	8:43	1:14	2:46
Tuesday	December 17	9:09	9:33	2:05	3:26
Wednesday	December 18	9:58	10:23	2:53	4:02
Thursday	December 19	10:47	11:15	3:39	4:38
Friday	December 20	11:37		4:26	5:16
Saturday	December 21	12:07	12:25	5:16	6:01
Sunday	December 22	12:57	1:11	6:18	6:53
Monday	December 23	1:45	1:56	7:37	7:47
Tuesday	December 24	2:34	2:45	8:53	8:38
Wednesday	December 25	3:27	3:41	9:52	9:27
Thursday	December 26	4:20	4:37	10:40	10:13
Friday	December 27	5:08	5:26	11:24	10:57
Saturday	December 28	5:51	6:10	11:57	11:40
Sunday	December 29	6:32	6:52		12:48

Phases of the Moon	Full Moon	December 15th
	Last Quarter	December 22nd
	New Moon	December 30th
	First Quarter	January 6th

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 December 5, 2024 edition the Aardvark was on page 6

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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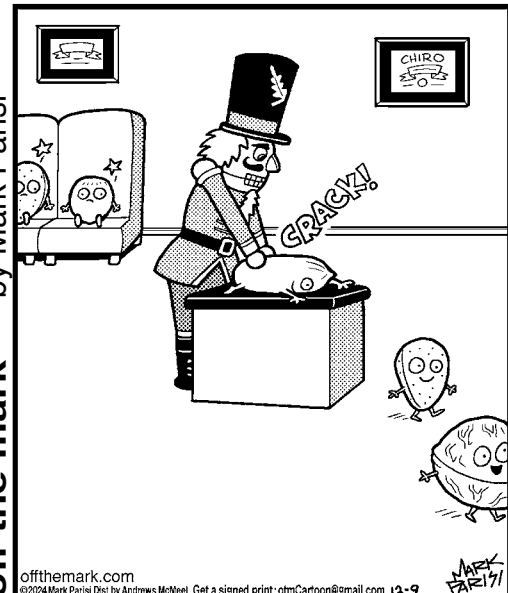
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- 2. Adept;
- 3. Bleat;
- 4. Drape

Today's Word
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Sudoku Answer

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8	6	2	9	1	4	7	5	3
2	8	9	1	7	6	3	4	5
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