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Tinkhamtown Chapel Tradition Lives

By Marilou Newell

Several years ago, I had the pleasure of interviewing Gail Roberts who graciously shared with us a bit of the history of the Tinkhamtown Chapel and her family’s connection to this quaint structure. As we near the Christmas of 2024, closing out a year of global turmoil and raw national politics, we thought reflecting on Robert’s interview in this encore release, both refreshing and necessary. Thanks once again to Roberts for the time she spent with us. Here we go...

...driving up to the little white chapel located in the heart of Mattapoisett’s Tinkhamtown neighborhood, one gets a real sense of early life in this historic community. The Tinkhamtown Chapel windows were aglow thanks to kerosene wall lamps, now assisted by muted electric lights.

On December 21, the chapel was opened to the public for the annual Christmas caroling that has been taking place within these sturdy walls for 65 years. The building is lovingly cared for by a devoted committee and supported in part by the generosity of the public.

One of those committee members has generations of Tinkhamtown DNA flowing through her veins, Gail Roberts. Roberts’ grandmother was the locally well-known Minnie Tinkham who for decades coordinated this annual event. “My grandmother played the organ which she had to pump back then, and we had to sing all the verses of every carol too,” said a smiling Roberts. She said that in spite of the organ requiring strong untiring legs her grandmother insisted that each and every verse of each and every carol be fully played. Now-a-days, the pump organ is connected to a vacuum pump that pushes air through the aging machine.

Roberts pointed out that the organ has handles on either side, “so missionaries could carry it through jungles,” she said. Well, maybe not this specific organ but this style of organ that is. Roberts said her parents faithfully attended the annual caroling at the chapel and

On the Cover: Mattapoisett’s annual Holiday at Shipyard Park was held on December 14 to the delight of the young and not-so-young. The family-centered event featured Mr. and Mrs. Clause, Frosty, and Rudolph as well as a really big beach chair. Photo by Marilou Newell.

that she can’t remember a Christmas she was not there too.

Part of the program has always included children. Roberts said that the children are invited up to the tiny stage area at the front of the chapel where they sing songs to the delight of family and friends. Matthew Buckley remembers those moments as terrifying, “I had stage fright,” he chuckled.

Roberts said that historically this community sing-a-long was held on Christmas Eve, but that as the years went by attendance started to decline. The event was moved to the Saturday evening before Christmas Eve and attendance rebounded. On this night some 70 or more participants shared long wooden pews – a near-capacity

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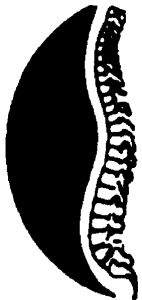


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Fondly recalling those bygone days, Buckley and Roberts talked about the white pine trees that had once graced a corner of the chapel each year and that children were given an ornament in remembrance, "I still have one," she said.

About ten years ago, the chapel was finally electrified, Roberts explained, and that now instead of using the wood-burning stove still ready for duty, they simply turn on the heater, "...it does take a long time to warm up the place compared to the stove."

The chapel was built in 1889 according to the historic plaque on the outside of the building, but most likely began life even earlier as Robert said it had been a schoolhouse around 1850.

A study completed by the Massachusetts Historical Commission in 1981 noted that Mattapoissett had seven developmental stages as it moved toward the modern era. Those stages were First Contact 1500-1620, Plantation 1620-1675, Colonial 1675-1775, Federalist 1775-1830, Early Industrial 1830-1870, Late Industrial 1870-1915, and Early Modern 1915-1955. With this in mind, that would mean that the chapel was constructed sometime between the early and late industrial period.

After the caroling died down, the assembled ambled next door to the Helping Hands Society building, also known as the Sewing Circle, to enjoy a bite of homemade goodies gracing tables laid out in beautiful holiday décor.

Today, the chapel quietly sits at an intersection where modern live whizzes by equipped with technology those early settlers couldn't even conceive. It's rather nice, and one might say necessary, to have a few moments once a year to gather together, put the hurly burly of contemporary life aside and just enjoy the warmth of being part of a community.

The 2024 press release for this event reads: 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.

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Marion Baker Wins The Christmas Cookie Challenge

By Sam Bishop

On Thanksgiving, Marion baker and businesswoman Debi Lindsey-Morrison appeared on the Food Network to compete in the Christmas Cookie Challenge. Debi runs a home bakery in Marion, Rolling in the Dough, with her wife Lisa. Using her 18 years of decorating cookies and 9 years of selling, she competed this past Thanksgiving alongside 3 other contestants. Debi says she got the confidence to compete from winning "Best Overall Cookie" at the Cape Cod Holiday Baking Classic.

The challenge this time was to create a Christmas dinner on a cookie. Contestants had 90 minutes to depict three foods on their cookies. Not in taste, but aesthetics. Debi's dough was a cinnamon chip cookie with cinnamon royal icing. Her cookie depicted a marble slab with a garland runner. The three meals on her "table" were green beans, spicy meatballs, and lasagna.

While there were some hiccups along the way,

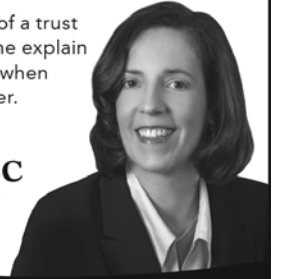
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Debi was able to think quick and correct as she went. She even was able to repair her cookie base after accidentally breaking it and cracking the icing with her hand.

After the primary competition, one of the four competitors was eliminated and Debi moved on to the second and final round. This round asked contestants to combine the ideas of cookies and pies to make a "Christmas cookie pie." For two-and-a-half hours, they worked on a twelve-inch-long, one-inch-thick cookie with defined slices representing a pie.

Debi's cookie pie was a maple pecan double chocolate chip cookie with a maple royal icing. She paired dark and milk chocolate chips with roasted almonds in her dough. Each one of her slices depicted things in and

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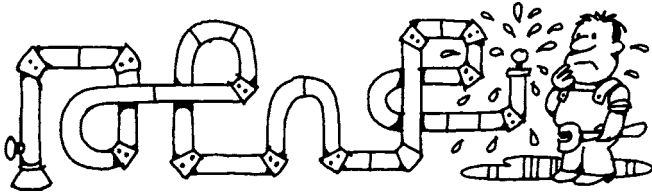
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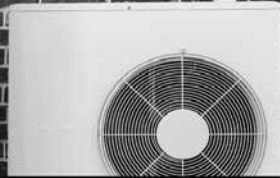
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around the house during the Christmas season. Those being things like a Christmas tree, Christmas mug, fireplace, and even a gnome.

Ultimately, even with worries of how her cookie baked, Debi's cookie pie came out on top (if the article title didn't give it away). Her cookie showed off her skill piping icing and while it was beautiful, it was also, as the judges said, perfectly baked and "magic."

For her victory, Debi received \$10,000 and a golden ornament reading "Christmas Cookie Champion."

To watch for yourself, watch the Christmas Cookie Challenge season 8, episode 5. We are very happy for Debi and excited to see this victory carry her further along her baking journey.

ORR Candy Cane Fundraiser

This year, in the same spirit as many concurrent years, ORR is conducting a month-long fundraiser to raise awareness and monies for the Neediest Family Fund of New Bedford.

This school-wide fundraiser, organized by the Student Council, sees students donate their spare change to go to families in need this holiday season. Now until the last day of school before holiday break, December 20, ORR students are encouraged to donate at the beginning of the day or during lunch.

What Shots Does an Adult Need?

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

Much of the discussion around vaccines focuses on children, who get a large number in their early years, but adults also benefit from appropriate vaccination.

Which shots should you be discussing with your doctor?

People of any age should get an annual flu shot. Influenza is a serious illness, not just a bad cold, and older adults may be hospitalized or die from influenza. The efficacy of the shot varies year to year, as the CDC must make an educated guess as to which strains will circulate, but even partial immunity is better than none.

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COVID – yes, that old virus is still around. It has mutated enough that the vaccine you got a year or two ago is no longer that protective. The only vaccine available is the newer one, and you should get it.

Shingles is a very unpleasant illness that you do not catch from others; it is the virus that caused your chicken pox when you were a child and has remained dormant in your body ever since. As we age, our immune system weakens and the virus can flare up. It causes a very painful rash which can go on to a persisting nerve pain for months or years after the rash clears. The 2-shot series is highly protective and is given once if you are 50 or over.

The shingles vaccine is associated with a decreased risk of dementia, an added inducement to get it.



Pneumococcus is a bacterium that causes pneumonia in many and meningitis in some. There have been many different vaccines and the subject of which vaccine(s) to get deserves its own column – discuss it with your doctor. Bring the record of any you have received.

RSV causes severe disease in infants. In adults it is usually just a cold, but if you have weak lungs or heart failure or are elderly, it can cause more severe illness. The new vaccine seems to be a one-time only shot that is worth considering.

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A stitch in time saves nine, and the right shots can save you from serious illness.

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

Historic District Bylaw Focus of Discussion

Marion Select Board

By Mary McCann Fiske

A primary topic of discussion at the Select Board / Water and Sewer Commissioners December 17 meeting was the draft language for the Historic District Bylaw expected to be on the town Warrant in the Spring.

Historical Commission members Ben and Meg Steinberg were present to answer board members' questions and concerns. Some of these dealt with understanding or clarifying requirements on new construction and additions to existing homes. Others focused on how the site will accommodate longstanding maritime and commercial entities within its bounds, and the importance of gaining community support prior to the ballot question.

The Commission plans to reach out to the 300 or more homeowners in the proposed district with a mailing on January 2, announcing a targeted informational forum



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The Board supported these and other outreach efforts on the part of the Commission.

Action Items addressed at the meeting included:

Approving an easement on Benson Brook Road allowing Eversource and Verizon to install a utility pole; declining a request for a water/sewer abatement at 44 Rock Nook Road; approving Vice-Chair C. Burr to serve as delegate to the Mass Municipal Association upcoming

meeting; and approval of a water/sewer commitment of \$697.18 based on final readings on December 12.

The approval of water/sewer lines was approved while raising discussion on current policies in this area. It was noted that there appears to be a pattern of recurring liens for some residents, and that the current policy that allows residents to convert water/sewer liens to their real estate tax obligation serves to benefit the homeowner and diminish needed revenue to the commission. The Board and Gorman agreed that this policy needs to be researched and addressed to determine if there are other options.

Administrator Gorman, in his report, said that the Holiday Stroll was a huge success that got enormously positive feedback, personally and online, such as "amazing," "beautiful," "a Hallmark movie!" He added that it was recorded in its entirety and can be viewed on the TVs in the Town House.

Gorman then noted that 2025 resident stickers – whether for beach parking, refuse, or shell fishing will be moving from the Town House to the new Harbormaster's office once it is open for activity.

He closed with an update on holiday office hours. Town offices will close at noon on Tuesday, December 24 and reopen on Friday, the 26 at the usual hour. Likewise for New Year, closing at noon on December 31 and reopening on January 2.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

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January Special Town Meeting Articles Set

Rochester Select Board
By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Board of Selectmen Monday closed and signed the warrant for the January 27, 2025, Special Town Meeting after a preliminary review of its 17 articles. It agreed, however, to delay until a later date voting on whether to recommend or not recommend the articles.

The first seven articles are spending proposals that the select board said need to be vetted by the Capital Planning Committee. Town administrator Cameron Durant agreed but noted the Capital Planning panel will not be able to fund all of these requests because it does not have the budget for them.

The money articles voters will be asked to consider cover nearly every town department. The police department is asking for \$120,000 for new police cell doors that roll rather swing open, a safer option. The Plumb Library requests \$3,225 for the town's share to purchase a new state-of-the-art library book depository that won't damage books being dropped there; the Friends of the Library donated 50-percent of the \$6,500 cost for this item.

There also requests for: \$175,000 to convert the

police station attic into office space, \$30,000 for Council On Aging senior center kitchen upgrades, \$100,000 for a new or used Highway Department sander, \$26,500 for landfill monitoring, and \$55,000 for fire station construction site work.

The remaining articles include proposals to change the Town Clerk to an appointed position; a bylaw codifying the duties of the Town Administrator; proposed changes to Large Scale Solar Photovoltaic Installation regulations that strengthen the conditions for adequate screening, new battery storage systems regulations, new regulations for accessory dwelling units and short-term rentals, and eliminating Use Variances from the zoning bylaw.

The longest discussion came with the board's review of the accessory dwelling unit regulations. Bylaw Review Committee member Mark Wellington said the Planning Board, particularly chair Arnold Johnson, are not in favor of recommending that this measure be proposed at this town meeting. The town, Wellington elaborated, is reacting to new state regulations stating property owners have a right to establish accessory dwelling units. But the state is currently in the process of changing the regulations that will go into effect on February 2, 2025. Johnson wants the town to wait until the new regs are final. But town regulations need to be in place to protect the town's interests, Wellington noted. The Select Board responded that it will 'move forward' with this zoning article and keep it on the warrant.

Durant said there will be a joint meeting between the select board and the Finance Committee on these articles on December 30.

In other action, the board confirmed police chief Michael A. Assad Jr.'s appointment of Roshawn Groce as a new part-time Rochester police officer. Assad noted Groce's experience includes serving on the Provincetown, Aquinnah, Wellfleet and Tisbury police departments and the Curry College public safety force.

The board endorsed chief Assad's promotion of police officers Zachary Dupere and Conner Leddin to Patrol Sergeant. Assad said Dupere comes to Rochester with 13 years of experience in the Fall River Police

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Department. The highlight of Leddin's experience is eight years as Barnstable Correctional Facility officer.

The board approved Assad's recommendation to change the job title of Rochester Police Lieutenant and department veteran Don Kemmett to Captain, after Assad praised Kemmett for guiding him through his first year as Rochester's chief.

The board approved a new Rochester Police towing policy that would regulate the towing companies the town uses. Driver must look and act the part, Assad said. The policy requires proper licensing and insurance and bars use of any controlled substance, cannabis or alcohol on the job.

The board approved the Class II license renewal of Murphy's Auto Salvage, Inc.

The board appointed Donald Spirlet as a member of the new Events Committee.

The next meeting of the Rochester Select Board is scheduled for Monday, December 30 at 6:00 pm at 1 Constitution Way.

Moratorium On Building Use

Mattapoissett Select Board

By Marilou Newell

On December 17 the Mattapoissett Select Board voted to place a moratorium on the use of the town's properties by any entity other than recognized and duly appointed or elected boards and committees. Town administrator Mike Lorenzo noted that presently, there aren't firm rules or guidelines for such use of municipal properties, the absence of which may have created some issues in recent months.

When asked for specifics board member Tyler Macallister said of the need to establish clear policies, "It's the right thing to do." Macallister declined to respond to a question regarding what issues had arisen to prompt the moratorium.

Lorenzo made clear that the moratorium did not include the library which falls under the jurisdiction of the library trustees. Member Jordan Collyer asked the board members to review any existing policies for updating and modifications to be voted on after the first

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In other business the board voted to approve ARPA funding use for the following equipment; \$85,000 for Highway and Water/Sewer Departments radio equipment, \$3,351 for computer equipment and IT upgrades, \$109,109 for town server replacement, \$2,835 for public nursing expenses not included in the annual budget, and \$8,170 for AED supplies including pads for town owned defibrillators.

Lorenzo also advised that the 30-day review of the town's electricity aggregation agreement is underway and can be viewed on the town's website. Also in a 30-day review process is the town's updated Hazard Mitigation Plan. The draft can be found on the town's website.

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A liquor license transfer for management changes at Mattapoisett Liquors was approved.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board was not set upon adjournment.

78 Wareham Road Project Moving Along

Marion Planning Board

By Mary McCann Fiske

The December 16 meeting opened with action items before proceeding to scheduled public hearings.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the FY2026 budget, and also a \$2,400 to Field Engineering from the 78 Wareham Road Consulting Account.

Minutes of the December 2, 2024 Planning Board Meeting and the October 7, 2024 Joint Meeting with the Select Board were approved unanimously with no discussion.

There was a brief discussion on a project that is undergoing consideration at the Zoning Board of Appeals. Comments submitted to the ZBA on 17 Kabeyun Road had been circulated to Planning Board members, presumably to elicit their support for the project. The Board voted to provide no formal comment to the ZBA.

There were two Continued Public Hearings on the agenda.

Special Permit & Site Plan Review with FSJ Marion Realty, LLC, regarding 207-215 Wareham Street, Map 11, Lots 90,91,91A, 91B, zoned Residence E: the

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hearing was continued without discussion to January 6, 2025 at 7:05 pm.

Special Permit & Major Site Plan Review, 78 Wareham Road, LLC Matthew Zukor. 78 Wareham Road, Map 7, Lots 24, 25, 27, 28C & 29, zoned Residence E.

Mr. Zukor reported that he had met with Town Administrator G. Gorman to discuss infrastructure issues, ensuring water, sewer, water storage, river flow, and related matters are clarified and acceptable to both town and developer. He noted that he had been waiting for a report from the town, when coincidentally it was released just before the meeting, and he would review it as soon as possible. He also noted that the Environmental Assessment recently completed was very well done.

Zukor stated he will shortly develop a construction management plan that will include details on moving of any trees.

The Board raised one question, on concerns about the added volume of traffic – estimated at 350 more cars once people are residing there. Zukor explained that while he has informed DOT and can update them periodically, they have their own procedures and policies when it comes to dealing with traffic flow, curb cuts, speed limits etc. He will continue to keep DOT apprised of the project.

Board Chair Daniel noted that the project is “approaching the finish line” and the Board is encouraged by the cooperation of both Zukor and K. Steen, developer of the neighboring Heron Cove project. The hearing was



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then continued to January 6, 2025 at 7:10 pm.

The next meeting of the Planning Board will be January 6, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Marion Police Department.

Signs of Storage Discussed

Rochester's Zoning Board of Appeals

By Michael J. DeCicco

On December 12, Rochester's Zoning Board of Appeals extended to January 2025 its hearing into the signage for the ExtraSpace Self-Storage facility proposed for County Road after raising alarms about the exact look of those signs.

Project representative Joseph Sanda told the board the developer is seeking a special permit to allow erecting six signs on the property. The biggest of these



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will be a 37-foot-long by 4-foot-high sign proclaiming the company name that will face the Route 495 south bound exit approaching Exit 2 to Rochester.

The first sign will be placed at the beginning of the property, Sanda said. Four others will direct customers who have entered the two-story facility. The only proposed sign above the 50 square-foot size limit allowed in town bylaw is the 164-square-foot sign that will face Route 495 in order to draw customers to the facility.

“For advertising purposes because the property doesn’t have great visibility,” Highland Development Managing Partner Adam Hird explained. Project engineer Phil Cordeiro added, “the signage size is in line with the size of the building.”

Board Chair David Arancio led the response that the panel wants to see exactly what those signs and the building lighting will look like before approving the special permit. “How much lighting noise will be generated by the sign?” Arancio asked. He noted he didn’t want to set a bad precedent, allow a sign special permit that a neighboring business would also want. “I would like to see an actual example of this company’s signs,” he said. “Where could I travel and look at an example, or a drawn rendering.”

Board member Richard Culter added that he too would like to see drawings with a colorized rendering of the sign. Board member Donald Spirlet asked, “If



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the company has its own color, how can we reasonably deny for that reason?” Still, Arancio reiterated, “I am looking for a colored rendering of this sign.” Board member Michelle Upton said she would like to see a more subtle sign than some self-storage facilities use for what might be some people’s first introduction to the town of Rochester.

The board continued the hearing to January 9, 2025. Hird agreed to return on that date with a colored schematic of the signs and lighting intensity calculations, and he said he will see what color options the ExtraSpace Self-Storage company allows for its signs.

Hird elaborated in a later email to the Wanderer that Highland Development Ventures, together with its venture partner The Davis Companies located in Boston, have completed the development of 17 self-storage facilities totaling 2.2 million square feet in markets including Walpole, MA, Stamford, CT, Manhattan, Brooklyn and Long Island, NY, Southern NJ, Chicago, IL, and Milwaukee, WI.

In other action, the board granted a variance to side setback requirements for the construction of a 16x24-foot storage shed at 324 High St. In November, homeowner Stephen Cobb requested the zoning panel approve a variance to place the shed in his front yard, a move not allowed in town bylaw. On December 12, Cobb reported he had moved the proposed shed to his side yard and received a Conservation Commission permit to encroach on the wetlands border there. The resulting variance approval included the condition that he build the shed no more than 23 feet into the setback limit.

The Zoning Board of Appeals’ next meeting will be Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 7:15 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Hazard Mitigation Planning Underway

Mattapoissett Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

The December 16 meeting of the Mattapoissett Planning Board included an in-depth report from Gabrielle Belfit of Tighe and Bond, an engineering and environmental consulting firm who has assisted the town

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with a number of technically challenging projects over the years. On this night, the topic was the recently completed Hazard Mitigation Plan update. She urged the public to review the draft now available on the town's website to voice their comments, concerns, or ideas during the 30-day public comment period which has now begun.

Belfit explained that after receiving public comments, which must be received by January 9, 2025, the draft will head for state review and then ultimately federal review before final acceptance is achieved.

Updating the existing mitigation plan required inter-departmental participation that included the Highway Department, Water and Sewer Department, Police and Fire Departments, and members of the municipal staff including the Board of Health, Council on Aging, Building Inspector's office, Assessor's office, and the Conservation Commission.

Belfit said that types of hazards were identified such as wind and rising sea levels along with the assets that would be impacted during severe weather. Included in the review of possible hazard damages were the associated monetary losses, private properties as well as losses in the business sectors, losses would be in the billions of dollars she suggested.

The updated draft now includes elements not previously required including expanded community outreach to target venerable populations, climate change, and what are termed as FEMA Community Lifelines



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Addressing what might have been an unspoken question in the minds of some "...why do this planning..." the Tighe and Bond team noted the town needed to build on its existing emergency management capabilities, needed to plan for more frequent and intense weather events, engage multiple stakeholders in the planning process, and not to be forgotten, gain access to funding.

Water and Sewer Superintendent Henri Renault reminded the community that because the town had a hazard mitigation plan it received an MVP award, one of the first towns to receive such recognition. He said what followed were grant opportunities, opportunities that resulted in the town receiving \$750,000 for water main replacements, new wells, and grants that helped both the fire department and police departments with grants funding. Renault said, "it's important to move forward with this plan."

The full draft is now available for public review on the town's website.

In other business Ray Hanks chairman of the cemetery and monuments committee gave the board an overview of upcoming tree removal at Hammond Cemetery and stone wall repairs.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Planning Board is scheduled for January 6, 2025.

One and a Half Requests Approved

Marion Zoning Board of Appeals

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals met Thursday, December 12 to discuss plans to construct on two lots and permit requests for those. The first is 56 West Ave. where seawall repairs are needed as well as a kitchen renovation and expansion. The current architect's equipment is too large to approach the seawall on the property, therefore the house's garage is to be demolished to make way for the equipment to travel to the wall from the street.

After the wall is repaired, work would then begin on kitchen renovation where the room would be expanded in two directions, towards the street and in the direction of the seawall. A garage would also be rebuilt, though smaller and only big enough for one car on the north side of the property. Due to these additions adding to the property's area non-conformity as well as the general increase in housing square footage, a special permit is requested. The project was approved by the board unanimously.

While waiting for paperwork to be assembled, the board approved the minutes from their last regular meeting on July 11.

The next special permit request was for 70 Water Street and the demolition of a detached guest cottage. In its place would be a 10x15ft utility shed in the corner of the property. Abutter Bill Vratto says great care is necessary due to the area's historic instances of flooding during rainstorms during the winter and spring. This is in order to not exacerbate the issue, Vratto said in a note to the board. To the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Board of Health requested cleaning the guest house of asbestos before demolition.

For the two special permits, Board Member Dana Nilson requested the one for demolishing the cottage be approved but the one for the shed was continued to a later date. He also requested a setback survey be done. This was approved unanimously with the hopes that the survey is complete in time for the next meeting.

Next meeting of the Marion Zoning Board of



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ORR Exceeds MCAS Averages

ORR School Committee

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

Tri-town students at both the high and middle school levels have exceeded state averages in the MCAS for science, mathematics, and English language arts, according to a presentation from Sharlene Fedorowicz, assistant superintendent of teaching and learning.

Following the heels of her meeting with the Marion School Committee from earlier this month, Fedorowicz last Thursday told school officials that Old Rochester Regional Students – much like elementary students in Marion – have not shown much growth in ELA, though still surpassed the state in every category.

This presentation, as well as a presentation on the district-wide Community Learning Program, were some of the major topics discussed at the December 12 ORR School Committee meeting.

“We remained well above the state scores,” Fedorowicz told school leaders.

In Grade 8, students displayed a slight decrease in growth in ELA but surpassed the state average in all domains. Grade 10 students displayed a 6-percent decrease in growth but outperformed the state in all categories, according to Fedorowicz.

Fedorowicz mentioned that some of these students took the test following several months of online, at-home learning during the 2020 COVID-19 shut down. This shutdown followed a school year in which students had to learn through masks, worn by both students and their teachers during the 2020-21 school year.

She and other school leaders’ students especially excelled at analyzing literature that traces character development.

In math and science, the district exceeded state scores by a wide margin and displayed growth over previous years.

She and other leaders noted that Grade students exceeded state scores by 19-percent and displayed a 6-percent increase over the previous year.




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Some school leaders touted a learning program implemented across the district, OpenSciEd, a program that focuses on problem-solving learning, rather than traditional lecture-based learning for students.

School leaders also witnessed a slide show about the district's Community Service-Learning program.

District leaders were wowed by the interest of students in giving back to the community. Projects included but were not limited to writing letters to soldiers and staff within the community, baking hot desserts, creating cold desserts for seniors, teaching students and certifying some with CPR training, making bags for the elderly, visiting sick children at hospitals, working on a community garden, as well conducting campus and community clean-ups, including Silver Shell Beach.

With the holiday season underway, school officials were impressed by the "Sounds of Happiness" program in which holiday songs have been recorded by district students and are being aired on Old Rochester Community Television.

The School Committee acknowledged the retirement of longtime ORR High School science teacher Lynn Connor. School leaders noted that Connor pioneered a marine biology program that brought students on exploratory trips in locations around the community – "bringing science to life," according to one school leader. Officials said she has also helped the district over the years garner grants to improve education within the district.

The district approved an art student trip to France in April 2026. School leaders noted that these trips often happen during school vacation weeks and offer a great opportunity for students to travel abroad and improve their artistic understanding and cultural awareness.

The ORR committee will meet again February 27 at 6:30 pm through a hybrid Zoom link and at the junior high school media room.

First Game Goes to Overtime

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By Aiden Comorosky

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their season opener at Dartmouth on December 15, in a close game. The Bulldogs battled back from being down 3-1 and led 4-3 with three minutes left. However, Dartmouth kept fighting and sent it to overtime. Old Rochester ended up falling short after entering with a penalty kill. Goals were scored by Caleb Bousquet, Michael Brown, and Chase Almeida. Connor Foley had 2 assists, and goalie Tucker Roy made 33 saves. They will face Bishop Stang (1-0), on December 21.

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RMS Fourth-Grader Wins Feinstein Foundation Golden Ticket

Michael S. Nelson and Principal Heidi Letendre are pleased to announce that Rochester Memorial School fourth-grader Maggie Sommer recently won a Feinstein Foundation Golden Ticket. The ticket earned her school a \$5,000 grant and an additional \$500 for Maggie to donate to a charity of her choice.

On Monday, November 9, Maggie's winning ticket and five others were announced on WPRI's Channel 12 during the 4:30 pm news.

Maggie chose to donate the \$500 gift to the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism, as she cares deeply about others and wants to help children with autism and their families. The foundation created by former NFL quarterback Doug Flutie aims to help individuals with autism by providing direct financial support, grants, and employment opportunities for people with autism spectrum disorder.

Each Feinstein Jr. Scholar receives an individually numbered Golden Ticket. Beginning in October, random drawings are held on WPRI Channel 12, and five student tickets from elementary and middle schools across Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts are randomly selected each week.

"I graciously thank the Feinstein Foundation for their generosity, which not only directly benefits our school district and programs but empowers our students to make direct, positive impacts in their communities," Principal Letendre said. "The chance for a student to direct a substantial donation to a cause of their choice reinforces the value of community-mindedness and altruism that we so strongly promote at Rochester Memorial School."

Superintendent Nelson congratulated Maggie on having her ticket selected, and for choosing a cause that benefits other children.

"On behalf of the district, I would like to thank the Feinstein Foundation for their donation to Rochester Memorial School. I know that the funds will be well-

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spent on opportunities for our students,” Superintendent Nelson said. “I’m proud of our students as they continue to demonstrate the importance of giving back to the community and congratulate Maggie on her Golden Ticket win.”

National Merit Scholarship Program

The principal, Michael Devoll, of Old Rochester Regional High School announced today that Xavier Pateakos and Dillon Furtado have been named Commended Students in the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to these scholastically talented seniors.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2025 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2025 competition by taking the 2023 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

“Those being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success,” commented a spokesperson for NMSC. “These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key

role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success.”

Marion Awarded \$150,000 Harbor Management Plan Grant

Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman and Harbormaster Adam Murphy are pleased to announce the Town of Marion has been awarded a \$150,000 Harbor Management Plan grant from the state.

The Town of Marion will receive one of 10 state grants to support wharf reconstruction, pier replacements, and dredging projects — part of a \$3 million Healey-Driscoll Administration initiative to support Massachusetts Coastal Communities.

“This funding will enable the Town to create a strategic vision for its harbor, ensuring its long-term sustainability and economic vitality,” Harbormaster Murphy said.

The Town plans to use the grant funds to hire a consulting team to assist in crafting a comprehensive harbor plan for the Town. The consultant will provide expertise in waterfront development, regulatory compliance, and stakeholder coordination to ensure a balanced and sustainable vision for the harbor’s future.

“This grant is a significant investment in the



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future of Marion’s harbor,” Harbormaster Murphy said. “The Harbor Management Plan will provide a roadmap for sustainable development, environmental stewardship, and economic growth.

Earlier this week, the Healey-Driscoll Administration announced \$3,285,664 in blue economy grants for 10 projects to “support the economic vitality, tourism, and ecosystem health of Massachusetts’ waterfronts and harbors while helping the state reach its ambitious climate resiliency goals.”

“Coastal communities play a critical role in our economy,” Gov. Maura Healey said. “The Seaport Economic Council grants help cities and towns make infrastructure improvements to prepare for extreme weather caused by climate change while also investing in important blue economy businesses, commercial fishing operations, and tourist and recreational enterprises.”

Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll announced the grants during a meeting of the Seaport Economic Council at the State House Tuesday. The announcement followed a ceremonial signing of the Mass Leads Act, an economic development bill that includes a \$100 million reauthorization of the Seaport Economic Council.

“The Seaport Economic Council provides critical funding to improve our waterfronts, mitigate the impacts of climate change, and support economic growth along our coasts,” said Lt. Gov. Driscoll, who also serves as Chair of the Seaport Economic Council. “We are proud

to work with Massachusetts’ 78 coastal communities to move key blue economy projects forward. These investments in our coastal communities will help them maintain and improve their harbors for commercial fishing, recreational, and other blue economy uses.”

“We are grateful to the Healey-Driscoll Administration along with the Seaport Economic Council for this award and we look forward to starting this comprehensive management plan,” said Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman.

According to Harbormaster Murphy, the Harbor Management Plan will address a range of critical issues, including:

-Infrastructure Improvements: Identifying necessary upgrades to piers, docks, and other harbor facilities to accommodate future growth and changing needs.

-Environmental Protection: Developing strategies to protect water quality, marine habitats, and coastal ecosystems. Economic Development: Exploring opportunities to attract new businesses, support existing maritime industries, and promote recreational boating and tourism.

-Public Access: Enhancing public access to the waterfront, including boat ramps, walking paths, and recreational areas.





-Emergency Preparedness: Developing emergency response plans and protocols to address potential hazards such as storms, oil spills, and other marine emergencies.

“The Town will engage with stakeholders, including local businesses, residents, and recreational users, to gather input and ensure the plan reflects the community’s vision for the harbor,” Harbormaster Murphy said. “The plan will be developed in collaboration with marine engineers, environmental scientists, and other experts.”


Correction

The request from the Mattapoisett Historical Commission for CPA funding is for \$30,000.00 not \$50,000.00 as listed in last week’s article.

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To the Editor;

Thank you, Tobey Hospital. We are very fortunate

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to have a state-of-the-art emergency facility so close to our homes: The Baldwin Makepeace Emergency Center at Tobey Hospital - a remarkable asset to its surrounding communities. The care both in the ER and on the third floor was outstanding during my recent stay due to the tireless team of nurses and staff who care for patients day and night - even on holidays like Thanksgiving.

I recently spent fourteen consecutive days at Tobey Hospital including Thanksgiving day and part of the long weekend. I write this letter because I don't think nurses, CNAs, and support staff receive enough recognition for their service. While the doctors and surgeons diagnose and perform magic in the OR, the nursing team keeps you alive and comfortable. They are the day-to-day lifeline, and they deserve our appreciation and respect.

So, in the spirit of the Thanksgiving holiday that just passed, I want to thank everyone at Tobey Hospital. I am very grateful but hope I don't have to see you for a while!

With respect and gratitude,
Wendy Michel Cullum, Marion

To the Editor;

Local Police Should Not Engage in Federal Immigration Enforcement. Project 2025 is coming, and we urge local police to adopt or maintain policies limiting local law enforcement engagement in any federal immigration enforcement. Collaborating with



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**Comcast Channel 9
Verizon Channel 36
Thursday December 19,
2024**

7:00 AM Seniorcize
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 Paltrocast 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 - Wick Simmons
3:00 PM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert
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 Sippican Historical Society Speaker Series
11:30 PM Sippican Choral Society - Songs of Peace and Hope

Friday December 20, 2024
7:00 AM Seniorcize
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 Paltrocast 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 Sippican Historical Society Speaker Series
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 21,
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 - Wick

Simmons
2:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
3:30 PM South Coast Matters
4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:30 PM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert
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 22, 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
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
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 Paltrocast 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 23, 2024
7:00 AM Seniorcize
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
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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 24, 2024
All Day: Christmas Programming

Wednesday December 25, 2024
All Day: Christmas Programming

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

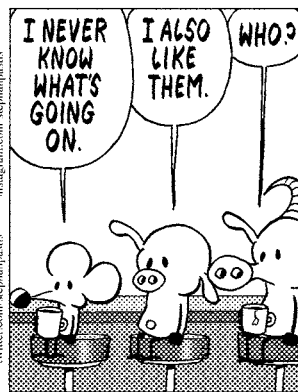
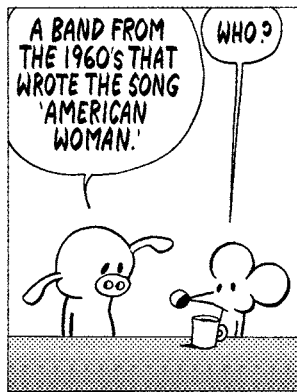
**ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 26
Verizon Channel 40
Daily Schedule**
7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
8:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission

9:30 AM Rochester Planning Board
12:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
1:30 PM Rochester School Committee
4:00 PM ORR School Committee
5:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
6:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
8:00 PM Rochester Planning Board
10:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

**EDUCATION CHANNEL
Comcast Channel 8
Verizon Channel 37
Daily Schedule**
7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
8:00 AM Bulldog Sports
8:30 AM OHS - Autism Acceptance
9:00 AM OHS Holiday Concert
10:00 AM RMS Promotion Ceremony
11:00 AM ORR/JHS Spring Concert
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
1:30 PM Old Colony Skills USA
2:00 PM Old Colony Drama
4:00 PM ORR Powder Puff Game vs Warehouse
5:30 PM Old Colony TV
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM Old Colony TV
7:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Foxborough
8:30 PM ORR Unified Basketball vs Fairhaven
10:00 PM ORR Unified Basketball vs Tri-Town Police
11:30 PM The Harvard Krokodiles at ORR

**MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 26
Verizon Channel 38**

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



federal agencies such as ICE diverts critical resources away from public safety efforts, erodes trust between law enforcement and immigrant communities and creates fear which prevents immigrant residents from reporting crimes or seeking police assistance.

Although Mattapoissett's immigrant population is likely small, policing should focus on protecting all members of our community regardless of immigration status. Engaging in immigration enforcement undermines this goal, fosters distrust and fear among our immigrant residents, making it harder for the police to build partnerships needed to keep our community safe.

When local police participate in federal immigration enforcement efforts, it leads to concerns about racial profiling, violation of constitutional rights and potential costly legal challenges.

Immigration enforcement is the responsibility of the federal government, not local police.

Police should adopt policies which bar agreements under Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act; prohibit inquiries about immigration status or sharing immigration status with federal authorities; and our local police should not honor ICE requests to hold individuals beyond their release date without a warrant.

These acts will strengthen the trust our community places in the police while protecting some of our more vulnerable residents.



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Richard "Dick" M. Cotter passed away on Thursday, December 5, 2024, at the age of 87, surrounded by his family after a long illness. He was a loving and devoted husband to Joan M. (Leclair) Cotter for 61 years and a caring father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and brother.

He was born in New Bedford, MA to Joseph W. Cotter and Cecelia E. (Cowen) Cotter and was a graduate of New Bedford High School. He then earned his Bachelor's degree from Bryant College. After college, he went on to proudly serve with distinction in the U.S. Army and after being honorably discharged, he started his career in banking at the First National Bank of New Bedford. He held various positions there and at other banks over four decades. Although he liked banking, he found true satisfaction teaching Macro and Micro Economics as an adjunct professor at Bristol Community College, for over twenty years. Dick had a quiet zest for life, a dry sense of humor, and a passion for dessert. He was a lifelong golfer and he thoroughly enjoyed sailing, watching his grandchildren grow, traveling with his wife, and reading books.

Whenever you asked him for help, he was always the first to show up and the last to leave. He never asked for anything in return, nor did he ever ask to be acknowledged for anything he ever did, he would just quietly go about the task at hand. This might be something he'd ask us all to reflect on in our busy lives, and how we should undertake helping others in our community.

His life was not without difficulties, nor was it absent health problems. However, he'll be most notably remembered for always staring down adversity and never giving up on anything or anyone. He was loved and will be deeply missed by many, especially to all those over the years he had "given the day off!"

We'd like to thank all the various health care providers he has had over the years, that were instrumental in giving us valuable time with him that we may not have ever had without their involvement. We'd also like to thank the local Council's on Aging and the various Alzheimer's and Dementia programs that helped us through his decline. And lastly, if you know anyone who is a caretaker, please reach out to them, even if it's just to say "hello" we know they will greatly appreciate it.

His private Funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, December 10th in Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church that honored his life, his faith and his service. Burial followed in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Home for Funerals, 495 Park St., New Bedford. For guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Barbara A. (Souza) Littlewood, 93, of New Bedford died December 8, 2024 at Royal of Fairhaven.

She was the wife of the late Donald C. Littlewood.

Born in New Bedford, daughter of the late Manuel and Elsie A. (Davis) Souza, she lived in New Bedford most of

her life.

Barbara was a graduate of Boston School for the Deaf.

She had a close relationship with Jesus and was a member of the New Life Pentecostal Church in Acushnet.

The family is grateful to granddaughter Abby for caring for Barbara in her home.

Survivors include her 3 sons, Ronald Littlewood of Marion, Paul Littlewood and his wife Rebecca of Fairhaven and Shawn Littlewood and his wife Carolyn of Westminister, SC; 5 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Her visiting hours were held on Tuesday, December 17th in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. For guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Julie Ann (Marshall) Hillier of Mattapoisett passed away after a brief illness on December 13th, 2024. She was the daughter of the late Ralph Howard Marshall and Florence Lame Marshall of Acushnet. Julie enjoyed a 46-year partnership with her husband Jack Hillier.

Julie was born in New Bedford, MA. She was a 1969 graduate of Holy Family High School where she was thrilled and fortunate enough to be a member of the cheerleading squad for a basketball team that played in Boston Garden and won the state championship.

After assisting her mom with the care of her seven siblings, a career as a nurse was a natural path. Julie graduated from the St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in 1973. Part of her early career was spent at St. Luke's. Later she moved to Brookline and worked at the Boston Hospital for Women. Always interested in travel, she moved to England where she took a job at Chailey Heritage Hospital School in Sussex. While in the UK she worked with children who had complex neuro-disabilities. During breaks from work she traveled widely in Europe. Upon returning to the U.S. she worked at the Kennedy Donovan Center on Coggeshall Street, New Bedford. After her marriage to Jack and a move to Cape Cod, Julie worked in long term care at the Falmouth Nursing Home. Home care nursing positions followed after she earned her Certificate in Gerontological Nursing. Organizations such as Special Care Nursing, Marriott Assisted Living, Project Independence, Lifestream, and Coastline Elderly Services

We look forward to discussing this issue with our community.
Nicole Demakis,
Chair of the Mattapoisett Democratic Town Committee

Coastline Elderly Nutrition Program

Monday, **December 23** Beef stew, kale & peppers, cornbread loaf, pears
Tuesday, **December 24**: Roast turkey w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, vanilla pudding
Wednesday, **December 25**: No meals served
Thursday, **December 26**: Shepard's pie w/ carrots & peas, broccoli, wheat roll, pear
Friday, **December 27**: Creamy garlic salmon, rice pilaf, mixed root vegetables, wheat roll, pound cake, diet: fruit cup

Mattapoisett Library Artist Series

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library Artist Series presents a collage exhibit by Helen Lozoraitis called "Drawn to Nature" from **January 2 to January 31**. As a longtime observer of nature, Helen takes photographs that she integrates with both real world and abstract visual elements to create mixed media collages. The artwork consists of hand-painted and printed papers layered with original images and a range of other materials, sometimes with stitching on top. Helen sees her collages as small-scale shrines that express respect and appreciation for our fellow species on this planet, as well as deep concern about their welfare in the face of runaway global warming and widespread habitat destruction. The January 2025 exhibit is a collection of mixed media collage

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pieces inspired by many beach walks and woodland hikes on the South Coast of Massachusetts. For years, Helen balanced her artwork and her high-tech career in and around Cambridge, MA. She was a fiber artist in the Sign of the Dove Gallery in the early 2000s, and a founding member of their first year-round store. She was a member of Arlington Center for the Arts, the Cambridge Art Association, and a local art critique group. Helen regularly studied with several Boston-area instructors and also at Snow Farm, the New England Craft Program in Williamsburg, MA. After spending many summers on the Mass. South Coast, she eventually relocated there. Since 2010, her mixed media pieces have been shown in a number of nature-oriented exhibits at several Mass Audubon wildlife sanctuaries and the Audubon Center in PA, as well as in other art venues around Massachusetts. In 2021, she was accepted as an Elected Artist Member of Art League RI. In November 2023, her piece (Dumpster

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benefited from Julie's nursing skills. No matter the care setting, patients appreciated her calm demeanor and warm ways.

Julie loved nature! Among her favorite places were: Ned's Point, Herring Cove Beach, Nauset Beach, Indian Rocks Beach, FL, St. Simons Island, GA, the coast of Maine from York to Southwest Harbor, Acadia National Park and the West Coast of Ireland. Julie was always in search of heart shaped rocks and unique shells. She kept her backyard well stocked with bird food year-round. She cultivated flowers to attract various avian species and added sugar water to multiple oriole and hummingbird feeders throughout each summer.

Julie had a great sense of fashion. She enjoyed shopping and putting together outfits from various consignment shops, street fairs and specialty stores. Julie made pottery and jewelry. She painted with acrylics and also stenciled walls for her friends.

Julie was predeceased by her sister Elizabeth.

In addition to her husband Jack, she leaves her siblings and their spouses: John (Paulette) of New Bedford, Peter (Karen) of Rochester, Charles (Anna) of Acushnet, Katherine

(Peter) Majka of Wareham, Robert (Donna) of Freetown, and Thomas E. of Acushnet.

Julie loved her family and friends dearly. Her nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews loved their "Auntie Julie". She will be missed by many and not forgotten. To honor Julie's memory, live by the golden rule and strive for peace.

A visitation will be held on Friday December 20th from 1-3 pm at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Route 6, Mattapoisett, followed by a memorial service beginning at 3 pm.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to: Mattapoisett Land Trust, P.O. Box 31, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 or The Women's Center, 174 Union Street 4th Floor, New Bedford, MA 02740. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

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TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Mattapoissett's annual Holiday at Shipyard Park was held on December 14 to the delight of the young and not-so-young. The family-centered event featured Mr. and Mrs. Clause, Frosty, and Rudolph as well as a really big beach chair. The holiday tree was festooned with decorated buoys in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Mattapoissett Land Trust. Refreshments were provided by area eateries offering a wide variety of goodies and fan favorite hot chocolate. Music was provided by local students. Photos by Marilou Newell.



During our annual holiday party, the kids had a chance to use natural and recycled materials to make snow globes, flying bird mobiles, acorn people, and tree ornaments from shells and wood carvings. The museum will be open through the holiday week for drop in crafts and Lego play. Happy holidays everyone and see you in 2025. Photo courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold.

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

Planet) won the Best in Show award in the "Blue" exhibit at the Cambridge Art Association. For more information, including many photos of her work and a full CV, please visit www.kitchensyncstudio.com. You can also find her art and photography @kitchensyncstudio on Instagram.

UCT Inducts Twelve Students Into The NHS

Twelve Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School students were inducted into the school's chapter of the National Honor Society on **December 10, 2024**. The newest members of the National Honor Society are 12th graders Haley Lawrence (Veterinary Science, Marion), Shaun Miranda (Horticulture, Marion), and 11th graders Caitlin Allsop (Health Technology, Bourne), Julian Christopher (Environmental Technology, Bourne), Elizabeth Chubb (Marine Technology, Falmouth), Natalie Evanson (Marine Technology, Falmouth), Madison



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MOVIE REVIEW

Learning to Fly

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

Birdy (1984). Starring Nicolas Cage and Matthew Modine. Directed by Alan Parker. Running time: 120 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Available on home physical and streaming media.

Only in the '80s, I think, could a quietly bizarre film about the friendship of two boys — one of whom wants to be a bird — have been financed, made, and released. Alan Parker's *Birdy*, drawn from a 1978 allegorical novel by William Wharton (*née* Albert Du Aime), is an unusual beast even in this eclectic director's portfolio. (It turns forty on December 21.) It's surprisingly gentle, and offers a performance by nineteen-year-old Nicolas Cage (in only his fifth major screen role) that in retrospect looks like a shot across the bow, a warning served to take him seriously.

Cage is Al Columbato, a Vietnam vet whose face was torn up by shrapnel. (Al also has a limp that comes and goes — realistically, I suppose, depending on the weather in the scene or whether he's been standing too long. I doubt it's a goof on Cage's part — he actually had *teeth* pulled for the role. You don't do that and then make technical mistakes.) He's stateside at Fort Dix when he gets a call about his boyhood friend Birdy (Matthew Modine), who was also in the war and came back torn up on the inside. All Birdy does is crouch in his cell at the veterans' mental hospital, cocking his head like, well, a bird.

The narrative flips back and forth between the latter-day scenes, wherein Al tries to get some semblance of human response from Birdy (while a piggish military shrink breathes down his neck awaiting results), and flashback sequences in which the high-school-age Al and Birdy build a fast, strong friendship. At first the bond is based on money: these two Philly kids grew up in the bad end of town, and Al thinks that collecting and selling carrier pigeons (which Birdy also collects) will be like picking cash up off the ground. That doesn't work so well for them, but Al and Birdy stay buddies anyway, developing rapport based on private jokes and their shared disdain for the hellhole they live in. Eventually, though, the boys are separated by Birdy's increasing, almost erotic attachment to his birds, and Al's growing impatience with same.

In other films, Alan Parker (1944-2020) pushed far too hard for the effects he wanted. He liked moments of violence, rage, discord. (He and scripter Oliver Stone were a perfect sadistic match on *Midnight Express*.) When he had a smaller story, though — like *Shoot the Moon* — he calmed down, and in *Birdy* he wisely let Cage's and Modine's



unstable rapport do most of the heavy lifting. Modine, soon to enact perhaps the definitive Vietnam experience in *Full Metal Jacket*, manages to make the asexual, head-in-the-clouds Birdy appealing even as his obsession with birds and flying deepens into mania. For Cage's part, he's utterly open as Al, fearful but covering it (just barely) with a tough-kid, hound-dog bravado. Cage conveys this mostly with his eyes, always drawn upward in anguish (and when he's bandaged in the hospital scenes his eyes are pretty much all he has).

Parker has a tender touch here (except for that joke ending, which even I find embarrassing, and the overuse of "La Bamba," which isn't even right for the movie's period), but he knows when to pull out the stops when it counts — in the blood and napalm of Vietnam, and in the celebrated sequence when Birdy dreams of flight. *Birdy* was also Peter Gabriel's introduction to film scoring (though he recycled much of the music from his earlier albums; only the use of "Rhythm of the Heat" really dates the soundtrack, since it's been used *ad infinitum* since this film), and it's impossible to imagine the movie without it. With Gabriel's help, the movie transcends the mundane, as Birdy is also driven to do. And in the quiet, desperate hospital scenes, the score comes close to heartbreaking.

Birdy is a downer, all right; there's real desolation in details like the cheerful sign reading "USA Is Proud of Its Soldiers" hanging up in a gym where legless veterans exercise. The whole film is about rising above the muck and violence of the human world. Confronted with Vietnam's heart of darkness, where napalm incinerates people and birds alike, Birdy goes mad and withdraws from life. The question is whether Al's extended hand of friendship is enough to draw him back in. *Birdy* is the kind of film that might have filled us with woe in high school. (For a while, its source novel frequently turned up on summer-reading lists.) Even if our teen years are far behind us, though, the movie puts us right back in touch with those feelings of misery and unfocused rage at the world's unfairness.

Fourgere (Culinary Arts, Bourne), Blake Gagne (Culinary Arts, Wareham), Michell Kirkland (Electrical, Bourne), Victoria Mombrini (Veterinary Science, Wareham), Devyn Schulze (Horticulture, Wareham), and Brady Tellier (HVAC, Bourne).

Auditions for the MAC Theater presentation of Ripcord

The Marion Art Center announces auditions for their production of Ripcord, written by David Lindsay-Abaire and directed by John Heavey. Auditions will be held on **January 4** from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and again Sunday **January 5** from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Show dates are **March 7** through **March 23**, 2025, with Friday and Saturday performances at 7:30 pm, and Sunday matinees at 2:00 pm.

Synopsis - A sunny room on an upper floor is prime real estate in the Bristol Place Senior Living Facility, so when the cantankerous Abby is forced to share her quarters with new-arrival Marilyn, she has no choice but to get rid of the infuriatingly chipper woman by any means necessary. A seemingly harmless bet between the old women quickly escalates into a dangerous game of one-upmanship that reveals not just the tenacity of these worthy opponents, but also deeper truths that each would

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rather remain hidden.

Director John Heavey will be casting three women and three men, as follows: Abby Binder (lead, 60's-70's), Marilyn Dunne (lead, 60's-70's), Scotty (supporting, 20-30's), Colleen (supporting, 30's-40's), Derek (supporting, 30's-40's), and Benjamin (supporting, 30's-40's). The audition will consist of readings from various scenes from the script with others auditioning. A full cast description and more details can be found online at marionartcenter.org/auditions.

TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Dec 8-Dec 14

- Field Stone Ln – Burglar alarm
- Quail's Crossing Rd – Health/welfare
- Spring St – General service
- Cottage St – EMS/medical
- Island Wharf Rd – Missing person
- Joanne Dr – EMS/medical
- Alden Rd – EMS/medical
- Island Wharf Rd – General service
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Cove Cir – General service
- Viking Dr – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – General service
- Route 195 West – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Follow up
- Point Rd – Road hazard
- Spring St – MV collision
- Front St – Structure fire
- Front St - Lockout
- Point Rd – Suspicious activity
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Wianno Rd – MV collision
- Delano Rd – Suspicious activity
- Mill St – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious activity
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious MV
- Ichabod Ln – Health/welfare
- Pine Hill Ln – EMS/medical
- South St – MV collision/arrest
- Point Rd – Health/welfare

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Dec 8-Dec 14

- Barlow Ln – Animal control
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- I195 West – General service
- Nantucket Dr – Suspicious MV
- Shaw St – General service
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Seamarsh Way – Health/welfare
- Gosnold St – EMS/medical
- Brookside Dr – Suspicious persons
- Winnatuxett Beach Rd – Disturbance
- Marion Rd – Ambulance request
- County Rd – Intoxicated party
- Fairhaven Rd – MV lockout
- County Rd – Officer wanted
- Prospect Rd – General service
- Centre Dr – General service
- Homestead Ct – Animal control
- North St – Assist other agency
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Peace Pipe Path – Medical assist
- Acushnet Rd - Disturbance
- Brandt Island Rd – Weapons
- Foster St – Follow up investigation
- Marion Rd – Assist other agency
- Acushnet Rd – Animal control
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Acorn Ln - Complaint
- Cannon St – Medical assist
- County Rd – Health/welfare

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Dec 8-Dec 14

- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- Marion Rd - Medical
- Pierce St – Well-being check
- New Bedford Rd – Animal control
- Pierce St – Firearms revocation
- Constitution Way – 911 text
- Pierce St – Firearms revocation
- High St – Well-being check
- Pine St – Lost animal
- Clarke Ct – Lost animal
- Cranberry Hwy – General service
- Burgess Ave – 911 call
- Pierce St – Follow up
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity
- Marion Rd - Vandalism
- Walnut Plain Rd – Road hazard
- Burgess Ave – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity
- Mendell Rd – Road hazard
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Dexter Ln - Investigation
- Clapp Rd - Fraud
- Alley Rd – 911 call
- Union Church Ter – Assist other
- Bennett Rd – Animal control
- Bennett Rd – Burglar alarm
- Kings Hwy – Animal control
- Walnut Plain Rd – Noise complaint

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

Super Crossword

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SALOME'S STARS

ACROSS

- 1 The United States' landmass, with "the"
- 9 Rafter's challenge
- 15 Shul scroll
- 20 Another similar thing
- 21 Barack and Michelle
- 22 Give the slip
- 23 Like babies who throw tantrums when you try to put diapers on them?
- 25 News outlets
- 26 RBI or ERA
- 27 Film lead-in to "Cop"
- 28 Photo —
- 29 More nimble
- 30 Trellis climber
- 32 Having a sore mouth from working long hours at a kissing booth?
- 36 Joint a sock often covers
- 39 Chipped in, in poker
- 40 Beckett title character
- 41 Intense fire used as an energy source?
- 46 Pie — mode
- 49 Abbr. on a road map
- 50 With 44-Down, decay of building timbers
- 51 Colon part
- 52 Communist Joseph
- 55 Egyptian god of the dead
- 57 Declaration while pointing at a group of workers on strike?
- 62 Scent sensor
- 63 George at Gettysburg
- 64 Airy melody
- 65 Statement when you're nearly ready to complete a collage?
- 72 The "A" of "A-Rod"
- 73 Depart
- 74 Air out
- 77 Mesmerizing horse movement?
- 83 Limb-bending muscle
- 85 Is theatrical
- 86 Pod item
- 87 Color grade
- 88 Actress
- 89 Tangle of hair

DOWN

- 6 Indian dish
- 7 Height; Prefix
- 8 The whole —
- 9 King, in Caen
- 10 Belly muscles
- 11 Jean — (perfume brand)
- 12 Windows ad catchphrase
- 13 Language of Copenhagen, to locals
- 14 New jet in '68
- 15 Worked as an office sub
- 16 Carry too far
- 17 Howard Stern's area
- 18 "Bye, Brigitte"
- 19 Bodily pump
- 24 Conductor Georg
- 29 "Every seat sold" abbr.
- 31 "La Traviata" composer
- 33 Spy novelist Deighton
- 34 Shareable PC file
- 35 Vainglory
- 36 Chef's tie-on
- 37 "Untrue!"
- 38 Maryland congressman — Mfume
- 39 Even a bit of
- 42 Taxing gp.
- 43 Mag bigwigs
- 90 Inherent hanging-down position?
- 96 SeaWorld whale, once
- 100 Fake identity
- 101 Fuels (up)
- 102 "It won't hurt to snoop a little!?"
- 107 Body of eau
- 108 Kind of acid in vinegar
- 109 Debt note
- 110 Architect Saarinen
- 112 "Slung" food
- 116 St. — (Caribbean getaway)
- 117 Hassle of tracking down a missing retirement payment?
- 121 Vintage song
- 122 Stress
- 123 Spiritual self
- 124 Foundations
- 125 Peanut butter cup brand
- 126 Bread browners

- 44 See 50-Across
- 45 High degree
- 47 Falsification
- 48 Cookout pest
- 52 BBQ rod
- 53 Mosaic piece
- 54 On the go
- 56 Withdraw
- 57 — Aviv
- 58 Deli meat
- 59 Foofaraw
- 60 Model S car
- 61 Otherwise
- 63 Long skirt
- 66 Balm plant
- 67 Meshes
- 68 A fifth of fifty
- 69 D.C. donor
- 70 Abbr. on a road map
- 71 Dallasites or Houstonians
- 75 — word (single-occasion coinage)
- 76 Plate holders
- 77 Skirt edge
- 78 Diva Sumac
- 79 Broken bits of ceramic material
- 80 Tax doc. pro
- 81 House animal
- 82 Novelist Santha Rama —

- 83 Festivity
- 84 Pigeon perch
- 87 Males
- 90 Rapa — (Easter Island)
- 91 Solar beam
- 92 Frazier foe
- 93 Sheet fabric
- 94 Website visit unit
- 95 Pilot Amelia
- 97 Actress McDaniel of "Gone With the Wind"
- 98 Comes up
- 99 Nero's 2,100
- 102 Bigwig
- 103 Florida city
- 104 "Uncle!" crier, perhaps
- 105 Explorer — de León
- 106 Stratagems
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- 111 Nevada city
- 113 Highest point
- 114 — -Pei
- 115 Mama birds
- 117 Golf average
- 118 Ending for opal
- 119 Extra NBA periods
- 120 — Plaines

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't be sheepish about asking more questions before making a major decision at your workplace. Meanwhile, your personal relationships continue to improve.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You might be rushed into renewing an old, cold relationship. But do you really want a reheated romance when there's a chance to warm up with someone new?

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Someone tells you something that could lead you to rethink your plans for the holidays. Get the full story before you make a decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A financial matter that had you in a dither is finally being sorted out as more facts become available. A perplexing personal matter also clears up.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You face a slew of new tasks at home and work. So, as much as you love being a social Lion, be careful not to overdo it at those preholiday parties.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Unexpected news could cause some minor adjustments in your holiday planning. Defer a decision about a financial matter until you have more facts.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A project might not be bringing you the results you'd hoped it would by now. But stay with it -- things will soon begin to turn around.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A budding personal relationship continues to develop. Things also improve in your career, although some problems still need close attention.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Mercury is finally stationing direct in your sign after a few weeks in retrograde. This will give you motivation to take care of any outstanding tasks before the holidays.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Allowing a misunderstanding to go unchallenged could jeopardize the plans you've made for the upcoming holidays. Clear the air now.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) While you should be open to suggestions on how to plan for the holidays, you should also be firm in saying "no" to anything you disagree with.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Get out from under all those holiday preparations and immerse yourself in a world of music. You'll soon feel refreshed, revived -- maybe even reborn!

BORN THIS WEEK: You believe in the truth and have little patience for those who try to hide it. You would make an excellent judge. (c) 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

Christmas Day Swim

Please join us for a fun family tradition that helps those in need. Helping Hands and Hooves will host the 21st annual Christmas Day Swim at 11:00 am at Mattapoisett Town Beach.

Each swimmer is asked to donate \$15 (payable on the day of the swim). The first 75 swimmers will receive a festive long-sleeved T-shirt. 100% of the proceeds will benefit Helping Hands and Hooves, a 501c(3) non-profit based in Mattapoisett that is dedicated to providing therapeutic horseback riding lessons for adults with disabilities.

If you would like to learn more about Helping Hands and Hooves please go to our website: helpinghandsandhooves.org If you have any questions, please call Debbi Dyson at 508-758-4717 or email info@helpinghandsandhooves.org

Call for works for the Winter Members' Show

The Marion Art Center announces a call for works for the Winter Members' Show opening **January 11** with a reception from 3:00 pm to 5:00pm. The show runs through **February 14**. All members may enter up to two pieces each. Works must be original, must have been executed by the artist within the last five years, and must not have been previously shown at the Marion Art Center. The MAC will not exhibit works that are in poor condition (including frame) or are not properly prepared for easy installation.

To exhibit, members should drop off artwork at the MAC at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion, MA on Saturday, **January 4** between 10:00 am to 2:00 pm or Tuesday, **January 7**, 10:00am to 2:00 pm. Artists may download and print the consignment agreement ahead of time, found online at marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit. Anyone wishing to participate who is not yet a member can join online any time at marionartcenter.org/join. Please send questions to info@marionartcenter.org.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By **Connie Eshbach**

Rochester just had its tree lighting, an annual tradition. The town trees that have been decorated over the years have been many as not all the planted trees have survived. The tree in this picture is the town Christmas tree of 1990. It is shown being planted in front of Town Hall. This tree came from the front yard of Jane Ellis' home on Mendall Road.

Jane (mother of Historical Society member, Alton Ellis) was a lifelong resident of Rochester who passed away at the age of 93 in 2019. Reading through her job history, it would seem that from 1956 to the early seventies, Rochester would have had a hard time functioning without her. She was first clerk of Town Hall in 1956, promoted to executive secretary ten years later

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TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Carolyn Pawlishen, Faith Formation Director, organized a children's pageant at Mattapoissett Congregational Church. Children from the community were invited to take part. Katherine Gaudet narrated. Many proud parents and family members were in attendance. Photo by Jennifer Shepley.

Good food and good times at the MWC December meeting. President Kate Brown held a short meeting before luncheon was served. Lois Ennis was the ticket organizer. Lively conversations everywhere you turned. Photo by Jennifer Shepley.



The Rochester Historical Commission began its historic plaque program as a way to enhance knowledge of the town's history. Recently, a plaque was placed at the Town Pound on Snipatuit Rd. by commission member, George Owen. The pound was not for household pets but for stray farm animals and problem animals of all sizes. While there were once many stone pounds of this type, most are gone. This pound from 1741 is a concrete reminder of Rochester's past.

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I OUTSOURCED IT TO DAD.

Mattapoissett Grief Share Meeting

The Lamb of God Christian Church of Mattapoissett will be holding no-cost Grief Share group meetings at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library (Lower Meeting Room), Mattapoissett, and in Dartmouth, on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm.

This is open to all who have had a personal loss of a loved one. This is a national-wide recognized group program moderated by Pastor Mathew.

Please contact us to check on scheduled dates for Grief Share meetings.

For more information call (508) 998-6990, or E-Mail: pastor@lambogodma.org or Facebook: Mathew Vangel.

Rochester Historical Society

The Rochester Historical Society Museum will be open by appointment throughout the winter. For anyone who would like to view the exhibit, purchase any of our Rochester clothing, books, maps, etc., or to ask a question, we can be reached: Sue at sash48@comcast.net or 508-295-8908 or Connie at eshbach2@aol.com or 617-750-2818.

Peter B. Hodges Memorial Scholarship


The Mattapoissett Lions Club, a member of Lions International, the world's largest service club organization consisting of 46,000 clubs and more than 1.4 million members worldwide, is pleased to announce the availability of two \$2,000 scholarships to be awarded to graduating high school seniors or home-schooled students residing in Mattapoissett, Marion, or Rochester or a school choice student attending Old Rochester Regional High School.

In addition, we are pleased to announce the availability of one \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior who will be entering the trades and attending an accredited trade school.

The funds for the Peter B. Hodges Memorial Scholarships are made possible with fundraisers held by the Mattapoissett Lions Club throughout the year, including Harbor Days, an annual Arts and Craft Festival held in Shipyard Park, Mattapoissett the third weekend of July each year.

The Lions International motto is "we serve." It is one of the largest charitable causes of Lions International includes raising funds for eye research in an effort to end preventable blindness throughout the world, eradicating measles worldwide in partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Here are here to provide services for those in need in our communities.

To obtain an application, learn more about this award or to learn how to become a member of the Mattapoissett Lions Club visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MattapoissettLionsClub. Award applications are also available at the Guidance Department of your high school.



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Sermon Sunday: *Jesus explains how to know you are going to heaven*

Applications must be received by **March 21, 2025.**

Mattapoissett Republican Town Committee

The Mattapoissett Republican Town Committee welcomes members, guests and community members to join us on Thursday, **December 19** from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm to attend our monthly meeting. The location is at the Niemad Facility, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoissett.

This month's meeting will be more of a casual gathering to celebrate a year full of hard work, lots of progress, the kindling of new friendships and the many laughs along the way. You will not want to miss Co-Chair Paul Criscuolo's review on the November 2024 election. We will also be planning two upcoming events, Inauguration Party / Slide Show in January and Pizza & Movie Night in February. Open discussion for all. There will be light snacks, a cash bar, and good conversation.

If you have any questions, contact Paul Criscuolo, Chairperson at PCMattyGOP@proton.me

Great Decisions Program

Sponsored by the Mattapoissett Woman's Club for over fifty years, we are again offering the 2025 Great Decisions Program for eight consecutive weeks meeting on Wednesdays. The program uses the Foreign Policy Association Text and DVD that consists of eight chapters of Topics ranging from U. S. Foreign Policy to the future of NATO, to International Cooperation on Climate



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ANTASSAWAMOCK CLUB, INC.
PUBLIC NOTICE

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

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
SELECT BOARD
INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for furnishing the following item will be received at the Town of Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 until the time specified below. Immediately following the closure of bids, the bids will be publicly opened and read at the Town of Mattapoisett Town Hall.

ITEM:
Bid: Pearl Street Reconstruction Project
BID DUE DATE/TIME:
Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 2:00 pm

The work under this Contract consists of the reconstruction of an existing public road known as Pearl Street in the Town of Mattapoisett from County Road (Route 6) to Church Street. The total length of road is about 1,220-linear feet and will be constructed as specifically described in the Special Provisions of the Contract Documents.

The specific elements of the project involve the reclamation of approximately 1,220-linear feet of existing asphalt surface and construction of a new paved travel way consisting of two (2) 12 foot wide travel lanes on Pearl Street between County Road (Route 6) and Hammond Street and two (2) 11-foot between travel lanes between Hammond Street and Church Street complete with vertical granite curbing, cement concrete sidewalks, handicap ramps, driveway aprons, street tree removal, replacement tree plantings, shoulder loaming and seeding, and a new stormwater collection system consisting of collection system piping, manholes and catch basins on Pearl Street and the intersecting streets Tobey Lane, Hammond Street and Church Street.

The successful bidder will be required to pursue an expedited construction schedule in order to achieve completion by June 30, 2025.

The Contractor shall be responsible for all traffic management during construction which allows for safe traffic flow on the adjacent public travel ways including, but not necessarily limited

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to, temporary barriers, signing, temporary stop signs or portable traffic signals, etc. The Contractor shall prepare and submit for approval by the Engineer a plan detailing the proposed traffic management. All costs associated with traffic management shall be considered incidental to the various items of work.

Each Bidder must possess a copy of the "2022 Massachusetts Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges" in order to properly interpret the Contract Documents, prepare and submit bids, and understand contractual obligations.

An electronic copy of the bid documents, specifications and bid forms may be requested from Field Engineering Co., Inc. by e-mail at rcarvalho@fieldengrg.com and through the COMMBUYS website at <http://www.commbuys.com>.

All Bidders must be prequalified by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation – Highway Division with the class of work as, HIGHWAY-CONSTRUCTION, for the project with an estimated value of \$1,433,834.00 in order to receive the official copy of the bidding documents. A copy of the plans and specifications is available for review at the Town Hall or at the office of Field Engineering Co., Inc., the Town's engineering consultant.

Bidders shall demonstrate that they have experience in working on projects of a similar or greater size and type to the proposed project. All bidders will be required to provide examples with references of a minimum of three (3) successfully completed projects within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, of a similar size and scope within the past five (5) years. The Owner's decision or judgment on these matters will be final, conclusive, and binding.

An optional pre-bid meeting and site walk will be held at the Pearl Street/Tobey Lane intersection near House #39 Pearl Street on Monday, December 30, 2024 at 10:00 am.

Bids will be due at the Select Board Office at the Mattapoisett Town Hall on the day and time specified above and will be publicly opened and read at the Town Hall immediately following. Bids received after such time will not be accepted. Sealed envelopes containing bids must be clearly marked in accordance with the Bidding and Contract Requirements. Each Bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a BID BOND, CASH, or, CERTIFIED CHECK issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount

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of 5% of the bid price.

A performance bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total amount of the contract price with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required for the faithful performance of the contract as well as a labor and materials bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total contract price.

All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including G.L. c.30, § 39M, as amended.

Prevailing Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of Department of Labor and Workforce Development under the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27G, as amended, apply to this project. Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid and the weekly payroll record submittal requirements.

Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the awarding authority to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder.

The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the opening of the bids.

The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids, or take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town. 12/19, 12/26

TOWN OF MARION
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
INVITATION FOR BIDS
REFURBISHMENT OF PUMPER ENGINE #2

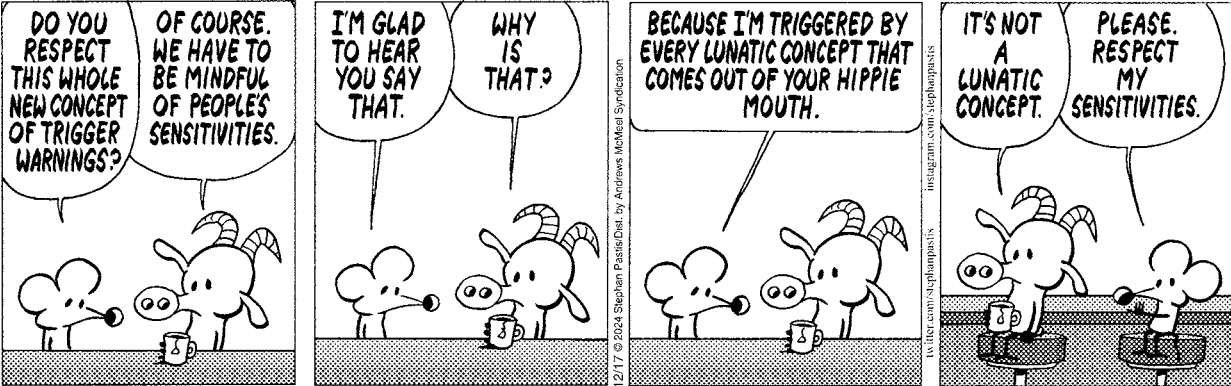
The Town of Marion, acting through the Office of the Town Administrator and Chief Procurement Officer, invites sealed bids from qualified suppliers to refurbish pumper engine #2 for the Marion Fire Department located at 50 Spring Street, Marion, MA.

Bid Documents (Drawings and Specifications) may be obtained electronically only; downloaded directly from the Town of Marion website at <https://marionma.gov/161/Bids-RFPs>. Bid Documents will be available on or after December 16, 2024 at 8:00 am local time.

Bid deadline is January 3, 2025 at 2:00

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



Change and AI, and the American National Security, with more very challenging topics.

The Classes will meet at the Mattapoissett Library on 7 Barstow Street in the Community room downstairs. The side door of the building is accessible and inside has an elevator to the lower level.

Here's how to register: Please send a check for \$40.00 to cover text and expenses to the Mattapoissett Woman's Club, Box 1444 Mattapoissett MA 02739, Attn: Treasurer (memo on check Great Decisions) on a separate paper please print your: Name, Address, Email address, Phone Number (both landline and cell # if available) for the records.

The registration is on a first come first served basis for the first 30 members. The program is open to all members of the community of all area towns.

The Classes begin Wednesday **January 15** from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, for eight consecutive weeks. We offer light refreshments with coffee, tea and a beverage.

Each year the program proves to be a great way for members to explore the working of International Relations, Current events and how to make a difference in solutions for U.S. and Foreign Policy, through investigative readings and discussions.

Thank you for your interest in our organization.

Public Review Period for Revised Electricity Aggregation Plan

The Town of Marion is holding a 30-day public review period for its revised aggregation plan for Marion Community Electricity Aggregation. Marion CEA is our Town's official electricity supply program, active since 2016.

The aggregation plan describes how our electricity program is structured and operated. Marion 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 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.

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

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

Private Roads that need trees and brush Trimmed:

Pine St near Bayview (limbs trimmed near Bayview), Oliver St North (large Oak tree)

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

Private Roads Need Grading	Cost of Material	Private Roads Need Grading	Cost of Material
Cedarcrest Ave	\$40	Ocean Dr - South	\$100
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pm local time. The Town of Marion reserves the right to reject any and all bids if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so. Minority and Women's Business enterprise are encouraged to submit bids for this project.

Geoffrey Gorman, CPO
Town Administrator 12/19

**TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC NOTICECASE #825**

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, January 9, 2025 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Susan Billings, being represented by Andrew J. Stackpole, P.E., for a Special Permit under section 230-6.1 (C) of the zoning by-law to allow the reconstruction of a non-conforming single family dwelling.

The property, located at 17 Kabeyun Road, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 19 as Lot 59.
Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 12/19, 12/26

**TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC NOTICECASE #826**

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:45 pm on Thursday, January 9, 2025 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Giblin Ludes & Ludes Trustees, being represented by Will Saltonstall of Saltonstall Architects, for a Special Permit under section 230-6.1.3 of the zoning by-law to allow the reconstruction and expansion of a rear porch and deck.

The property, located at 11 Hiller Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 14 as Lot 82C.
Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 12/19, 12/26

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

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Notice of Intent submitted by Thomas W. Levreault, 12 Smith Road, Northborough, MA 01532. The proposed project is to raze existing house and re-build

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new residence and septic system, with connection to town water and associated site work. The project is located at 50 Aucoot Road, and is further identified as Lot 96 on Assessor Map 3.

**Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 12/19

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ORR Class of 1985 Reunion

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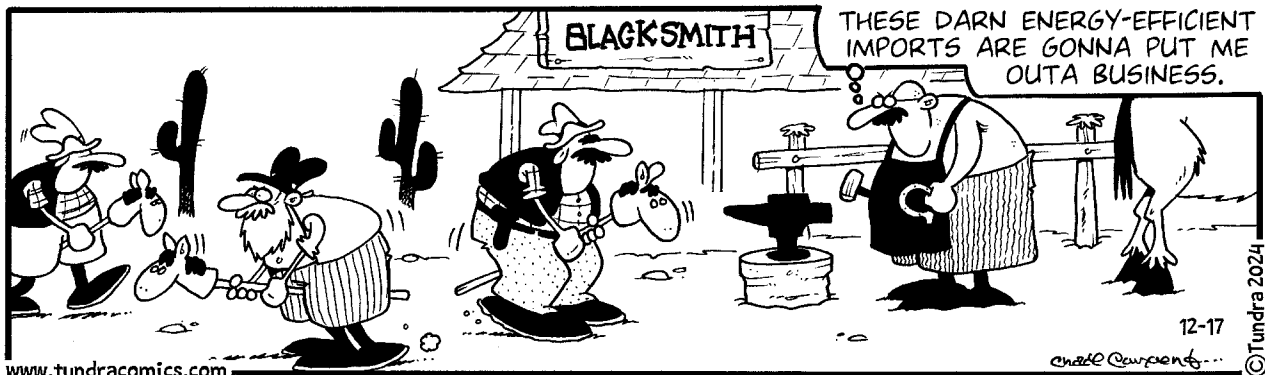
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Tundra
by Chad Carpenter



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

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

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

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



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ways to express herself and found working with metal, flame, and hammer as a metalsmith gave her the perfect balance.

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

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

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

Mattapoissett Library Artist Series

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

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,

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Best Wishes, **Nathan, Deylen, Jaiden, & Ryan**

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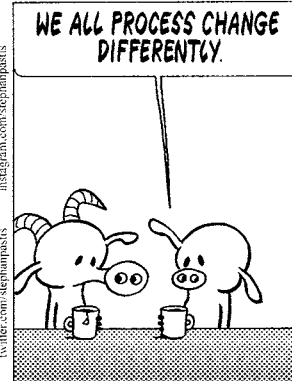
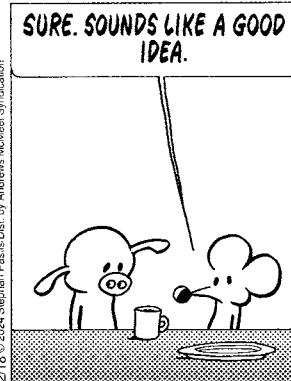
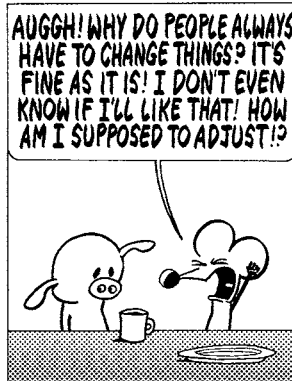
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Coastline Elderly Services Survey

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 of New Bedford, Acushnet, Cuttyhunk, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester.



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

Questions should be directed to the Rochester Board of Health, 508-763-5421, and the Rochester Fire Department, 508-763-2611. All sharps must be in sealed containers.

Marion Vaccination Information

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

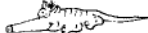
If you are in need of in-home vaccination appointments, these are administered through the Marion Community EMS Program.

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.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS		<i>See past listing on our website: www.wanderer.com</i>			
Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Bay Club Community Assn	Bay Club Real Estate Hold	0 Bay Club Dr 0 Off Bay Club Dr 0 Off Split Rock Dr 0 Split Rock Ln 0 Fieldstone Dr	Mattapoisett	11/27/2024	500,000.00
Oneill, Brian L Oneill, Patricia M	Steever, Patricia FTR Patricia F Steever RDoT RDoT Of Patricia F Steever	21 Church St	Mattapoisett	12/02/2024	994,900.00
Farrell, Dennis J Farrell, Marilyn E	Michaud, Matthew Michaud, Michelle	3 Fieldstone Dr	Mattapoisett	12/03/2024	1,059,000.00
Cupelo, Andrew Cupelo, Alicia	Williams, Emily Myfanwy	10 Field Stone Ln	Marion	12/03/2024	629,500.00
Michaud, Matthew Michaud, Michelle	Cooney, Thomas John Iv Xifaras, Juliet Dexter	4 Lebaron Way	Mattapoisett	12/03/2024	700,000.00



Local Tides					
Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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	Last Quarter	December 22nd			
	New Moon	December 30th			
	First Quarter	January 6th			
	Full Moon	January 13th			

 **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 12, 2024 edition the Aardvark was on page2

PUZZLE ANSWERS
CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SCRAMBLERS

- solution
1. Swap 2. Arise;
3. Creamy; 4. Cavort

Today's Word
EMPTY

Sudoku Answer

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

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