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## Tinkhamtown Chapel Annual Christmas Choir

By Sam Bishop

On Saturday, December 21, the 135-year-old chapel was once again filled with warmth and song. Tinkhamtown Chapel in the Tinkhamtown neighborhood of Mattapoisett, built in 1889, recently held its 70th annual holiday sing-along. Helmed by Gail Roberts on the organ, the cozy lamp-lit chapel was filled with festive cheer. Townsfolk gathered and filled the pews to celebrate the holiday season with timeless hymns and carols.

Many had attended for decades with some attending their first. This staple event saw the quaint chapel decorated for Christmas. The heat of the singers caused the windows to fog, leading to a glow of color seen from the street. "Silent night," "Good King Wenceslas," and other classics rang out in the chapel. The choir was made up of an eclectic group with all ages represented. Though they were different, holiday cheer brought them together. They also all shared one thing, a big smile.

The old but comfortable cabin was warm and lit by kerosene lamps with a single electric chandelier in the center of the room. The glow inside the room coupled with the wreathes on the windows and door and the festive hats and sweaters of those attending left all with a smile and an inner warmth and fellowship. For many



*On the Cover: Tinkhamtown Chapel on the night of this year's Christmas sing-along. Photo by Sam Bishop.*



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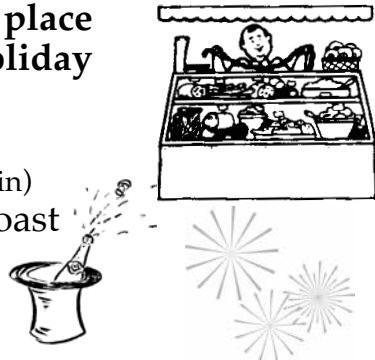
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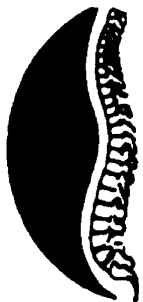
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there, the event is more than just singing and listening to songs. "I love everyone getting together" said one in attendance. Someone later said, "this is the time I reflect on my year."

Outside the chapel, the year's first snow had blanketed the ground, and the sub-20-degree temperature had frosted the windows. After the singing had ended, attendees moved next door to the "Sewing Circle" building to chat and enjoy handmade treats.

The annual Tinkhamtown Chapel Sing-Along is more than just a yearly occurrence. It's a symbol of community, happiness, and reflection. Surely, those who built the chapel, including Gail Robert's ancestors, would ask for nothing more.

**Fluoride - Friend or Foe?**

*What Does The Doctor Say?*

**By Dr. Edward Hoffer**

Among the controversies around public health, fluoridation of the public water supply ranks second behind vaccination. The nominee for Secretary for Health and Human Services wants to remove it. Is that a good idea?

The major benefit of fluoride is that it dramatically reduces dental cavities in children and to a lesser extent in adults. In 1945, Grand Rapids, MI became the first city in the world to add fluoride to its water. Dental cavities in children living there have dropped by more than 60% since that was done. Calgary and Alberta stopped fluoridation and the rate of cavities in children doubled.

Canadian, Australian, and U.S. dental societies support fluoridation, though most European countries have stopped mandating fluoridation. Most dentists also recommend topical fluoride, including fluoride in toothpaste, which fights plaque but does not reduce cavities.

What are the hazards? Very high levels of fluoride can lead to bone disease and staining of teeth.

(I must note that very high levels of almost anything can be harmful. Marathon runners and others have died from drinking too much water).

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The FDA has recommended a very conservative level of 0.7 mg/liter in the public water supply, a level that maximizes benefit while minimizing risk. In the U.S., about 85% of communities fell in that range.

How can you know? In most of the U.S. and Canada, fluoridation is a local decision. Call your town's Department of Public Works. If your town adds fluoride they should know, and indeed should publish that data annually. Not every state requires fluoride to be added, and if it is not added testing will probably not be done.

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If you are pregnant and worried, you can buy deionized water to drink during your pregnancy.

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

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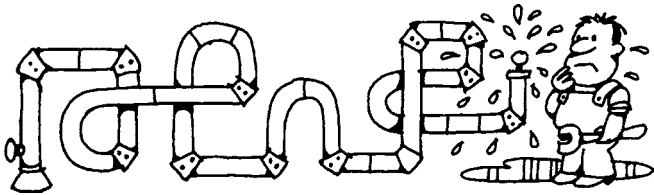
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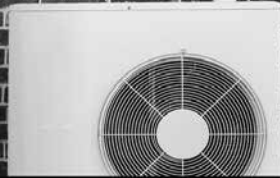
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## Pier Plans Versus Marine Life and Cove Entry

*Marion Conservation Commission*

**By Sam Bishop**

The Marion Conservation Commission met Wednesday, December 18 in the Marion Police Department's conference room. They first approved meeting minutes from December 4's meeting before moving on to their agenda and action items.

The first hearing was for 63 Oakdale Ave. for the construction of a residential pier facility. The proposed pier will start parallel to the existing sea wall and run approximately 136 feet out into Briggs Cove. This length was chosen to give about 20 inches of water at low tide. The pier would function as an "association pier" for adjacent 61 Oakdale, though it is being filed solely under owner Derek Maksy's name.

For wildlife safety, four conditions were requested by National Heritage. The first being a time-of-year restriction on construction between November 15 to June 30. This is to protect the Northern Diamondback Terrapin. The second is to supply a compliance report within 30 days of completion of work. Third is to contact the division with a written response regarding any possible impacts to the habitats or resource areas. The fourth and final request is for authorization duration where authorization is valid for five years where insurance work can be completed.

It was also stated the impact of the pier would affect shellfish, oysters, coho, and clam habitats and breeding/spawning. This is especially prevalent due to the increased boat and dredge usage needed in the area for construction. It was stated that this heavy machinery is not being proposed for construction.

Concern emerged from abutters and those who are often on the water as to the effect on the narrow waterway in the bay. It was stated the channel has roughly 400 feet of clearance during high tide. The hearing was concluded with most in attendance seemingly okay with the pier, so long as some more

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questions are answered, and guidelines are followed. Later in the meeting, it was said 63 Oakdale should have a house inspection as permits granted by the commission in the past may not have been followed to the present.

The next hearing was for the removal and replacement of a front porch at 28 Pinewood Drive. The house used to be handicap accessible with a ramp on the porch. The plan would be to rebuild the porch using the same skeleton/framework while adding steps in place of the bottom of the ramp. That hearing was ended without question for the commission or the public. A motion was later passed to issue a negative Determination of Applicability as a notice of intent was not found to be needed.

The commission went on to discussion, where they touched on the 694C Mill Street revised restoration plan and requested some deadlines be put in to know the estimated time of completion for the work, as there is no date estimate currently. They then discussed Phase 2 of work on Boatyard Park where surveying has been done. The commission wants to add signage and to make the park more accessible to the public. The property is also a habitat for the Diamondback Terrapin and their egg laying, which would be affected by increased traffic.

The commission stressed they needed to “stay on top of” active permits, as in, they will follow through

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when granted and make sure their guidelines are being followed and enforce them more readily.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission will be held on January 8 at 7:00 pm at the Marion Police Department.

**Mattapoisett Future Water and Sewer Plans**

*Mattapoisett Water and Sewer Commission*

**By Jeffery D. Wagner**

The Water and Sewer Board at its December 18 meeting discussed its future, including capital improvements to water and sewer lines over the next five years.

Water and Sewer Superintendent Henry Renaud mentioned around \$1 million in debt coming off the books, which will leave room for some extensions of the water and sewer lines to other areas of town.

Renaud said “unfunded mandates” from the state or federal government could complicate plans, which is why he did not outline plans beyond five years.

For fiscal 2026, Renaud said he has earmarked \$50,000 for water well repairs and \$40,000 for a new truck, which should be financed from the self-sufficient enterprise account.

For fiscal 2027, Renaud and his department hope to conduct water extensions along Mattapoisett Neck Road and Mattapoisett Village, as well as Bandt Island Cove. He said there are plans in fiscal 2028 to reline Prospects and Pine Island neighborhoods. He said that with some old, outdated piping, his department plans on re-piping approximately 1,000 feet per year – a plan endorsed by board members last week.

For fiscal 2029, Renaud would like the department to extend new water mains through Main Street, Beacon, and Marion Roads. He said his department does many in-house projects and this extension would normally cost more than \$1 million if the town hired an outsider but his staff can conduct such work for a fraction of that cost.

“We are going after some water quality issues and seeing what we can do about it,” Renaud said.

Renaud also said he would also like the department to hire an assistant superintendent to help him wade through the volumes of paperwork – an initiative also endorsed last week by the Water & Sewer Commission.

In other business, Renaud reported that there are plans to replace water filters at the bypass treatment facility starting next month and ending in April. All impacted residents will receive a letter about the project and how services will be impacted.

Renaud said his department met with the



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Planning Board and by February 3, he plans on finalizing a hazard mitigation plan, with both state and federal funding available.

The Water and Sewer Commission discussed water and sewer extension plans on the Bay Club property, as well as Old Slough Road.

Boards are collecting more data on The Bay Club development; a combination of golf courses and village housing.

On Old Slough Road, there is one house lot, which receives water and sewer. Commissioners expressed concern that the road, a former ancient way, might not have the frontage or the infrastructure for sewer and water line extensions.

The Commissioner advised Renaud to tell the developer he can obtain conditional approval or wait a few months as the commission revises its regulations.

Once regulations are revised, it might be possible for water and sewer to be extended to three other



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The Water and Sewer Commission plans to meet again on January 15.

### Quick and Unsatisfactory Parks Meeting

*Rochester Park Commission*

**By Michael J. DeCicco**

In a hearing room crowded with residents, Rochester's Park Commission opened and closed quickly a rare Monday morning meeting on December 23.

The lone agenda item of note read "Review Open Meeting Law complaint filed by Charles Morgan on 11/12/24". Commission chair David Hughes announced

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the purpose of this meeting was a request to the Attorney General to answer a complaint.

Then, without further deliberations or comment, Hughes motioned to adjourn, and the meeting members dispersed, leaving attendees dissatisfied. Hughes further declined to elaborate to the Wanderer as he left the meeting room.

At issue is an Open Meeting Law complaint Morgan filed regarding the Commission's deliberations over the construction of a new children's playground at Gifford Field using funds donated by the local, private non-profit group "Tri-Town For Protecting Children." The basic claim is that the commission conducted these discussions without proper notifications to the public in meeting postings and minutes. "Agenda June 26, 2024, No mention of Playground," Morgan's complaint reads. "Yet minutes show discussion took place. Agenda July 2, 2024 'To Discuss Playground. Is this 'New Business' or 'Old Business'. There are multiple playgrounds in town, which one will be discussed? Poor details, yet it is on the agenda."

The underlying concern here, as expressed by residents in previous Park Commission meetings, is that the playground plan quickly became a done deal without the chance for more than one private group to contribute toward the proposal or for the town to create a larger

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master plan for the park.

Hughes had argued in past meetings that this plan to rehabilitate the playground is long overdue and the board can add more equipment with future donations. "We've wanted to do this for a long time," he said. "We've been held back by funding. We are doing the best we can with what we have."

On December 23, as unhappy attendees exited the meeting, Morgan said, "There should have been a resolution to this issue. Instead, there was no response to the matter at hand." Morgan added he was unsure what he would do next.

Town Administrator Cameron Durant clarified that the town is addressing the complaint. "Town Council will address it," he said. "I don't know why he (Hughes) did not discuss it further, literally. That's not to disparage him. I haven't spoken to him."

Durant elaborated, "This issue needs to be addressed fairly and quickly. And I will assist with addressing this matter as best I can."

The 3,649 square-foot playground's full cost will be \$81,724.68. While half of that cost is being borne by the local non-profit "Tri-Town For Protecting Children", the other half is being paid for with the town's ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds.

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## Library Finds Issues with Part-Time Staffing

*Mattapoissett Library Board of Trustees*

**By Jeffrey D. Wagner**

Personnel and capital improvement issues were discussed extensively at the December 19 Library Board of Trustees meeting.

The board has recently maintained library services with only part-time staff and now is trying to get through the fiscal year in the wake of longtime custodian Raymond Rose retiring, according to Susan Pizzolatto, an interim library director who is stepping in after library director Colleen Tierney resigned in November. Tierney moved to Texas but Pizzolatto, a long-time librarian, has filled in. She gave an extensive report last week to the trustees.

During her report, trustee board members commented on how the library's lack of full-time staff could potentially impact services.

The board ended the meeting by agreeing to begin searching for the next library director and assembled a search committee. The item was not on the agenda, so the board conditionally approved starting the process next month and naming a committee at its next meeting.

Pizzolatto said right now, there are no full-time staff members and many capital improvement issues,

including – among other issues – roof problems, a need for carpeting and an elevator issue.

She mentioned that Rose has agreed to advise the board and library members, as it is making do with a cleaning service but no maintenance member who can identify, fix and offer other maintenance services.

“Ray will come in on an hourly abscess and lives nearby,” Pizzolatto said, noting a silver lining.

Board members agreed that his replacement should be a retired school custodian with a skillset similar to Rose.

Pizzolatto reported that the library department appointed a new full-time children's librarian, Kevin Thompson, who will begin his tenure in the last week of December. She mentioned that filling this position is crucial, especially with library reading programs and school visitations. She said having Thompson, who unequivocally impressed board members during the interview and has worked in schools, will help spread the word about the library from school children to families and stimulate library programming.

Pizzolatto said that the children's librarian computer took more than 10 minutes to turn in recently so a new computer will be needed before Pizzolatto begins his tenure in Mattapoissett.

Pizzolatto relayed some good news in that the library has received a state grant of just under \$9,500. She noted that this year's grant was higher due to the overall affluence of the community and the volume of materials borrowed by a respective library is more than other community libraries within the SAILS network.

Pizzolatto indicated that the volume of borrowing within the network helped Mattapoissett's funding numbers for this year.



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"It is very important to us for certification," she said. "We look at every little pot to get what we can get."

The Board is scheduled to meet again at the town's Library History Room at 4:00 pm on January 16.

### **Two Decks Approved**

*Mattapoissett Zoning Board of Appeals*

**By Sam Bishop**

The Mattapoissett Zoning Board of Appeals met Thursday, December 19 to go over their three cases.

The first, Case 1552, was the request for a Special Permit for the construction of a 14x20 deck on 32 Barstow Street. Both residents have hip problems and would like a deck that is level so they can go outside more easily. They are third-generation owners of the house and would like to maintain ownership while not adding excess difficulties to their lives as there is a slope on the property. The case was accepted unanimously and the permit granted.

Case 1553 was for a 9' 17" x 16 post-supported deck on 7 Nashawena Road on Plot 15A, Lot 140. A Special Permit is requested for the deck and to make the front steps compliant as currently they are too steep. Much work has been done to renovate the property over the last four years though abutters have denied requests for a deck thus far. The request for a permit was accepted unanimously.

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Case 1554 was to convert an existing garage to living space. The hearing for this case was postponed to January as no one was present to give a presentation on the request.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Board of Appeals will be held January 16 at 6:00 pm at the Mattapoissett Town Hall.

### Bulldogs Victory Before the Holidays

*Sports Roundup*

**By Aiden Comorosky**

The Old Rochester Regional High School boys' basketball team hosted Seekonk on December 20 in

their second game of the season and won 63-56. The Bulldogs have now won two close matchups, as they beat Apponequet in their season opener 60-57. Old Rochester was down 34-17 at the half, and down 20 early in the third quarter, but never gave up in front of the home crowd. The Bulldogs ended up fighting back and won in a nail-biter.

"I was very proud of the team with all the injuries we have as the kids that stepped up were gritty and played well together," said ORR Head Coach Steve Carvalho.

Gavin Martin led the way for the Bulldogs, scoring 18 points and adding 6 assists. Noah Thorell stepped up for the shorthanded squad, scoring 12 points and draining 8/9 free throws to help strengthen the comeback. Sophomore Grady Oliveira also had a good showing, with 9 points and 12 rebounds. Old Rochester is now off to a 2-0 start to the season, despite having some key players out with injury.

### Swimming

Swimming lost to Seekonk 245-193 in their first meet on December 17. In the 50 freestyle event, junior Elizabeth Chubb had an impressive time of 28.81 seconds. For the boys, freshman Charlie Bonney had a good showing, with a time of 28.98 seconds in the 50 freestyle. The boys 200 Freestyle Relay team set the bar high early in the season, by qualifying for states with an impressive time of 1:38.75. The boys' team is 1-0, and the girls are 0-1, and their next meet will be at Durfee on January 14.

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## Coastline Elderly Nutrition Program

Monday, **December 30**: Turkey chili w/ sweet potatoes, shredded cheese, Cali blend vegetable, wheat roll, cinnamon apples

Tuesday, **December 31**: Garden vegetable soup, fried chicken, black eyed peas, green beans & red peppers, Hawaiian roll, chocolate chip cookie

Wednesday, **January 1**: New Year's Day – No meals served

Thursday, **January 2**: Unstuffed pepper bowl w/ ground

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### Marion Certified Municipal Clerk

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IIMC grants the CMC designation only to municipal clerks who complete demanding education requirements; and have a record of significant contributions to their local government, community and state.

The International Institute of Municipal Clerks, founded in 1947, has 14,000 members throughout the United States, Canada, and 15 other countries, and the mission of this global non-profit corporation is to enhance the educational opportunities and professional development of its diverse membership.

In light of the speed and drastic nature of change these days, lifelong learning is not only desirable, but also necessary for all in local government to keep pace with the growing demands and changing needs of the citizens we serve. Your city can take immense pride in Elizabeth's educational accomplishments and achievement of this milestone.

### Mattapoisett Bible Study Group

The Lamb of God Christian Church of Mattapoisett will be holding a no-cost Bible Study group at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library (Lower Meeting Room), Mattapoisett on **January 7, February 4, and March 4**, Tuesdays at 10:00 am.

This study is open to all who have an interest in the Bible. Any Bible translation can be brought. This group study is moderated by Pastor Mathew (6-year seminary student) using the NASB 1995 Bible translation.




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**Marion Community Preservation Funding**

Applications for Community Preservation Act funding will be available in the Town Clerk’s office at the Marion Town House located at 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738 on **January 13**. The Community Preservation Act is a Massachusetts Law that allows participating cities and towns to adopt a real estate tax surcharge supplemented by State matching funds in order to fund community preservation. Eligible projects must be directed towards: open space/recreation, historic preservation, or community housing. Applications must be received no later than 4:00 pm on **February 17** to be considered for presentation at the May 2025 Annual Town Meeting.

Past Community Preservation funds have been used to: construct a pavilion at Osprey Marsh and install fencing, ADA-compliant benches, and litter receptacles at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Park, catalog the collections and restore exhibits at the Marion Natural History Museum, construct Pickleball Courts at the Point Road playground, and install smoke and fire alarms at the Marion Art Center

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**It’s Time to Reset Your Health in the New Year**

January marks a fresh start—the perfect time to embrace small, sustainable changes that can transform your health and boost your immune function. The Marion Institute invites you to kick off 2025 by joining their 3rd Annual Free 21-Day Reset and discover the power of simple, natural practices to bring balance and vitality to your life.

What is the 21-Day Reset? The 21-Day Reset is a guided, stress-free program designed to introduce impactful wellness habits that align with “Natural Laws to Live By.” Over the course of 21 days, you’ll receive one email per day filled with small lifestyle shifts that can make a big difference in your overall well-being.

How It Works: The program is built to fit seamlessly into your daily life, with no pressure or overwhelm. Here’s what you can expect:

Daily Emails: Each day, participants will receive an email highlighting a different natural health practice, such as: Hydrotherapy, Healthy Sleep Habits, Grounding, Movement, Essential Fatty Acids, and Practical Guidance. Each email includes actionable tips, resources, and inspiration to help you incorporate these simple, powerful habits into your routine.

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encouraged to choose one or two practices that resonate most and work toward making them a daily habit. There's no need to tackle everything at once—the key is gradual integration for long-term success. By saving each email, you can revisit and build upon these practices throughout the year.

Celebrate with an In-Person Wellness Event. As we bring the 21-Day Reset to its close, we invite you to a serene and rejuvenating 90-minute event designed to nourish your body, mind, and spirit.

Event Highlights:

Gentle Yoga: Stretch and open your body with accessible movements.

Mindfulness Meditation: Center your awareness and promote relaxation.

Chakra Healing: Connect with your body's energy centers for release and revitalization.

Sound Healing: Experience the soothing vibrations of sound bowls, bells, and gongs, harmonizing your energy and enhancing your sense of calm.

Guided Intention-Setting: Conclude with a reflective meditation to set personal intentions.

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### MSBA Invites Upper Cape Tech into Eligibility Period

State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg, Chair of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), and MSBA Executive Director Mary Pichetti announced that the MSBA Board of Directors voted to invite the Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational-Technical School District,

located in the town of Bourne, into the MSBA’s Eligibility Period. During the 270-day Eligibility Period, the MSBA will work with the district to determine the district’s financial and community readiness to enter the MSBA Capital Pipeline for a new roof on the main building and construction of a new gymnasium and cafeteria.

“The Board has voted Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational-Technical School District into the Eligibility Period,” said Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. “The MSBA will work collaboratively with local officials to ensure the best outcome for the district’s students.”

The next step is for the district to complete preliminary requirements pertaining to local approval and formation of a local school building committee. Upon timely and successful completion of the Eligibility Period requirements, the district becomes eligible for an invitation into the Feasibility Study phase of the MSBA Capital Pipeline, subject to a vote of the Board of Directors.


“The Eligibility Period is a critical step in the MSBA’s process of evaluating potential work on Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational-Technical School District,” stated Executive Director Pichetti. “We look forward to our continued partnership with the district as it enters the Eligibility Period.”

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### Living The Old House Dream: For Lovers and Owners of Historic Houses

The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum (RJD), in partnership with the Waterfront Historic Area League (WHALE), presents Living the Old House Dream, a series exploring best practices, interesting projects, and resources for maintaining and restoring older homes, with insights from various experts. The series kicks off at the RJD on Tuesday, **January 28**, at 5:30 pm with Lee McColgan.

McColgan will share the captivating story of his journey restoring the 1702 Loring House. Trading the corporate ladder for a stepladder, McColgan committed to preserving the ramshackle house using period materials and methods and on a holiday deadline. But his enchantment withered as he discovered the massive repairs it needed. Attend this talk to find out if he met his deadline before family and friends arrived. McColgan’s book about his process expertly examines our relationship





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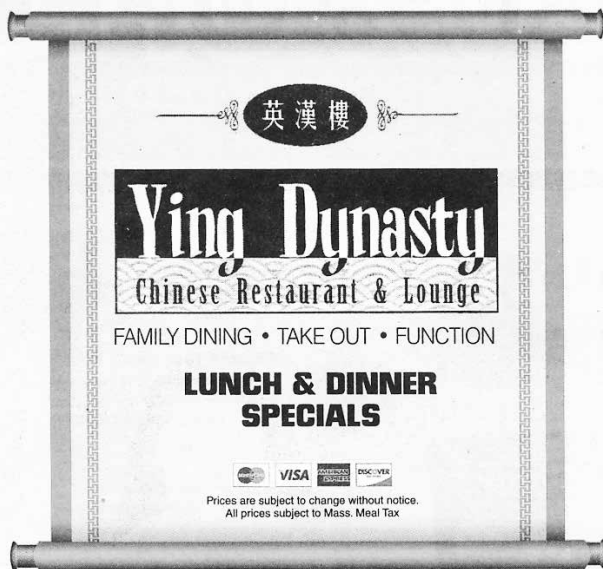
to history through the homes we inhabit.

Admission for this talk is \$10 for RJD or WHALE members and \$13 for the public. The series continues Tuesdays, February 25 and March 25, at 5:30pm. February's speaker is Patricia Miller, Chief Conservator, Preservation Society of Newport County. In March, Laura Parrish-Lavin speaks about The Whalehouse Restoration. Attendees can purchase a series pass for \$25 for members and \$35 for the public. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit the Museum's website, [rjdmuseum.org](http://rjdmuseum.org), or call 508-997-1401.

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 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
 8:00 AM Cape Conversations  
 8:30 AM For Your Health  
 9:00 AM Mattapoisett 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  
 11:30 AM Tri-Town Holiday Events  
 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  
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 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 27, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize  
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
 8:00 AM The World Fusion Show  
 8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities  
 9:30 AM Mattapoisett 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 28, 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 - Cynthia Bryden  
 2:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show  
 3:30 PM South Coast Matters  
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 10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report  
 10:30 PM Let's Talk Business  
 11:00 PM Classic Movies

#### Sunday December 29, 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 Mattapoisett Congregational Church  
 9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester  
 10:00 AM MAC Arts in the Park  
 11:00 AM Tri-Town Holiday Events  
 11:30 AM Tri-Town TV  
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 8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
 8:30 PM Mattapoisett Museum: The Hurricane of 1938  
 10:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Mysteries of the Midwater  
 11:00 PM Beacon Hill Report  
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 7:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show  
 8:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 9:00 PM Let's Talk Business  
 9:30 PM Building the Future  
 10:00 PM Gay USA  
 11:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band

#### Tuesday December 31, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize  
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
 8:00 AM For Your Health: Nicotine Pouches  
 8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment  
 9:30 AM The Collective Chat  
 10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe  
 10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club  
 11:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning  
 11:30 AM In the Toy Box  
 12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
 12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
 1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
 1:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider  
 2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
 2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
 3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
 3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US  
 4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
 4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
 5:00 PM Tri-Town Holiday Events  
 5:30 PM Tri-Town TV  
 6:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band  
 8:00 PM The Beacon Hill Report  
 9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 10:00 PM Gay USA

11:00 PM ORR Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

#### Wednesday January 1, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize  
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
 8:30 AM For Your Health  
 9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
 9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
 10:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment  
 11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church  
 12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
 12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
 1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
 1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
 2:00 PM Pine Meadow Alpaca Farms Animal Education  
 2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday  
 3:00 PM A Conversation With...  
 3:30 PM ORR Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony  
 5:30 PM Beacon Hill Report  
 6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
 6:30 PM The World Fusion Show  
 7:00 PM Let's Talk Business  
 7:30 PM Sippican Historical Speaker Series  
 8:30 PM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert  
 9:30 PM ORR vs Wareham Powderpuff Game  
 11:00 PM ORRHS Pep Rally

## MARION GOVERNMENT

### Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 39 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen  
 8:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission  
 9:30 AM Marion Planning Board  
 10:30 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals  
 11:30 PM Marion School Committee  
 1:00 PM Marion Finance Committee  
 2:00 PM Marion Stewards of Community Open Space Affordable Housing  
 3:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission  
 4:30 PM Marion Board of Health  
 5:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing  
 6:30 PM Marion Marine Resources Commission  
 8:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen

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7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen  
 8:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission  
 10:00 AM Rochester Planning Board  
 1:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals  
 2:00 PM Rochester School Committee  
 4:30 PM ORR School Committee  
 6:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen  
 7:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission  
 9:00 PM Rochester Planning Board  
 10:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

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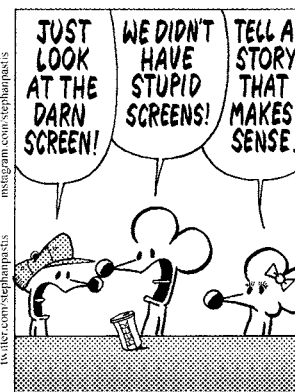
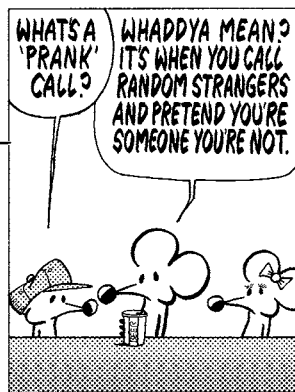
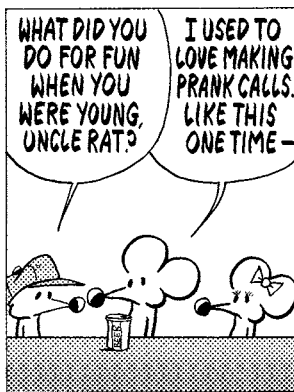
### Comcast Channel 8 Verizon Channel 37 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly  
 8:00 AM ORR School Committee  
 9:30 AM Center School Holiday  
 10:00 AM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert  
 12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
 1:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Apponequet  
 2:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Apponequet  
 3:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball Scrimmage vs Old Colony  
 5:00 PM ORR Winter Concert  
 6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
 6:30 PM Old Colony TV  
 7:00 PM ORR vs Wareham Powderpuff Game  
 8:30 PM ORR Football vs Apponequet  
 10:00 PM ORR Football vs Norton  
 11:30 PM MEFA College Financing Seminar

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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 exhibit is a collection of mixed media collage 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.

## OBITUARIES



**Leonard C. Higgins**, 88, died peacefully on December 14, 2024 surrounded by family at The Oaks Nursing Home.

He was the husband of the late Helen R. Higgins.

Born in Boston, the son of the late Leonard M. and Victoria (Mikolyski) Higgins. He lived in Mattapoisett most of his life and was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church. Survivors include his 3 sons, Matthew Higgins of Pacifica, CA, James Higgins and his wife Kristen of Mattapoisett and Daniel Higgins and his wife Rachael of New Bedford, his brother Thomas Higgins and his wife Connie of Alabama, his sister Beth Carciofi and her husband Lou of Tewksbury MA, his sister Mary Lou Bangs and her husband Eddie of Centerville MA. Also survived by 7 grandchildren; Emma, Jillian, Lauren, John, Anna, Joseph and Helen and many nieces and nephews.

Lenny was a devoted companion to his wife Helen. They met in Boston and they were married for 41 years.

After graduating from high school, Lenny served in the Army for 3 years. After his honorable discharge he went to work for his father's business, Higgins Ice Cream, which he later took over and eventually sold.

He worked as a dispatcher for the New Bedford fishing industry for over 20 years.

Lenny enjoyed working in his garden and was an avid reader. He would preach about silver being a good investment. After his wife's passing, he would enjoy going to the Pasta House in Fairhaven for happy hour. Lenny loved a good joke, spending time with his family and watching the Patriots.

His Funeral was held on Saturday, December 21st from the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett, followed by his Funeral Mass at St. Anthony's Church. Visiting hours were held on Friday, December 20th. For guestbook, visit [www.saunders-dwyer.com](http://www.saunders-dwyer.com).



**Steven Bowman** of Old Pine Island Road, Mattapoisett MA passed away December 18, 2024 at St Luke's Hospital in New Bedford. Steven was predeceased by his parents: Alexander and Sandra (Braley) Bowman. Steve leaves his sibling: Alex Bowman III & significant other Tracy Burns, Donna Martin & significant other Derrick Rodrigues, Lori Serpa & significant other Orlando Martinez, Annette

Bowman, Kevin Bowman, Edna Bowman & significant other Nathan Limes, Brian Bowman, Rose Bowman, Glen Bowman. Steve also leaves several nieces and nephews.

Steve worked at Dupont Landscape for 30 years. He will be greatly missed and remembered for his quick smile, kindness and an incredible work ethic. He was also a valued advisor to the Mattapoisett Land Trust for many years. He was at his happiest being outdoors.

His Celebration of Life will be held in Spring of 2025. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com). In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Mattapoisett Land Trust, P.O. Box 31 Mattapoisett, MA 02739 [www.mattapoisettlandtrust.org](http://www.mattapoisettlandtrust.org)

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



In 2021, she was accepted as an Elected Artist Member of Art League RI. In November 2023, her piece (Dumpster 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](http://www.kitchensyncstudio.com). You can also find her art and photography @kitchensyncstudio on Instagram.

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

**By Connie Eshbach**

It was primarily a musical evening. This year

we resurrected the tradition of a Christmas party at the Rochester Historical Museum and expanded it to invite the public. It was a musical evening and the top picture shows Andrew Cody, 6th grader at RMS, playing We Wish You a Merry Christmas on his trumpet. He entertained us with three Christmas trumpet solos. The second picture shows Tom and Sheila Perry leading enthusiastic singers in many well-known Christmas carols, including The Twelve Days of Christmas.

I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.



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# TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Views around Mattapoisett. Photos by Jennifer Shepley

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## Quilt of Valor Award

For those who have never heard of “Quilts of Valor”, it is a National organization begun in 2003 by one woman’s idea “to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing quilts.” It now includes all service members and veterans no matter where or when they served. Since it began, other organizations, such as the Grange, have joined the project. All quilts are handmade by volunteers all over the country. A very busy group of quilters from Holden, Mass helps keep The Massachusetts State Grange supplied with beautiful quilts. Each is unique, with no two alike. Since 2003 over 400,000 quilts have been given to deserving service men, women and veterans across the country and overseas. Each quilt also has a special patch on the back with the recipient’s name, date made and the names of the two ladies who lovingly stitched by hand and machine the beautiful quilt being presented.

On Sunday, **December 15**, members of Rochester Grange visited Alden Court in Fairhaven to meet and award A “Quilt of Valor” to Henry Stopka, a Rochester resident. Henry is a veteran of both the Air Force and the U.S. Coast Guard. He served in the U.S Air Force from 1950 to 1954 as an Airman 1st Class and was a firefighting, crash and rescue Specialist. Henry attended fire- fighting school at Lowry Air Force Base in Colorado.



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# MOVIE REVIEW

## Jerry's Folly

By Rob Gonsalves  
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*From Darkness to Light*. A documentary directed by Eric Friedler and Michael Lurie. Running time: 108 minutes. No MPAA rating. Now streaming on TCM.

Jerry Lewis' 1972 film *The Day the Clown Cried* has gathered notoriety over the years as the great white whale of lost cinema (rivaled only by *London After Midnight* probably). Not only was it never released; it was never really completed, and exists only as rough footage, some of which we finally get to see in *From Darkness to Light*, a documentary about the making of the movie — and the unmaking of Lewis. He was never quite the same after the film blew up in his face; for years he vehemently refused to discuss the failure, though the documentary's directors managed to get Lewis to sit down for an interview not long before he died in 2017. At one point Lewis talks about *Clown's* infamous finale as if he himself had committed the tragic act for real; it seems to have stayed with him as though it were an actual memory.

That finale involves Lewis as Helmut Doork, a great clown who fell on hard times and has found himself imprisoned in a Nazi concentration camp for drunken public irreverence towards Hitler. Helmut begins to use his skills as a clown to entertain the camp's children, and the whole thing ends with Helmut forced to lead the children into a gas chamber. Trusting him, they follow him, and he closes the chamber door behind himself and, we gather, dies with them. This is admittedly a powerful ending, but, Lewis said, it didn't mesh with the "bad work" of the rest of the film, for which he blames himself. For years he claimed he would never "let" the world see the film, as though it were up to him; the truth is that he (or his producer) had neglected to secure the rights to the screenplay, and so even if the film were brilliant, polished, and finished it couldn't be shown.

Lewis' folly is discussed by other comedians and filmmakers; some of that footage is imported from the earlier documentary *The Last Laugh*, about whether humor can be found in the Holocaust, with folks like Mel Brooks and Sarah Silverman weighing in. Martin Scorsese, who coaxed Lewis' best performance out of him in *The King of Comedy*, praises Lewis' gifts as a comic and filmmaker, and identifies with the desolation Lewis felt after *Clown* died. Scorsese stops short of praising any footage from the film (it remains unclear whether he'd actually seen



any of it). Nobody really argues that this was an unfairly destroyed masterpiece. From the footage, we can vividly see it wasn't one. A lot of elements, from backstage errors to Lewis' styleless handling of the material, seemed to coalesce to doom the film, as though it were cursed. By the time Roberto Benigni set out to make the similar *Life Is Beautiful*, perhaps the curse had lifted.

Actually watching the footage, we can sense Lewis' passion for the project was genuine; he would never again care so deeply about a movie, and he would only direct and star in two more features (1980's *Hardly Working* and 1983's *Cracking Up*) in his lifetime. It's as though *Clown* were his *Apocalypse Now*, robbing him forever of a certain innocence; he came too close to the fire, and like Icarus he fell. When a person's mind and body enacts something as hideous as leading children to the gas chamber, a monumental supply of professional detachment is needed, and Lewis didn't have it. His whole deal was to throw himself into whatever he was doing as wholeheartedly as he could. One could say a piece of himself died in that room of death.

When Lewis' Helmut initially runs afoul of the Nazis, he tries to defend his words by saying he was drunk and not responsible, and the Nazi officer, thwapping a desk with his riding crop, repeats "Why are you not responsible? Answer me! *Why are you not responsible?*" The scene feels like Lewis as director confessing that the buck stopped with him. He put a ghastly amount of physical and emotional labor into this thing, and it didn't matter. Perhaps the material was just misconceived from the start and nobody could have saved it. A standard assembly of talking heads and vintage footage, *From Darkness to Light* is more of a TCM special than a real movie; it plays like a special feature on the DVD that *The Day the Clown Cried* will never get. But that vintage footage is not just any footage, and at its best the documentary speaks truthfully about when a creator opens a vein and then doesn't know how to make it stop gushing.



As an Airman, he was attached to the 1100th Installations Squadron at Bolling AFB, Washington, DC. In the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, he served from 1965 to 1990 retiring as a Senior Chief Small Arms Instructor. Henry had been stationed at the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod.

The Grange is both happy and proud to have been able to honor Henry Stopka for his service to the United States and along with members of his family to present him with a lovely quilt to use and enjoy.

Congratulations and Merry Christmas Henry and all the Stopka family.

### Holidays at Plumb Library

We will be closed Wednesday, **December 25** for the Christmas holiday. We're back to our regular hours on Thursday, **December 26**, and the library book group will be meeting at 6:30 pm that day to discuss *How to Be a Good Creature: A Memoir in Thirteen Animals* by Sy Montgomery. Refreshments will be served.

The library's long-standing Knitting Group will be meeting on Monday, **December 30** at 6:30 pm. Beginners are welcome. Bring your knitting, crocheting, felting, or any other handicraft projects you may have. Chocolate is always provided.



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# TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



## MARION

### Log highlights Dec 15-Dec 21

- Front St – Health/welfare
- Point Rd – MV collision
- Village Dr – B&E/past
- Wareham Rd – MV collision/arrest
- Spring St – EMS/medical
- Spring St – Animal control
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Front St – Officer wanted
- Joanne Dr – Suspicious activity
- Converse Rd – EMS/medical
- Joanne Dr – Officer wanted
- Lewis St – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – MV collision
- Point Rd – Follow up investigation
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Spring St – MV stop/citation
- Point Rd – Animal control
- Spring St – MV collision
- Point Rd – Larceny/past
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Front St – Larceny/past
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Water St – EMS/medical
- Village Dr – General offense
- Point Rd – MV collision
- Joanne Dr – General service
- Abels Way – Larceny in progress
- County Rd – Follow up investigation
- Deer Run – General offense

## MATTAPOISETT

### Log highlights Dec 15-Dec 21

- Mattapoissett Neck Rd – MV crash
- Long Plain Rd – MV violations
- County Rd – Neighbor issue
- Marion Rd – General service
- Richard III's Ln – General service
- North St - Disturbance
- Marion Rd – General service
- Wildwood Ter – Health/welfare
- Pine Island Rd – Animal control
- I195 East – MV violations
- Acushnet Rd – Ambulance request
- Gosnold St – Medical assist
- Beacon St – 911 call
- Avenue B – Medical assist
- Wildwood Ter – Ambulance request
- County Rd – Assist citizen
- Snow Fields Rd – Suspicious persons
- County Rd – Officer wanted
- Park St – Suspicious MV
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- County Rd - Trespassing
- Noyes Ave – Follow up investigation
- Beaver Path – Follow up investigation
- Marina Dr – 911 call
- I195 East – MV crash
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Fairhaven Rd – Health/welfare
- Marion Rd – General service
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations

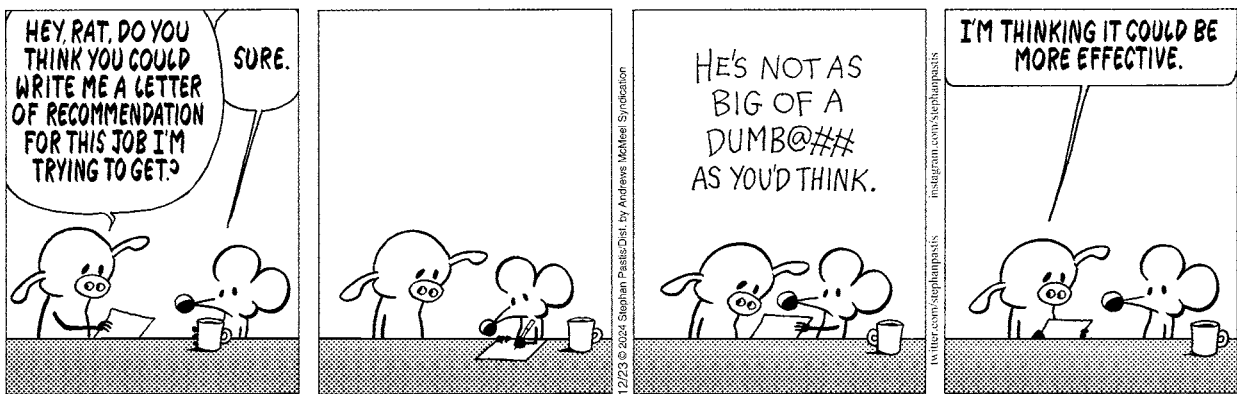
## ROCHESTER

### Log highlights Dec 15-Dec 21

- Mattapoissett Rd – MV collision
- Bassett St – General service
- New Bedford Rd – Follow up
- Jasons Ln – Animal control
- Pierce St - Threats
- Pine St – Well-being check
- Hathaway Pond Cir – Suspicious activity
- Marion Rd – MV collision
- Kings Hwy – Animal control
- Dexter Ln – Property release
- Forbes Rd – Animal control
- Walnut Plain Rd – Lost animal
- Constitution Way - Medical
- Cushman Rd – Animal control
- Dexter Ln - Fraud
- Cross Rd – Erratic MV
- Randall Rd – Burglar alarm
- Cushman Rd – Animal control
- Vaughn Hill Rd – MV lockout
- Cranberry Hwy – General services
- Stuart Rd – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – M stop/citation
- Walnut Plain Rd – 911 call
- Marion Rd - Medical
- Edwards Ln – MV lockout
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- North Ave – MV stop/arrest
- Hartley Rd – Well-being check

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

## PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



## Tundra by Chad Carpenter



## 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**, 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 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](http://marionartcenter.org/auditions).

## 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

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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](http://marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit). Anyone wishing to participate who is not yet a member can join online any time at [marionartcenter.org/join](http://marionartcenter.org/join). Please send questions to [info@marionartcenter.org](mailto:info@marionartcenter.org).

## Mattapoisett Grief Share Meeting

The Lamb of God Christian Church of Mattapoisett will be holding no-cost Grief Share group meetings at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library (Lower Meeting Room), Mattapoisett, 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](mailto:pastor@lambogodma.org) or Facebook: Mathew Vangel.



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# Super Crossword

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**ACROSS**

- 1 NATO has a special one for spelling out words over the radio
- 9 Architectural wings
- 13 Provo people
- 20 In a lying, faceup position
- 21 Sticky stuff
- 22 Kind of energy
- 23 Moniker for novelist Ernest
- 25 Dig up
- 26 Apt. overseer
- 27 Yoko of music and art
- 28 Singer Waters
- 30 Puente of mambo
- 31 Road coater
- 34 Weed B- —
- 36 Marriott, e.g.
- 39 Doesn't lack
- 42 Often-dried fruit
- 44 Diarist Anaïs
- 46 "Caveman diet"
- 47 Messy roommate on "The Odd Couple"
- 51 Dune locale
- 56 Chicago hub
- 57 Dot on some transit maps
- 59 Gave a coil
- 60 Suffer ruin
- 62 Admonish
- 65 "Hello" singer
- 66 Cast off skin
- 68 1992 Guns N' Roses hit
- 70 Extermination target
- 73 Civil rights icon Parks
- 76 Hoagies
- 77 Extermination targets
- 78 Method of measuring ocean depth
- 83 Boy actor in 1937's "Elephant Boy"
- 85 Raccoon kin
- 86 Alluring attributes
- 89 "No doubt!"
- 93 Trig topics
- 95 Dependent
- 97 — ground missile
- 98 Barely beats
- 101 Doing certain ballroom moves
- 103 Spanish bar appetizers
- 105 Born, to Luc
- 106 Plant pouch
- 107 — Zedong

- 108 Very thin material for book pages
- 113 Steelers' gp.
- 115 Mu — pork
- 117 Normandy city
- 118 Doctrine
- 120 Internet ID
- 122 Symbol of innocence
- 126 One revising something
- 129 Portrayer of Jax Teller on "Sons of Anarchy"
- 133 Act as arbiter
- 134 Symbol of innocence
- 135 Brazil's largest city
- 136 Soul
- 137 Amply skilled
- 138 Apt word spelled out by the first letters of eight answers in this puzzle
- 5 Le Duc — (1992-97 president of Vietnam)
- 6 Nectar lover
- 7 Sailors' saint
- 8 Knotting up
- 9 Ovum
- 10 Actor Rob
- 11 Averse (to)
- 12 Whale's half-rise out of the water
- 13 Island guitar
- 14 "Sn" element
- 15 Suffix with prop-
- 16 Shrubland
- 17 Sunny lobbies
- 18 Mafia's Frank
- 19 "Danke —"
- 24 Around 12 p.m.
- 29 Greek H's
- 32 In a new way
- 33 Backboard attachment
- 35 Sentra maker
- 37 Grasslands
- 38 Actor sharing top billing
- 39 Backboard attachment
- 40 Tennis' Arthur
- 41 Injury vestige
- 43 Yak it up
- 45 "That's false!"
- 48 Pupil of Plato

- 49 French noble
- 50 Rule for homework time, perhaps
- 52 Operated by water under pressure
- 53 Brand of fat substitute
- 54 Ignited anew
- 55 Blissful sites
- 58 Bakery buys
- 61 Hoagie
- 63 Coll. in Dallas
- 64 Wanes
- 67 Football's Flutie
- 69 Hollywood's Morales
- 70 Praline bit
- 71 Cut-rate, in adspeak
- 72 Thick carpets
- 74 Show filmed at 30 Rock
- 75 Hebrew month
- 79 Daytime nap
- 80 "How — Your Mother"
- 81 Pitcher Ryan
- 82 African nation whose capital is Conakry
- 84 Boil briefly
- 87 Very angry
- 88 — Caps
- 90 Hat edge
- 91 Italian peak
- 92 African nation whose capital is Lomé
- 94 Lava or Dial
- 96 NFL scores
- 99 Stymied
- 100 Sticky stuff
- 102 Some small batteries
- 104 Japanese green tea
- 108 "Veni," translated
- 109 Monikers
- 110 Skillful feats
- 111 Navel type
- 112 Fixed-up building
- 114 Brittle
- 116 Arm bones
- 119 Like giraffes
- 121 Emmy winner Remini
- 123 "Sometimes you feel like —"
- 124 African nation whose capital is Bamako
- 125 Coll. hotshot
- 127 Football's Marino
- 128 Lister's abbr.
- 130 Caviar source
- 131 "Yoo- —!"
- 132 1995-2006 TV channel

**DOWN**

- 1 Deadly vipers
- 2 Island feast
- 3 Musical mark for "extremely softly"
- 4 "Drive South" singer John

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# SALOME'S STARS

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) I know, dear Lamb, that you don't like anyone trying to take charge of your projects, but try to be a bit more flexible. A new idea could help hasten a positive result.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) I'm sure, being the time-thrifty Taurus you are, that you've done much of your holiday shopping. But don't relax yet! Wrap those gifts now to save yourself lots of unwanted pressure.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Be receptive when a family member or friend asks to confide in you. Your positive reaction could ensure that they have a happy holiday experience.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Don't be rushed into wrapping up a workplace problem. Consider leaving it be until after the holidays. This way, you'll have the facts you need to reach the right resolution.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You'll get news that will make you glow brighter than the lights of the holiday season! Be sure to use what you learn both carefully and kindly in order to avoid giving the wrong impression.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A frayed relationship could be mended in time for the holidays if you were more flexible. Give a little, and you could get back a lot more than you imagined.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Things might not seem to be settling down as quickly as you would prefer, but it might just be a little "holiday time flutter." You'll soon get news that will lead to more stability.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Stop getting so involved in everyone's personal problems that you lose precious time with loved ones. Remember, even the Supreme Court closes for the holidays.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) All signs point to a bright holiday, with all of those pesky problems finally resolved in your favor. Share the good times with people you love and who, of course, love you.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your plans should not be set in stone and cemented over. Leave some openings in case you need to make changes. Meanwhile, spend the holidays with your nearest and dearest.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Surprise! This holiday finds you on the receiving end of generosity from those who are usually the recipients of what you give so freely and lovingly.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A piece of good news assures that you'll be swimming in clearer, calmer waters this holiday season. There might be a storm or two ahead, but you'll weather it all in fine style.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a flair for seeing things as you'd like them to be, as well as a gift for turning your perceptions into realities. Manifestation is your superpower.

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## 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](http://www.facebook.com/MattapoissettLionsClub). Award applications are also available at the Guidance Department of your high school.

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

## Great Decisions Program

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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 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



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**Amber Waves**

by Dave T. Phipps



THERE YOU GO, BOY. MOM GOT YOU A NEW FANCY BRAND OF DOG FOOD.



IT SURE SMELLS WEIRD, BUT THE DOG ON THE LABEL REALLY LOOKS HAPPY.



I GUESS THIS NEW STUFF WILL GIVE YOU A SHINY GOAT AND FRESH BREATH.



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### 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 Energy is the consultant that developed and manages our program on a day-to-day basis.

The public review period is open until **January 13**.

### ORR Class of 1985 Reunion

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

If you have any questions, please email: lisagarabedian122@gmail.com. We are still looking for contact information for many of our classmates. Please



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reach out to any of our classmates that you keep in touch with to let them know the reunion is being planned and share this information on social media.

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

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



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<p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT SELECT BOARD INVITATION TO BID</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>ITEM:</b> Bid: Pearl Street Reconstruction Project <b>BID DUE DATE/TIME:</b> Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 2:00 pm</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The successful bidder will be required to pursue an expedited construction schedule in order to achieve completion by June 30, 2025.</p> <p>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 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>An electronic copy of the bid documents, specifications and bid forms may be requested from Field Engineering Co., Inc. by e-mail at <a href="mailto:rcarvalho@fieldengrg.com">rcarvalho@fieldengrg.com</a> and through the COMMBUYS website at <a href="http://www.commbuys.com">http://www.commbuys.com</a>.</p> <p>All Bidders must be prequalified by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation – Highway Division with the class of work as, <b>HIGHWAY-CONSTRUCTION</b>, 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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 <b>BID BOND, CASH, or, CERTIFIED CHECK</b> issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including G.L. c.30, § 39M, as amended.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC NOTICECASE #825</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>The property, located at 17 Kabeyun</p>	<p>Road, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 19 as Lot 59. Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 12/19, 12/26</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC NOTICECASE #826</b></p> <p>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 &amp; 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.</p> <p>The property, located at 11 Hiller Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 14 as Lot 82C. Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 12/19, 12/26</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 8, at 7:05 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by Shane C. &amp; Denise Whittaker, for proposed construction of a single-family dwelling at 6 Cole Road.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 28 &amp; 29 on Marion Assessors' Map 5A. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair *Please contact Doug Guey-Lee at <a href="mailto:dgueylee@marionma.gov">dgueylee@marionma.gov</a> for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. Phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 12/26</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 8, at 7:15 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by 24 West Drive, LLC, for proposed connection of two existing dwellings into the municipal sewer system at 24 West Drive.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 23 on Marion Assessors' Map 6. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair *Please contact Doug Guey-Lee at <a href="mailto:dgueylee@marionma.gov">dgueylee@marionma.gov</a> for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. Phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 12/26</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 8, at 7:20 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applica-</p>

## Scanography

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

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

Now in retirement, she has rekindled her love of photography. St Amant captures the close-up detail and beauty of flowers, worn beached objects, and elements of nature on a high-resolution flatbed scanner in a process often called “Scanography.” Once used to digitize her photographic negatives, the scanner is now her ‘studio camera’ and the fine detail it captures never ceases to amaze her. Whether a single bloom or a ‘medley’ of treasures, the objects are placed directly on the scanner



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<p>bility, submitted by The Nancy K. Boit 2004 Trust, for proposed connection of existing dwelling into the municipal sewer system at 8 West Drive.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 25 on Marion Assessors’ Map 6. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair *Please contact Doug Guey-Lee at <a href="mailto:dgueylee@marionma.gov">dgueylee@marionma.gov</a> for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. Phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 12/26</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 8, at 7:25 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Kristen E. Weber, for installation of an inground pool at 28 Pawkechatt Way.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 131U on Marion Assessors’ Map 16. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair *Please contact Doug Guey-Lee at <a href="mailto:dgueylee@marionma.gov">dgueylee@marionma.gov</a> for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. Phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 12/26</p>	<p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 8, at 7:30 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by Laura and Terrence Hartford, for construction of an addition, patios, enclosed porch, a shed, and replacement of an existing cottage at 70 Water Street.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 135C on Marion Assessors’ Map 16. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair *Please contact Doug Guey-Lee at <a href="mailto:dgueylee@marionma.gov">dgueylee@marionma.gov</a> for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. Phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 12/26</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 8, at 7:40 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by Stephen and Jane K. McCarthy, for construction of an accessory garage at a lot adjacent to 43 Dexter Road.</p>	<p>The site is further identified as Lot 5 on Marion Assessors’ Map 5A. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair *Please contact Doug Guey-Lee at <a href="mailto:dgueylee@marionma.gov">dgueylee@marionma.gov</a> for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. Phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 12/26</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 8, at 7:50 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by Burr Brothers Boats, Inc., for redevelopment of an existing boat storage facility at 366 Wareham Street.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 29 on Marion Assessors’ Map 12. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair *Please contact Doug Guey-Lee at <a href="mailto:dgueylee@marionma.gov">dgueylee@marionma.gov</a> for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. Phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 12/26</p> <p>-----</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued on page 38</i></p>

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

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 8, at 8:00 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Nathaniel Munafo, Town of Marion, replacement and improvement to a section of sewer system at Point Road.

The site is further identified as Lot 128A (and right of way) on Marion Assessors' Map 11. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Matthew Shultz, Chair

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

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 8, at 8:05 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by Louisa Bergsma for a 900SF addition to existing cart barn at 11 Point Road.

The site is further identified as Lot 1 on Marion Assessors' Map 1. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Matthew Shultz, Chair

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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
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PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT  
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**  
Docket No: PL24C0316CA

In the matter of Pike  
Plymouth Probate and Family Court: 52 Obery Street, Suite 1130, Plymouth, MA 02360 (508-747-6204)

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Pike of Mattapoisett, MA a/k/a Suzanne E. DaCosta, Suzanne E. Oliveira and Suzanne E. Barrows requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Suzanne Elizabeth Barrows.

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WITNESS, Hon. Patrick W. Stanton, First Justice of this Court

Date: December 12, 2024

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Sheryl Aguiar	December 31
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**YOUNG GEPPETTO  
MAKES A SNOWMAN**





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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

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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.

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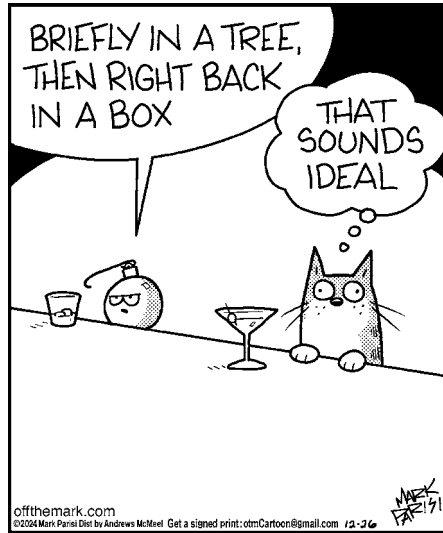
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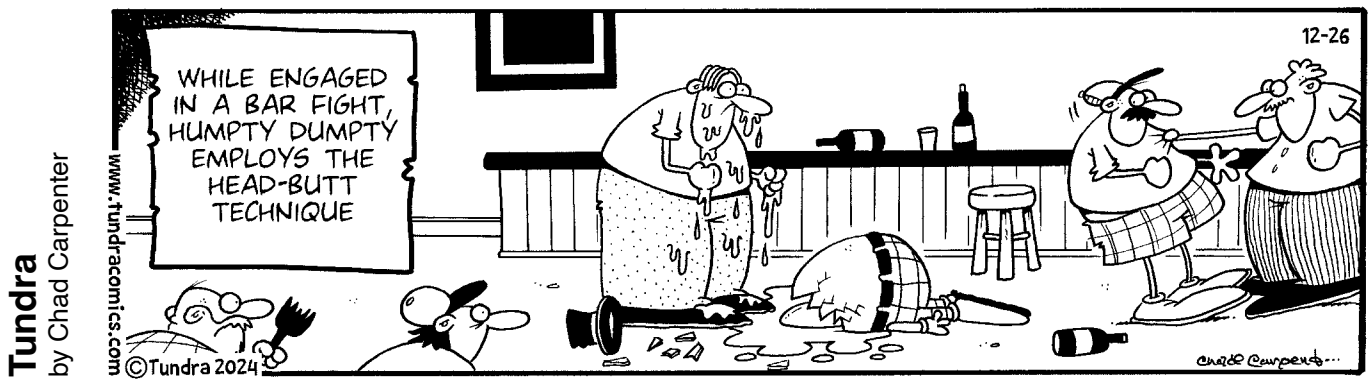
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### Marion Vaccination Information

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

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

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

### Mattapoisett Congregational Church

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

### COVID-19 Tests

The Marion Board of Health would like to share the following information from the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response, ASPR.


The Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response, ASPR, an agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, in collaboration with the U.S. Postal Service has reopened [COVIDtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov), so that households across the country can order four additional over-the-counter COVID-19

tests for free. These tests are intended for use throughout the 2024 holiday season to detect currently circulating COVID-19 variants. Clear instructions are included on how to verify extended expiration dates.

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

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

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




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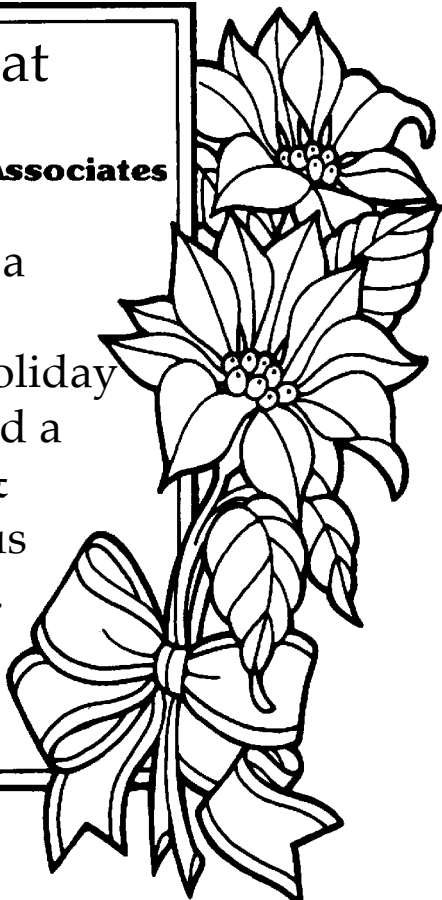
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## Tri-County Symphonic Band 63rd Concert Season

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

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

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

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

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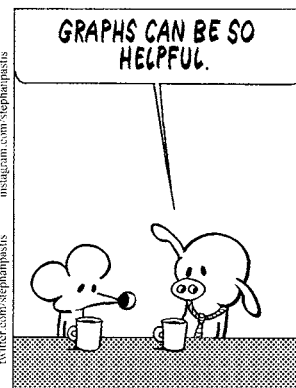
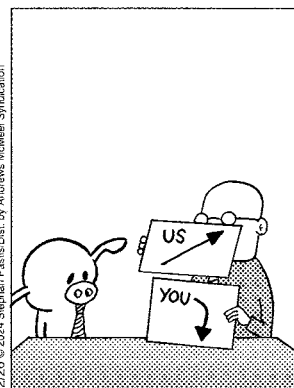
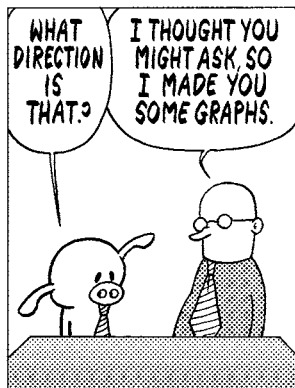
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**PEARLS BEFORE SWINE**  
by Stephan Pastis





## Birthday Parties at the MAC

The Marion Art Center's Arts & Crafts instructor Aylin Cetik is offering birthday parties in the MAC Studio. Parties for ages 4 and up will be scheduled on Saturdays and Sundays, with 15 to 20 minutes reserved at the end of the party for a sweet treat. Available times are 10:00 am to 11:30 am or 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Suggested party themes include: mermaids, fairies, outer space, pirates, art and science, or custom. The cost is \$275 for up to ten guests and \$15 for each additional child with a maximum of 15 children. Add-on options include outdoor lawn games or other activities by request, for an additional fee. For more information and to inquire about dates, email [aylincetik@gmail.com](mailto:aylincetik@gmail.com).

## Marion Natural History Museum

Attention Pre-Schoolers and Home Schoolers, the Marion Natural History Museum is now open to the public on Friday mornings. The museum features collections of minerals, fossils, butterflies, birds of prey, and many other specimens. Appointments may be made for field trips. If you would like to schedule a time to come in and view these specimens as part of a lesson or just for fun, please contact the director for an appointment. We are open Wednesdays 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and Fridays 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

## Emergency Preparedness

This is the perfect time to think about and prepare for emergencies and disasters as Massachusetts faces a variety of hazards – weather-related or otherwise throughout the year.



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If you feel that you would require assistance in an emergency, we would like to have a discussion with you so we can prepare a plan that will be ready to go when needed. If you rely on medical equipment at your residence that requires electricity. If you would require transportation to a shelter when such a need arises or live in a known flood zone. If you have a communication-related disability, we need to know the best way to communicate in an emergency state. If you take medications, we need a list.

If there is any other targeted assistance that you may need.

Please call the Council on Aging at 508-748-3570 so we can compile this information which will be reported to Community Emergency Response Team (CERT.) We want to be prepared.

We encourage residents and family members who may reside out of town to sign up for E-alerts from the Town of Marion (visit: [marionma.gov/subscribe](http://marionma.gov/subscribe)).

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS			<i>See past listing on our website: <a href="http://www.wanderer.com">www.wanderer.com</a></i>		
Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Leclair, L Richard III Leclair, Jacqueline A	Pothier, Karl A TR Pothier, Elizabeth Manfuso TR Pothier Family Trust	2 Holmes St	Mattapoissett	12/4/2024	650,000.00
Fernandes, Jose Fernandes, Maria	Labrie, Colin Labrie, Michaela	0 Hollywoods Rd Pcl 1	Mattapoissett	12/06/2024	805,000.00
Lawrence, Eric Lawrence, Tanya J	Henning, Laurel F	0 Foster St	Mattapoissett	12/06/2024	295,000.00
Bradford, Allyson R	Weglowski, Kelly-anne Weglowski, Marc R	Oakland Ter	Mattapoissett	12/06/2024	10,000.00
Watts, Christopher Watts, Renata	Vinal, Edward M Kearns-vinal, Kimmarie	16 Oakland St	Mattapoissett	12/06/2024	500,000.00
Hawkins, Robert M Hawkins, Kerry L	Abrahamson, Vicki TR Bruno, Vicki M TR Breed, Richard P III TR Esventire Trust	High Ridge Dr Lot 37	Mattapoissett	12/09/2024	369,900.00
Crocker, Robert Crocker, Denise	Peck, Jeremy L Peck, Alyssa K	110 Quaker Ln	Rochester	12/09/2024	700,000.00
Mcgrath, Thomas L Mcgrath, Joanne	Shukla, Anil Shukla, Sara J	30 Pleasant St	Marion	12/09/2024	1,600,000.00



Local Tides					
Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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
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
Monday	December 30	7:12	7:34	12:22	1:31
Tuesday	December 31	7:53	7:34	8:15	1:06
Wednesday	January 1	8:35	9:00	1:50	2:49
Thursday	January 2	9:20	9:47	2:35	3:25
Friday	January 3	10:08	10:38	3:20	4:01
Saturday	January 4	10:58	11:31	4:07	4:41
Sunday	January 5	11:52		4:59	5:25

Phases of the Moon		
New Moon	December 30th	
First Quarter	January 6th	
Full Moon	January 13th	
Last Quarter	January 21st	

**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](http://www.wanderer.com) and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*  
 In the December 19, 2024 edition the Aardvark was on page 18

**PUZZLE ANSWERS**

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

AL	PH	AB	ET	EL	LS	UT	AH	AN	S
SU	P	I	N	E	L	Y	GO	OP	K
PA	PA	A	H	E	M	I	N	G	W
SU	P	T	O	N	O	N	E	T	H
H	A	S	T	A	R	G	O	N	H
O	S	C	A	R	M	A	D	I	S
O	H	A	R	E	B	U	S	S	T
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P	E	S	T	R	O	S	A	S	U
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**SCRAMBLERS**

solution

1. Deny
2. Soothe;
3. Master;
4. Refine

Today's Word  
**THINNER**

Sudoku Answer

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

off the mark by Mark Parisi



# Friends' marketplace



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Cheese  
**2/\$6**

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9.6-11.4 oz. Selected Variety  
Cereal..... **\$3.99**

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Cereal..... **\$4.49**

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Homestylr Gravy..... **2/\$5**

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Parmesan Cheese..... **\$3.49**

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Crackers..... **\$4.99**

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Poptarts..... **\$4.99**

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Game Day Wings..... **\$10.99 lb**

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Polish Kielbasa..... **\$5.99**

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Pickles..... **\$4.99**

Boar's Head  
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Hummus..... **2/\$7**

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Pasta  
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Selected Variety  
Ice Cream  
**\$4<sup>99</sup>**



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lb



Fever-Tree  
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Selected Variety  
Drink Mixers  
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Plus Dep



Almond Breeze  
64 oz.  
Selected Variety  
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**\$3<sup>49</sup>**



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Blueberries ..... **\$3<sup>99</sup>**

1 lb. Pkg. Florida  
Strawberries ..... **\$4<sup>99</sup>**

3 lb. Bag  
Peelz Mandarins ..... **\$5<sup>99</sup>**



Crisp!  
Iceberg Lettuce ..... **2/\$5**

1 lb. Pkg.  
Mini Peeled Carrots ..... **2/\$3**

Sunset, 1 lb. Pkg.  
Campari Tomatoes ..... **\$3<sup>99</sup>**

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