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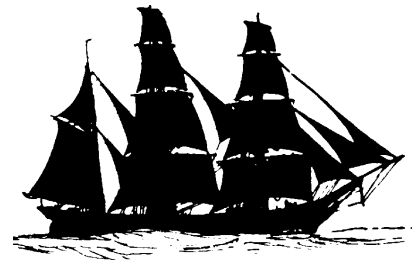
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Tri-Towns Rally Around Seniors

2024 Year in Review

By Mick Colageo

Most municipal activities around the tri-town region in the year 2024 have shared a common theme: emerging concerns of long-time residents.

Efforts were evident across the region's adjudicatory boards to loosen bylaws restricting the construction of accessory dwellings so that more seniors could "age in place" and to formulate town bylaws that would restrict short-term rentals in the interest of preserving quality of life, especially in thickly settled, coastal neighborhoods.

Confronted by soaring construction costs due to the inflation that followed the Covid pandemic, the Town of Rochester streamlined its original, three-pronged vision for a new, main fire station, an expansion-renovation of its police station and a new, secondary fire station meant to shorten call times to the growing business and residential communities near Routes 28 and 58. Prefabricated construction was considered in the interest of cutting costs for a new main fire station considered to be essential. Fire Chief Scott Weigel put off retirement to see the project through. Dissatisfied with a regional, emergency dispatch based in Duxbury, Rochester continued its search for a more local service.

Marion's and Rochester's planning boards both approved self-storage businesses, Marion's being one of the new businesses moving into the old Lockheed Martin property off Route 6.

The Town of Marion opened its new



Above and on the Cover: The covers of 2024! As we bid farewell to 2024 and say "hello" to 2025, here's a look back of the covers of this past year. We are looking forward to a great 2025 and wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Harbormaster office at Island Wharf, broke ground on a new headquarters for its Department of Public Works at Benson Brook, voted to fund a new patrol boat for its busy harbor, and appointed longtime town employee and former elected official Jody Dickerson to succeed Becky Tilden as DPW director.

In sight of these massive projects, the Marion Select Board considered joining Rochester in resignation of its participation in the state's Green Communities and Stretch Code programs but committed to more education on the programs before bringing the measure to voters.

A review of and proposed amendments to Marion's cemetery regulations brought out a vocal representation of residents protesting tighter restrictions. Lengthy discussion led to some pragmatic tweaks.

A new committee formulated plans for an "historic lite" village district in Marion. While the Heron Cove affordable-housing project off Route 6 remained in a stall, Matt Zuker continued to appear before Marion's Planning Board in hopes to get his neighboring, market-rate, townhouse-style project now known as Mirabelle Bay into the construction phase.

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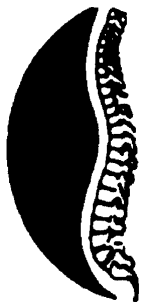
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Internal strife plagued Marion's Planning Board amidst complaints of sexism by member Eileen Marum.

After 44 years, the EMT Association that had raised \$440,000 for Marion's emergency efforts disbanded.

Despite a vote of approval at the May 13 Annual Town Meeting, the Mattapoisett Select Board was conflicted and stalled against acting on the town's directive to create a Roadway Committee, the result of a citizens' petition for a voice in the TIP-funded Village Streets Project. Members of the Tree Committee and other local activists seek to limit the removal of mature trees primarily lining Water Street.

The Mattapoisett Museum welcomed the donation of west-coast artist George Lowery's exquisite model that he crafted of the Wanderer. The latest scale model housed by the museum became the centerpiece display in its 100th anniversary celebration of the boat's shipwreck and enduring legacy.

Rajesh Shahi of India returned to visit his supporters in Mattapoisett, where he had spent lifechanging months as a young boy and received corrective surgeries to his spine. Shahi grew from a life doomed to certain poverty to have a family and run a school for disadvantaged children in his homeland.

An enforcement order levied by Mattapoisett's Conservation Commission against the Buzzards Bay Coalition regarding flooding at its Bogs project was lifted on May 20.

The Mattapoisett Land Trust celebrated its 50th anniversary, and Ellen Flynn, chairperson of the MLT's Education Committee, retired after many years helping establish the MLT's outreach program to hundreds of students attending area schools via outings that include science expeditions from local vernal pools to the shores of Cuttyhunk and Nantucket.

The Mattapoisett Boatyard, destroyed by a mammoth fire, reopened.

The Town of Rochester hired a new town administrator (Cameron Durant) and a new police chief (Michael Assad Jr.). At the Annual Town Meeting, an article to put the Select Board in charge of hiring Council on Aging personnel was defeated.

Durant found himself doing damage control in his early months on the job after Rochester's Park Commission became the subject of an Open Meeting Law complaint regarding a local non-profit group's \$41,000, 50% donation (the other half to be funded by ARPA money) to help create a children's playground at Gifford Park. Opponents of a plan to publicly recognize the group Tri-Town for Protecting Children with a plaque at the site

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complained that they were not properly notified on the commission's agenda for the public meeting in which discussion took place. The matter was recently handed off to Town Counsel, but Durant said he intends to ensure the public's interest is addressed quickly and fairly.

Dave Watling's dream for a Vietnam Veterans Memorial inside Rochester Town Hall became a reality after some fine craftsmanship by Old Colony RVTHS students.

Spearheaded by member Margaret McSweeney, the ORR School Committee threw its weight behind the eventually successful, statewide campaign to strip MCAS testing of its status as a prerequisite for high school graduation.

The tri-towns welcomed new elementary-school principals Heidi Letendre (Rochester Memorial), Stephanie Wells (Old Hammondtown) and Lynn Dessert (Sippican). The Joint School Committee voted in July to extend Superintendent Mike Nelson's contract.

The Bulldogs made it all the way to the state boys basketball final, bowing to Charlestown, and the Old

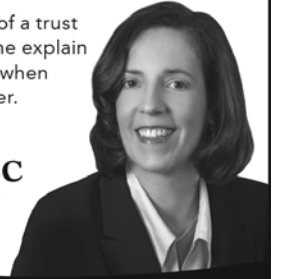
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Colony boy's lacrosse team came to within a goal of South Shore in the state vocational final.

The ORR Junior High Survival Program celebrated its 50th anniversary with a reunion of participants at Ned's Point.

Teacher Margaret DeMello was recognized by the ORR District for her 50 years of service.

Tri Town Against Racism found a new home for its Little Free Diverse Library at the Rochester Women's Club, where the life and legacy of the late Abraham Skidmore was celebrated at the Little Library's opening. Skidmore would be recognized later in the year posthumously as Mattapoissett's recipient of the annual Keel Award in recognition of his community service over

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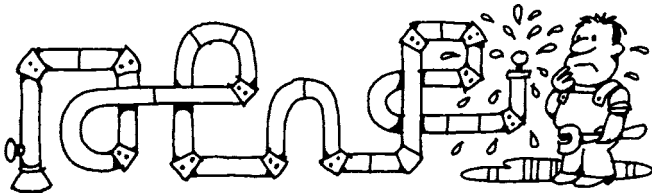
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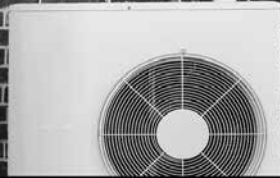
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The Wanderer also recognized Rochester resident Cecelia Hall for her relentless effort in turning surplus yarn into charitable gifts for the needy and Marion resident Johanna Vergoni for her years of leadership with the Marion student-parent group VASE.

Despite concern that a public building might be used as a house of worship, Mattapoissett Library trustees relented on a decision not to allow a bible study in its community room. As property of its trustees, the library remained exempt from the Select Board's moratorium on the use of town properties by any entity other than duly appointed or elected town board and committees.

Marion mourned the loss of Paul Naiman, longtime chairman of the town's Capital Improvements Planning Committee. Rochester lost Debra May Lalli, a long-time employee of the Rochester Assessor's Department.

After a brief run, Marion closed its food pantry, referring residents to Damien's in neighboring Wareham. The Point Road Bike Path, a project of the Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission, made progress, dealt with drainage issues, and saw an increase in citizen involvement.

Mattapoissett was recognized as a Purple Heart Community and is under consideration for a Revolutionary War designation at its Hammond and Barlow cemeteries.

Alex and Paul Milde won the Open Division of the Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race, while Will Benoit and Margot Appleton defended their titles in the Mattapoissett Fourth of July Road Race, and Heather Peckham and 2024 ORR graduate Tyler Young were victorious in the Lions Club Triathlon.

Mattapoissett brothers Peter and Haakon Perkins circumnavigated Martha's Vineyard in a 13-foot inflatable boat.

At 92, Brad Hathaway walked his 27,000th mile.

Marion 12-year-old Davin Alves ran his third annual food drive, and Marion's Beckham Harvey went with his Marlboro-based team to compete in the World Futsal Cup in Spain.

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Participant George Powers survived a heart attack while riding in the Tour de Crème bicycling event, thanks to the swift intervention of fellow cyclists and Mattapoisett's Police, Fire and EMT personnel.

After a lengthy career pioneering public health in the tri-towns, Rochester Health Director Karen Walega retired, as did Kathy Kearns, a 32-year Marion Finance Department employee who helped save the Town House from burning down in 2000.

Among elected officials who announced retirements were Rochester Finance Committee Chairman Kris Stoltenberg, Rochester ZBA member Thomas Flynn, Mattapoisett Town Moderator Jack Eklund, Marion ConCom member Ethan Gerber, and Bill Saltonstall, whose work on behalf of the town's Energy Management Committee helped save over \$500,000 via incentivized grant-funding programs.

The First American New Years

By Sam Bishop

I had assumed, as many I have talked to, that New Years has been a holiday for time immemorial. However, we were wrong! The celebration of the dawn of a new year is relatively new, only being celebrated similarly to how we do today towards the end of the 19th-century. This makes sense when you remember few were able to afford to have clocks in their homes even though most were made nearby in Connecticut (think Waterbury

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and Seth Thomas). Most staples of New Years didn't arrive until recently. The first Pasadena Rose Parade was in 1890, with the first Time Square Ball Drop being on New Years Eve 1907.

I had assumed the Pilgrims disembarking from the Mayflower into the "New World" in the winter of 1620 would be eager to revel in the coming of the new year. However, that was not how our ancestors operated. Predominant days of celebration would be harvest festivals and religious holidays, not the changing of the calendar year from 1620 to 1621. This is also remiss of the fact the early settlers were generally more concerned with survival than celebrating arbitrary dating. Fun fact: the Pilgrims, being of a sect of Protestantism, followed the Julian calendar and were thus 10 days behind the Gregorian calendar we follow today.

The winter of 1620-1621 was brutal and did not warrant much celebration. The first Thanksgiving is generally considered to have occurred the first autumn after the pilgrims landed, so about a year later. Of the 102 passengers who left Plymouth, England and founded the Plymouth Colony, 45 would die in the winter. This is from a lack of food and shelter and a lack of knowledge of the area. They are quite lucky the colony did not end up the same Jamestown did a decade prior. This is all to say, starting a colony, one dependent on the cultivation of crops, is not advised in the middle of December.

I was hoping to learn of the colonists stepping off the boat, harvesting their hops and barley, having a bonfire, and dancing. Certainly not the traditional pilgrim way, but I had at least hoped for something. That was not the case, nor would it be for nearly 250 years. Many, if not most native groups in the Americas did have celebrations for the Winter Solstice. These which would run what could be called the "holiday season." So, while the colonizers were dying off, there was some celebrating going on throughout the continent. Happy New Years!

The Annual Physical: Time Well-spent or a Waste of Time?

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

About 78% of U.S. adults, including 68% of adults under 45, reported seeing a doctor in the last year for a wellness check.

Is this a good use of your and your doctor's time?

Academic studies of the value of the annual physical exam (APE) have focused on whether doing this saves lives. Here the evidence is mixed. An analysis of many large observational studies reported an impressive 45% reduction in mortality comparing those who had vs. those who did not have an APE.

As regular readers know, this type of study is often misleading. People who have an APE are likely to be more health-conscious and have better health habits than those who do not. Smaller randomized trials of APE/no

APE found very little mortality benefit.

Why might an APE help you live longer? It is an opportunity for your doctor to review your overall health rather than focusing on a specific problem. It is the ideal time to discuss and perform (immunizations, pap smears) or schedule (colonoscopy, cholesterol blood tests) important preventive health measures.

In a young healthy person, the traditional head-to-toe physical is unlikely to find new conditions, but focused exams may. It is a great time for a skin check looking for cancer and to measure BMI and discuss weight if it is a problem. High blood pressure is generally a symptomless condition until far advanced and blood pressure should be checked annually.

An APE is also a good time to discuss sleep, diet and exercise and mental health. Smoking and alcohol use should also be discussed. Older adults may want to bring up hearing issues.

So, if you are a young adult who feels fine, and you are aware of the importance of good habits, you can probably skip the "routine physical." If you do, be sure to get your blood pressure checked when you go in for a problem-focused visit and that you have had your cholesterol checked within memory.

If you are at risk for such chronic conditions as hypertension, diabetes or heart disease because of your weight or family history, schedule that visit.

If you are 50+ it is worth doing even if you feel fine; the biggest risk factor for many conditions is simply aging.

An APE is also a good time to be sure you and your doctor get along and review how their office works, including off-hour availability.

For many, a normal physical can also be reassuring.

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

Documenting the Full History

Mattapoissett Historical Commission

By Marilou Newell

The cultural and societal value of history cannot be overstated. Whether it is our family history, national or even global history, and yes, local history. It tells us who we are, where we've been, and aids us as we plan our futures.

The Massachusetts Historical Commission, under whose guidance all local historical commissions are charged, provides cities and towns with directives for archiving local history and its importance therein. One of the single most important aspects of work performed by local commissions is documenting a town's historical assets. The process of collecting data and then formatting it for inclusion on the state's commission website is no small task. It requires expertise the average person does not possess. Enter Preservation Consultant Lynne




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Smelidge's role is to identify all manner of historical sites, structures, and places of archeological significance in Mattapoissett. In December, the commission announced the following:

"The Mattapoissett Historical Commission is pleased to announce that Phase One of the multi-phase community-wide survey of the Town of Mattapoissett's historic and cultural resources has been completed by preservation consultant, Lynn Smelidge. The project was funded by a grant from the Community Preservation Act and the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

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The survey identifies buildings and structures that are historically and architecturally significant in the history and development of the community. The goal of the survey was to document representative historic resources from major themes in the development of Mattapoisett including agricultural, maritime, commercial, institutional, and an undocumented resource from an underrepresented community. The survey thoroughly documented 112 properties, which included three area farms and 75 individual resources. Additionally, five properties were recommended as eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The inventory forms have been submitted to the Massachusetts Historical Commission where they are in the process of being scanned and placed on an easily accessible database, MACRIS, Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System. The forms will also be available in hard copy at the Mattapoisett Public Library and on the Mattapoisett Historical Commission website.

A Historic Property Survey Plan, completed in January of 2023, identified approximately 300 high priority resources. The Historical Commission is currently moving forward with Phase Two of the survey and has contracted with Smiledge to document an additional 100 resources. This project is being funded by a grant from the CPA, and it is expected to be completed in the summer of 2025."

The commission has applied for another CPA

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grant to continue with another phase of research and documentation.

It will take several years for the full scope of Smiledge's research and documentation of the town of Mattapoissett's history. Her first efforts have yielded insights into this small New England town long forgotten but now revealed.

Smiledge has identified Homestead Court and Barlow Cemetery as sites of historic significance. Many throughout the community are aware that the cemetery contains the remains of Revolutionary War soldiers. But the military significance of this neighborhood (Barlow Cemetery and Homestead Court are situated close by one another) may not be as evident.

The residential homes were built for the benefit of WWII veterans, and the cemetery is the final resting place for local soldiers who participated in securing independence for our country. Mattapoissett's history in honoring its service men and women is a story unto itself.

Smiledge notes that while the grounds and fencing of the cemetery are in pretty good condition the grave markers, headstones and such are in seriously poor condition. They need cleaning and conservation. The cemetery was deeded in 1789 to Rochester's second precinct, aka Mattapoissett. A plaque erected during the town's bicentennial committee in 1975 notes nine Revolutionary soldiers buried there. They are: Gibeon Barstow, Seth Cowing, Elisha Dexter, Thomas

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The report goes on to read: "The land that was to become Barlow Cemetery, the oldest burial ground in the town of Mattapoisett, was located north and west of Mattapoisett Village along the Mattapoisett River in what was one of three 18-century settlement nodes. The property was owned in the 18th-century by Elihu Sherman, a shipbuilder. Sherman (1744-1817), who was born in Dartmouth and married Elizabeth Claghorn Sherman (1746-1813) in that town in 1766, came to Mattapoisett with his wife to work in the local shipbuilding industry. On June 8, 1789, Sherman conveyed a one-acre parcel land to Enoch Hammond, Gideon Barstow, and Benjamin Dexter, Jr., members of a committee charged with acquiring land for a burial ground for the inhabitants of the First Precinct of Rochester, also known as Mattapoisett. The deed noted that the piece of land included 'the graves called Barlow's burying place.' In exchange for this parcel, Sherman received six acres of land in the Mattapoisett precinct that were not described in the deed. The burial ground was identified as the 'Old Cemetery' on the 1856 and 1879 maps and later reverted in name to its earlier association with the Barlow family."

Centuries later, the town would strive to help the living veterans of WWII. Homestead Court was built after protracted negotiations with the property owners who were not in total agreement for the sale of the land for a low-income housing project. Suffice it to say, what can be found in Smiledge's report is a state-mandate to seize the acreage for the benefit of returning soldiers and their families.

"These one-story houses are built to two plans - Cape-form and ranch. Each building has a concrete block foundation, an asphalt shingle roof, and a brick chimney on the rear roof slope. The houses are clad in vinyl shingles in either beige or pale ochre. The main entries front shallow concrete stoops and concrete walkways leading to the street and the driveways. The two-bedroom Cape-form dwellings are three-bays-by-one-bay, 31 feet x 26 feet, and 767 square feet in living area with a slightly



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set-back block at the outside bay nestled under the roof of the entrance bay. The deeply recessed center entry contains a glass-and-panel door framed at the façade plane by wide, flat, vinyl pilasters. Windows include double-hung, one-over-one sash with molded vinyl surrounds at the façade and mulled one-over-one sash at the side elevations.

The three-bedroom ranch style homes are four-bays-by-one-bay, 41 feet by 23 feet, and 931 square feet in living area. The openings at the façade comprise a shallow recessed center entry, a small one-over-one window abutting the entry surround and mulled one-over-one and single one-over-one windows at the outside bays. The doors and trim match those at the two-bedroom homes.



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Single one-over-one windows occupy the side elevations.”

Today the properties are managed by the Mattapoisett Housing Authority as affordable housing for homeless families.

In her historic narrative, Smiledge wrote, “The end of the Second World War in 1945 returned more than six million members of the armed forces to civilian life. Census records show that 511 men and 40 women from Mattapoisett had served during the war. These veterans married at unprecedented rates - more than 2.3 million weddings took place in 1946. This dramatic spike in the number of new family households brought on a corresponding demand for housing.

Mattapoisett stepped up providing housing for

those who had served in WWII and later for those whose need hung in the balance between a home or a state of homelessness. As Mattapoisett Historical Commission Chairman Rachel McGourthy put it, “Learning about this made me feel proud of Mattapoisett.”

While Smiledge’s work is far from complete, the wheels are now in motion thanks in no small part to the efforts undertaken by the town’s historic commission, the townspeople in supporting the work via Town Meeting vote, and the dedication of the commission to archive the town’s full story for generations to come.

Board Recommends Appointed Town Clerk Position

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester’s Select Board Monday voted to recommend all seven money-spending articles on the January 27 Special Town Meeting warrant and most of its non-monetary proposals.

With the help of recommendations from the Finance Committee, the board endorsed two articles that will come out of the Capital Improvement Planning budget and five others that will get its money from available town funds. From the capital account, the town will propose spending \$3,225 for the town’s share of the Plumb Library’s plan to purchase a new state-of-the-art library book depository and \$26,500 to fund costs related to post-closure landfill engineering, monitoring, and surveying work.

Town Administrator Cameron Durant explained the Friends of the Library is donating 50-percent of the \$6,500 cost for a new book drop off box with a spring-loaded floor that will rise up, so the book spines don’t break as they do now when they are dropped to the floor of the current box. Facilities Manager Andrew Daniels added the current drop box also needs to be replaced because it is not as watertight as it should be.

Durant said the landfill engineering and monitoring expenses will modernize the property into a more useful transfer station. That is one goal of that funding, he said. The other is to install additional well



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monitoring around the landfill to detect PFAS toxins that can be released into the ground water from some discarded recyclables.

The select board also recommended for the January 27 warrant spending \$120,000 for new, safer sliding cell room doors, \$175,000 to renovate the station's second floor to create additional office, meeting and storage space, \$30,000 to install new commercial grade kitchen flooring and replace the deteriorating in-floor grease trap at the senior center, \$100,000 to replace the 1999 Highway Department sander truck with a used model that Highway Surveyor Jeff Eldridge said he will outfit himself to make it more usable and \$55,000 for site work at the former Rochester Country Fair grounds on

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Pine St. where the new fire station will be built.

The board then voted to recommend warrant proposals to change the Town Clerk from an elected to an appointed position and enact a major revision of the town's Personnel Bylaw. Durant explained the former is needed because the job of town clerk has gotten more complicated of late, and it takes a full two-year term for a new town clerk to do his or her job. Selectman Chair Adam Murphy added that this is about the position, not the person occupying it currently. Personnel Board Chair Kristen Nash said the bylaw revisions' biggest focus was to shift the responsibilities of the town's personnel matters and decision away from her board to the town's CEO, the town administrator.

The board also endorsed article proposals to exempt town municipal buildings from a new law requiring that no gun, even a legally licensed one, be brought legally into such facilities. Police Chief Michael Assad explained this with the scenario that a person fleeing into the police station with a legally carried gun would be in violation of a new law banning the practice. This is where that law becomes unfair.

Proposals to amend zoning bylaws regarding battery energy storage, visual screening of solar arrays, short-term rentals, and accessory dwelling units were also approved for the warrant. But the board stopped two articles shy of the complete warrant after learning not all of the warrant has been posted online. It tabled reviewing these until its next meeting, January 6.

In other action, the board appointed Rochester resident Justin Melo, 25, as a new full-time Rochester police officer. Chief Michael Assad explained his recommendation that Melo be hired by noting his recent experience as a student officer with the Plymouth Police Academy.

Selectman Paul Ciaburri announced Harvey Industries recently donated 10 bicycles to the town for needy residents, and the town has found a home for each one.

Durant announced Police Captain Don Kemmet has announced his retirement, effective mid-January, and the town has already posting for a new officer.

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

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Erosion At Bike Path Benches

Mattapoissett Conservation Commission
 By Marilou Newell

Coming before the Mattapoissett Conservation Commission on December 23 was well known bike path advocate and prime-mover Bonne DaSousa. DaSousa expressed her concerns that memorial benches purchased by donors in support of the town's bike paths were being undermined at Goodspeed Island by increased pedestrian

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traffic and environmental impacts from weather events along the coastal dune.

DaSousa said she was bringing this matter before the commission at the suggestion of Town Administrator Mike Lorencio but the commission was unsure of their role in this matter. Member David Nicolosi wondered if Friends of the Bike Path or any town agency had ever filed for permitting of the benches in the jurisdictional beach and surrounding dunes. No one seemed to recall a filing. Nicolosi thought an after-the-fact filing was in order, or a removal of the benches. Chairman Mike King believed the original filing for the bike path construction did not include the installation of benches and that the area in question was environmentally "dynamic" requiring the commission's oversight.

King stated that the commission would "run it up the flagpole" to the Select Board for further determination. There was hope that the matter would be handled by the town moving forward.

In other matters, a new Notice of Intent filed by the Masson Family Living Trust, 36 Cove Street for beach nourishment and ongoing site maintenance as well as the installation of coir logs, garnered considerable discussion. The Department of Environmental Protection had indicated that the logs were not acceptable for purposes of shoring up eroding shorelines. The commission conditioned the filing taking the DEP comments into consideration.

A continued Notice of Intent filing by Eric Smith represented by John Connel of SITEC Engineering and Environmental Consulting was conditioned, also after lengthy discussion regarding its introduction. The commission added conditions that included a written statement by an engineer that the requested 4-foot elevation will not impact neighboring properties with storm water runoff.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Conservation Commission is scheduled for January 13, 2025.



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Jail Cell Door Renovation Talks

Rochester Capital Planning Committee

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Capital Planning Committee on December 27 recommended all but two of the seven proposed capital improvement fund requests on the January 27 Special Town Meeting warrant.

Committee chair David Arancio began the meeting by noting these recommendations are needed in time for the Board of Selectmen's meeting on December 30. Committee members Barry Patriko and Rick Monroe hesitated to lend their endorsement votes to the two proposals being advanced by the Police Department. The warrant asks for \$120,000 for new, safer sliding cell room doors and \$175,000 to renovate the station's second floor to create additional, needed office, meeting, and storage space. To both spending articles, the two men said they want to see what's there now first.

Patriko said he wanted first to see the condition of the current cell doors, which open swing open rather than slide open, to see if the expense is necessary. "I'd like to see the cells myself," he said. "I don't feel comfortable at this point." He asked if the cell room wall could be retrofitted as a less expensive option. Facilities Manager Andrew Daniels said the station will need to remove the entire wall to install totally new doors.

Town administrator Cameron Durant noted Rochester's cell doors swing into the room. Someone

seated on the bench to the back of the cell could barricade the door shut with his or her feet or a prisoner could be injured by the way the door moves. Litigation against the town has already resulted from the way the doors are designed, he said. "Foremost, it's needed for safety, of the public and the officers," he said. "The second reason is professional accreditation that will earn us grants. The current door design is not up to standards. Not at best practices."

Daniels added the sliding doors will allow the Rochester police to keep a person jailed longer. "To put this off would be more expensive later," he said. Arancio said he disagreed with Patriko's and Monroe's stance on the issue. "This is a necessary evil," he said. "What's to be gained by delaying this? It's been identified as a problem year after year as a top concern, and we are talking public safety."

Daniels defended the plan to renovate the second floor of the police station as necessary because the facility's basement is being over-utilized and has water issues. It houses the computer system server, the armory and records. The renovation would allow most of this to move out of the basement. Plus, the officers need more office and interrogation room space that this renovation would provide. The objective is to expand the under-utilized second floor to a habitable space consisting of office, climate control storage, and officer or patrolman desks and workspace and utilize the Facilities Manager as the general contractor.

Ultimately, the board's vote on both items was No Action but also an appointment to visit the station. Daniels agreed to meet Patriko and Monroe at the station on December 31 at 9:00 am.

The committee then moved more swiftly to approve the warrant's five other capital items. The Plumb Library requests \$3,225 for the town's share to purchase a new state-of-the-art library book depository with a hydraulic lift; the Friends of the Library donated 50 percent of the \$6,500 cost for this item. Durant explained the floor of this new depository will rise up, so the book spines won't break as they do now when they are dropped to the floor of the current box. The committee

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approved this item but noted it will be funded through free cash.

Also from available funds, the Council On Aging seeks \$30,000 to install new commercial grade kitchen flooring and replace the in-floor grease trap at the senior center. Daniels noted the current grease trap has rotted out from years of use and the current kitchen tile is warping and needs to be replaced by more durable materials, a slip-resistant epoxy of the same kind in the senior center rest room. Durant noted the kitchen's daily breakfasts raise money for the COA.

The Highway Departments seeks \$100,000 to replace the 1999 Highway Department sander truck with a used model that Highway Surveyor Jeff Eldridge said he will outfit himself to make it more usable. An ask of \$26,500 will fund engineering costs related to the landfill's post-closure engineering and surveying work. Durant clarified these expenses are required of the DEP permit to do this work. Also, engineering funds totaling \$55,000 are needed for site work at the former Rochester Country Fair grounds on Pine St. where the new fire station will be built. Durant noted the entire 18-acre parcel will be surveyed as a cost savings even though only a portion of the property will house the new station.

The Capital Planning Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 5:30 pm at 1 Constitution Way.

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Wednesday, **January 8:** Garden vegetable soup,

chicken noodle casserole, egg noodles, carrots, wheat roll, and banana.

Thursday, **January 9:** Cod piccata, rice pilaf, green peas, Hawaiian roll, shortbread cookie, and diet fruit cup.

Friday, **January 10:** Chicken with cheese tortellini, pesto cream sauce, green beans and peppers, dinner roll, and pear fruit cup.

ORRSD Shares Project 351 Updates

Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55 Superintendent Michael S. Nelson, Principal Michael Devoll, and Interim Assistant Principal Lauren Millette are pleased to share updates on the Project 351 initiative, which includes students in grades 4-12 at Old Hammondtown School, Rochester Memorial School, Sippican Elementary School, Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, and Old Rochester Regional High School.

Project 351 seeks to develop the next generation of community-first service leaders through customized service learning, hands-on community-building, and values-based leadership training. Ambassadors from each of the 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts are selected by educators to attend workshops on leadership and community service. The program teams with the Celtics Playbook Initiative, which seeks to leverage the power of sport and, more specifically, the appeal of the Celtics to engage students on critical issues.

In total, 175 students from grades 4-12 have attended two districtwide workshops hosted at Old Rochester Regional High School (ORRHS) this year, and two more workshops are planned for the spring of 2025.


The first Celtics Playbook session at ORRHS on October 16 included traditional Playbook Initiative Workshop programming and additional lessons that focused on exploring the idea of “energy givers and takers” in relation to leadership. Students discussed Daniel Coyle’s “Good Apple” experiment from his book “The Culture Code: The Secrets of Highly Successful Groups.”

On November 14, the second districtwide workshop through the Celtics Playbook program took place, and students participated in an additional leadership lesson as well. The leadership session focused on having an open dialogue with peers about safely intervening when they see or hear something that they know is not right and harmful to others.

Both workshops during the fall built upon the Celtics Playbook initiative with the addition of programming that focused on strengthening student voices and their relationship to building positive school cultures.

Two more workshops will take place on February 26 and March 19.

Students from ORRHS and Dartmouth High School will also develop joint workshops for junior high school students within the new year, allowing new



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perspectives to be shared as participants learn from each other.

On November 21, Interim Assistant Principal Lauren Millette and ORRHS sophomores Jack Czerkowicz and Olivia Thompson attended the Playbook Leadership Summit at The Auerbach Center in Boston.

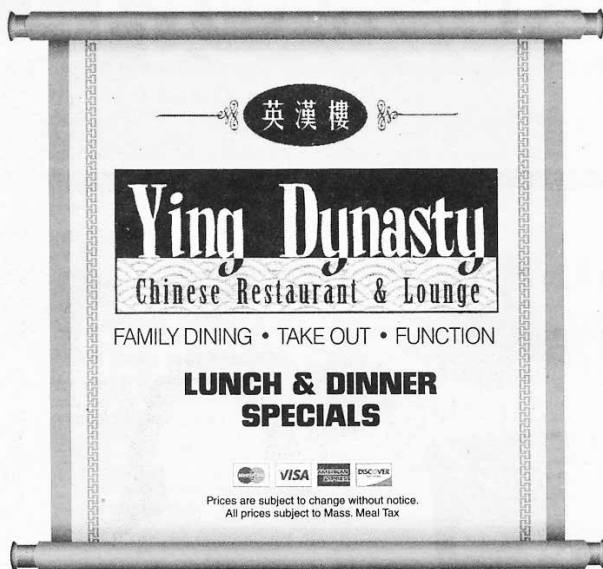
Additionally, on December 2 and 6, they attended two virtual sessions, called "Train the Trainer" with Project 351 and the Celtics Playbook, which prepare individuals for leading the programming.

"I seek to empower every student and teach them the value of their voice. I want them to realize that leadership is not a copy-and-paste definition," Olivia Thompson told Project 351 organizers. "It's something

that grows over time and is unique for each person. Anyone and everyone can be a leader."

"I continue to be impressed with our student leaders who are eager to learn how to be the best community members for all students," Interim Assistant Principal Millette said. "I look forward to working closely with Dartmouth High School in the spring to take our workshops to the next level."

Old Hammondtown School (OHS) had 36 students attend the workshops at ORRHS. To help fund community service projects promoted by Project 351, OHS has partnered with the Feinstein Leadership Program and the Sandy Hook Promise Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) Promise Club.



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Both foundations have given money for OHS initiatives such as an in-school pantry where students and families can both donate and access essential items as needed.

"Our students are learning how to organize events, raise awareness, and educate their peers on how to recognize warning signs and be upstanding citizens," said OHS Principal Stephanie Wells. "Empowering our student leaders to foster a culture of kindness and safety within their school has proven to be an invaluable opportunity."

Building upon the Celtics Playbook programming, students from Rochester Memorial School (RMS) brainstormed ways to celebrate and highlight different cultures, including doing so through the daily morning announcements and by creating posters that now hang throughout the school.

At Sippican Elementary School (SES), 37 students were selected to attend the workshops at ORRHs. In keeping with Project 351's spirit of service, students contributed by bringing a donation of socks for "Socktober" to support the school's Community Service-Learning Club. Additionally, students participated in collecting supplies for hurricane relief in partnership with the Tri-Town Nurses. Suggested donations included flashlights, pet food, toothbrushes, and canned soups. The school plans to incorporate a service component into each workshop this year, providing students with

valuable learning experiences while giving back to their community.

"I couldn't be prouder of our students who have demonstrated taking initiative in leading their peers and learning how to give back to their community in meaningful ways," Superintendent Nelson said. "I'm confident that these students will develop into successful leaders and key contributors to their communities beyond their school years."

Come Sing with Sippican Choral Society


Rehearsals for "An Anniversary Celebration: '60s Songs for 60 Years" begin on Monday, **January 6**, at 7:00 pm, at Wickenden Chapel, 86 Spring St., Marion. New members are always welcome; no audition is required. Doors open at 6:30 pm, so singers are encouraged to come early to register and pick up their music envelope. Anyone unsure about being able to sing with the group is encouraged to attend for the first two weeks, then decide. Dues of \$40.00 are due by the third rehearsal for all singers. The concert itself will be on Sunday, May 4, 4:00 pm, at Wickenden Chapel and will feature popular hits from the 1960s, including folk, rock, jazz, Broadway show tunes, and, of course, The Beatles. Details can be found at sippicanchoralsociety.org.

Journey Back to the Sweet Sounds of Doo Wop

The Sippican Historical Society will feature Todd Baptista in its SHS Speaker Series on **January 11** at 1:00 pm at Marion Music Hall. Join us to discover (or rediscover) the music that captivated the youth of the mid-20th century.

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culture of the 1950s and 1960s thanks to the Cape Verdean storytelling sessions that were held at the Cushing Community Center in 2023," said Executive Director Alanna Nelson. "These are songs my Dad loves. Bringing Todd to Marion has been on my list."

This event is open to all, whether you're a lifelong doo wop fan or just love moving to the close harmonies and energizing beat. After Todd's performance, come kick up your heels at the Music Hall.

SHS looks forward to welcoming all ages to this celebration of musical history. RSVPs are appreciated at: /bit.ly/SHS-Baptista.

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historical research, and preserve artifacts, documents, and artwork related to the town. The society is dedicated to preserving the rich cultural heritage of Marion while providing engaging educational programs to the public.

For more information about the SHS Speaker Series or upcoming events, visit our website at www.sippicanhistoricalsociety.org

Marion Village Historic District Update

The Marion Historic District Study Committee is pleased to note that they are moving forward with the proposed bylaw for a design review district in the historic village center.

The Preliminary Study Report has been submitted

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to the Massachusetts Historical Commission for review. It will soon be available locally and will be presented to the Planning Board on January 6.

A letter to all property owners in the proposed district will be mailed on January 2. This packet includes the draft bylaw, a list of frequently asked questions and a map of the district boundaries. The district includes these properties: all of Cottage Street, Hiller Street, Main Street, Pie Alley, School Street, South Street, Water Street, #1-9 Allen Street, #137-183 Front Street, #1-2 Island Wharf Road, #2-10 Lewis Street, #61-78 Pleasant Street, and #8-16 Spring Street.

Property owners in the district are invited to attend the Study Committee meeting on Wednesday, **January 15**, at 5:30 pm, to be held at the Benjamin Cushing Community Center (COA building) on Mill Street. This will be an opportunity for property owners to learn more about the bylaw and have their concerns/questions addressed.

A Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, **February 18** at 5:30 pm, also at the Cushing Community Center. Our consultant, Eric Dray, will again offer his presentation on the historic importance of Marion Village and a detailed explanation of the bylaw provisions, exemptions, procedures, and design guidelines.

The bylaw offers a review process only for demolition, new construction, and new additions visible from a public way. Most exterior maintenance and

renovation projects will be completely exempt from review. Interior renovations are exempt as well.

The Study Committee has worked diligently for the past 18 months to develop a bylaw that helps protect “the most historic seaside village on the South Coast” while also minimizing procedural process and intrusion upon individual property owner rights.

Marion Beach/Parking Stickers

The 2025 Beach/Parking Stickers, Transfer Station Stickers and Shellfish Licenses will be available at the Harbormaster Building at 1 Island Wharf Road beginning on Monday, **February 3**.

The Benson Brook Transfer Station will accept 2024 stickers until February 22. After that date, vehicles must have the 2025 sticker.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

In 2024, the Rochester Historical Society Museum has had lots of visitors. Our current exhibit, a social history of how Rochester residents entertained themselves for more than 337 years, has appealed to both young and old.


We introduced “history” to some local children at our June “Historical Fair with a Colonial Flair” and watched as some senior citizens followed different parts of the exhibit down memory lane.



As always, teacher Colin Everett’s Local History class (pictured here) visited as part of their class curriculum. The colonial tops and the 1940’s radio were of interest. Several students were surprised to learn that the original “Mr. Potato Head” came with all the accessories, eyes, ears, mustaches, etc., but no body. The bigger surprise was that you had to provide the body, a real potato.

If you happen by the Rochester Post Office lobby, check out the pictures of additional 2024 activities in the Rochester Historical Society’s glass case.

The Museum at 355 County Rd. will be open only



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We'll be back with our 1st meeting of 2025 on the 3rd Wednesday of April.

Rochester Historical Society Memberships

It's time to renew or maybe sign up for a new membership in the Rochester Historical Society. The Historical Society which owns and maintains its 1857 church/museum is predominantly member supported, with some help from MA Cultural Council Grants.

Membership forms may be found at the Plumb Library or can be mailed out to new members. Requests can be sent to Sue -sash48@comcast.com or 508 295 8908 or Connie- eshbach2@aol.com or 617-750-2818. If renewing, you may mail your checks to Rochester Historical Society PO Box 322, Rochester, MA 02770. Levels of membership: individual \$12, Family \$20, Curator \$50, Patron \$75, or Preservationist \$100. Donations in any amount are always gratefully appreciated.

Mattapoissett Bible Study Group

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



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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.

For more information call 508-998-6990, or email: pastor@lambogodma.org or Facebook: Mathew Vangel.

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

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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

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



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How it works: The program is built to fit seamlessly into your daily life, with no pressure nor is it overwhelming. 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.

A flexible, go-at-your-own-pace program: The 21-Day Reset is designed to work for you. Participants are 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.

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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 Rochester Historical Society - Past Pastimes
9:30 AM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
11:30 AM Tri-Town Holiday Events
11:30 AM Patrocast with Darren Paltowitz
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Edwin Pina
3:00 PM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
5:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
5:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
6:30 PM Tri-Town TV
7:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
8:30 PM The Beacon Hill Report
9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church
10:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Speaker Series
11:30 PM Sippican Choral Society - Songs of Peace and Hope

Friday January 3, 2025
7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM The World Fusion Show
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities
9:30 AM Mattapoisset Land Trust
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Cape Conversations
11:30 AM A Conversation With...
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?

1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Two Grannies on the Road
3:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
3:30 PM This is America and the World
4:00 PM Patrocast with Darren Paltowitz
4:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
5:00 PM MEFA College Financing Seminar
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM 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 January 4, 2025

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 - Edwin Pina
2:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
3:30 PM South Coast Matters
4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:30 PM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 PM Mattapoisset Land Trust
9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
10:30 PM Let's Talk Business
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday January 5, 2025

6:00 AM Health Source
6:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape

7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 AM Mattapoisset Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM MAC Arts in the Park
11:00 AM Tri-Town Holiday Events
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
2:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
3:00 PM Bulldog Sports Show
3:30 PM Patrocast with Darren Paltowitz
4:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
4:30 PM The World Fusion Show
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Speaker Series
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 PM Mattapoisset Museum: The Hurricane of 1938
10:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Mysteries of the Midwater
11:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday January 6, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:00 AM Tri-Town Holiday Events
10:30 AM Cape Conversations
11:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM In the Toy Box
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters
2:30 PM The Collective Chat
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus

on Europe
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
4:30 PM Boston Celtics Owner Wyc Groubeck Interview
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Speaker Series
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM ORR Hall of Fame Induction 2024
7:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
8:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 PM Let's Talk Business
9:30 PM Building the Future
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band

Tuesday January 7, 2025

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 8, 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 Mattapoisset Congregational Church
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Pine Meadow Alpaca Farms Animal Education
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday
3:00 PM A Conversation With...
3:30 PM ORR Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
5:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
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8:30 PM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert
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11:00 PM ORRHS Pep Rally

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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
9:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission
11:00 PM Marion Planning Board

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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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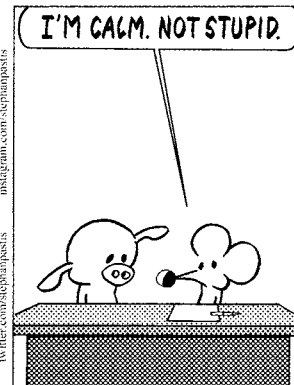
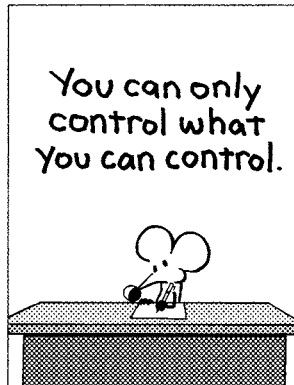
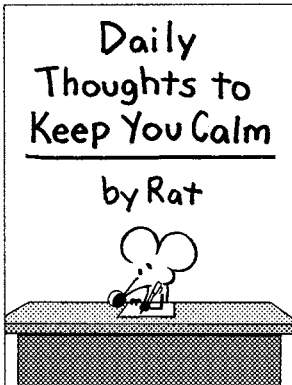
Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM Sippican School Video Block
8:00 AM OHS 6th Grade Promotion Ceremony
9:30 AM RMS 6th Grade Promotion Ceremony
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM STEAM the Streets Presentation at ORR
1:30 PM ORR Volleyball vs Dartmouth
3:00 PM ORR Boys Soccer vs Bishop Stang
4:00 PM ORR Football vs Bishop Stang
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM ORR Pep Rally
7:30 PM ORR Homecoming Football vs Dighton Rehoboth
9:00 PM Old Colony Senior Awards Night
11:00 PM Old Colony Graduation

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All entries must include a signed copy of the Official Entry Form which can be picked up at The Wanderer office, 55 County Road, Mattapoisett or downloaded at www.wanderer.com

Voting will start on January 22 and end on January 21. To vote, visit our web page at: www.wanderer.com.

The winner will be on the cover of our February 1st edition.





MOVIE REVIEW

The Year in Review

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

It used to be — not long ago, certainly within living memory — that hit movies played in theaters for *months*. Take the first *Avatar*. It broke a lot of records. It stayed at #1 for seven weeks and hung around in the top ten for three months. Now?

Well, *Avatar 2* had a similar arc; *Avatar* might be the exception to everything. But the season's big hit *Wicked* has barely been in theaters for a month and a half, and we're already seeing commercials for its impending streaming debut on New Year's Eve.

Now, *Wicked* hasn't done badly at all for a non-sequel. It is, in fact, the only non-sequel in the year's top ten right now. (It was, however, based on highly popular material — the musical, based in turn on a bestselling book.) But as I write this, *Wicked* is at #4 for the weekend, behind *Sonic the Hedgehog 3*, *Mufasa: The Lion King*, and, shockingly at #3, Robert Eggers' *Nosferatu*, possibly the biggest hit he will ever make. (It's already outpaced his previous three films domestically.) It's likely that Universal, the studio behind *Wicked*, wants to strike while the iron is hot and give the movie's fans something to watch repeatedly over the New Year. Of course, the fans will have to pay to buy or rent it; it's going to be a while before it turns up "free" on a paid streaming service (most likely Peacock).

Wicked probably doesn't have to worry about its Part II flopping next November. Then again, few people figured the sequel to a billion-dollar-grossing Oscar winner would flame out so hard, but that was the fate of *Joker: Folie à Deux*. That film attracted such hate and lost so much money — \$58 million domestic gross against a \$190 million budget! — I almost want to see it, but then I remember how much I disliked the first one. *Joker* was never more than vaguely superhero-adjacent anyway, but in a year light on superhero movies due to the Hollywood strikes, *Deadpool & Wolverine* was the only such genre film to make the yearly top ten. Sony released three of their marginally Spider-Man-related titles, and only *Venom 3* topped out at #16 for the year; *Madame Web* blew up on the launchpad, and *Kraven the Hunter* isn't looking any better.

Are superhero movies over? Marvel, possibly still

coated in the cold sweat left over from the failure of *The Marvels*, certainly hopes not. They've got a new *Captain America* (featuring a new Red Hulk), *Thunderbolts*, and *Fantastic Four*. James Gunn, currently overseeing the movie branch of DC Comics, has the new *Superman* next year. (If you're waiting for *The Batman Part II*, get comfortable — it's been bumped to 2027.) Could it be that the dreamers of dreams at the Marvel and DC studios are running out of stories to tell? This year's #1 hit is likely to remain *Inside Out 2*; last year's was *Barbie*. Gone are the days when an *Avengers: Endgame* could rack up \$2.7 billion worldwide.



Marvel and DC are sure gambling that this year's relative absence of funnybook heroes has made the audience's hearts grow fonder. If the new *Captain America* opens to the chirps of crickets, both studios will take a long pull from a whiskey bottle and look into joining forces with Hasbro or Sega.

Was there anything for grown-ups in the top ten? Maybe nostalgic ones: there was the surprising success of the very belated *Beetlejuice* sequel, and *Twisters* turned a respectable coin. It was definitely a year for horror fans, as there was an acclaimed fright flick seemingly every week, or at least every month. When something as stubbornly weird as *Longlegs* (I didn't care for it but respect its game as a wild thing trying something different) outgrosses *Furiosa*, something's going on. The year's biggest success story might be *Terrifier 3*, whose status as an unrated indie that cost \$2 million and took in \$53 million domestically is *amazing*. As someone tweeted (X'd?), though, every studio wants *Terrifier 3* but nobody wants *Terrifier 1*. I'll tell you what you're seeing there: you're seeing a *fan base*.

If you were a grown-up with no special feelings about horror (I'm a fan, and there was some good work in the genre this year) or sequels, the pickings were mighty slim; there was no phenomenon like *Barbenheimer*. Well, google William Goldman and "nonrecurring phenomenon." Basically it means any big hit that drives studios crazy because they have no idea how to account for it or duplicate it. Well, it's easy to account for *Inside Out 2*, or *Deadpool & Wolverine* for that matter. Then again, when it was announced that *Wicked* was going to come out in two parts, I thought, "Boy, they better hope the first part doesn't tank like the first part of *Horizon* did." Speaking of, the new *Nosferatu* has already made more in its first few days than *Horizon* did in its entire run. Robert Eggers running laps around Kevin Costner was not something I had on my 2024 bingo card, that's for sure.

event on Saturday, February 1 at the Onset Bay Center here: marioninstitute.org/sound-healing-and-yoga-event-feb-2025.

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 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, or call 508-997-1401.

NBSO Presents Super Mario vs. Zelda

On Saturday, **January 18**, the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra presents "Super Mario vs. Zelda" in the Bronspiegel Auditorium at New Bedford High School. Music Director Yaniv Dinur will be the conductor and emcee for the evening.

Did you know that video games take their music very seriously? Major contemporary composers, themes from great classical works of the past, and the high energy and many moods that spring from the boundless imagination of virtual worlds will all come together and fill the concert hall. The program will include music from Super Mario Bros., The Legend of Zelda, Minecraft, Call of Duty, Cyberpunk 2077 and more.

"Super Mario vs. Zelda" will take place on Saturday, January 18, 7:30 pm in the Bronspiegel Auditorium, New Bedford High School, 230 Hathaway Boulevard, New Bedford. Arrive in costume for a chance to win gaming gift cards.

Tickets are \$20, \$40, and \$65, with \$10 student tickets (available at the box office only with student ID).

Purchase tickets through the Z box office, 508-994-2900, or online at nbsymphony.org. Convenient and free parking is available in the lots near the entrance to the auditorium.

The NBSO is a professional orchestra that annually presents a concert series of classical and pops music with internationally acclaimed guest artists, as well as an outstanding chamber music series. In addition, the NBSO's innovative and nationally recognized educational programs reach more than 8,000 students each year. The NBSO is dedicated to building a community of music on the South Coast. Visit www.nbsymphony.org today and find your serenity at the symphony.

Mattapoisett Library Artist Series

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



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Super Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Drag race vehicle
- 8 Schuss, e.g.
- 11 Stinging flier
- 15 Contributed
- 19 Halloween mask feature
- 20 Hoodwink
- 21 Falco of TV
- 22 Leave off
- 23 Tendency toward chaos
- 24 Fido's noise
- 25 * Star of the 1950s TV series "China Smith"
- 27 BLT seller
- 28 Naval forces
- 30 — Field (Mr. Met's home)
- 31 * Getting tired
- 34 Baby bird
- 38 Evergreen with red arils
- 39 Actress Polo
- 40 Stephen of "V for Vendetta"
- 42 Young moray, e.g.
- 43 Cowl wearer
- 45 * Hope when the situation is desperate
- 51 Mosque official
- 54 Scrooge portrayed Alastair
- 55 Minerals in thin sheets
- 56 * "Vanity Fair" novelist
- 61 "One World" musician John
- 65 Holders of frozen cubes
- 66 Girl in the fam
- 67 "Insecure" actress
- 69 — Hawkins dance
- 70 Astonishment
- 73 E'en if
- 75 Actor Bridges
- 76 Fathers
- 79 Auditing gp.
- 81 Was disgusting to
- 84 Deep desires
- 85 * Period superseded by auto-mobiles
- 89 Ragtime pianist Blake
- 90 Aficionado
- 91 Large cut
- 92 * Three-part novel by Gertrude Stein
- 98 Green-light
- 102 Removal of restrictions, for short
- 103 RV refuge org.

- 104 Six-legged marchers
- 107 Suffix with Carol
- 108 How Alaska is populated
- 111 * Town crier's cry
- 116 Cab cost
- 117 "It takes two" dances
- 118 Agents, in brief
- 119 * "The Price Is Right" host
- 123 Happy dance
- 124 Net, as earnings
- 127 Ames' state
- 128 Saturate
- 129 Bullfight yell
- 130 Dissimilar
- 131 Legal equal
- 132 Brontë's Jane
- 133 Despite this
- 134 What the last four letters of eight key answers in this puzzle might be considered, cryptically

DOWN

- 1 Honorarium
- 2 Writer Rand
- 3 Lay in place
- 4 Tossed
- 5 "Relax!"
- 6 Of Swiss mountains
- 7 Playa del —
- 8 Climb up
- 9 Divided
- 10 Get by logic
- 11 Joins closely
- 12 Org. for cavity fixers
- 13 Thereafter
- 14 Counterparts of manis
- 15 Cousin of a chimpanzee
- 16 Poehler of "Baby Mama"
- 17 Fight (for)
- 18 Zeta follower
- 26 Pronounces
- 28 "Just my opinion," in a text
- 29 Supermodel
- 31 Fitness locale
- 32 Early auto
- 33 Award for U2
- 34 All-time low
- 35 Creeping vine
- 36 Once called
- 37 Fido's threat
- 41 Intertwine
- 44 Tartan skirt wearers
- 46 Suffix with owl or wolf
- 47 Vardalos of Hollywood
- 48 Sierra, Yukon and Acadia
- 49 Trendy
- 50 Shells out
- 52 Boggy areas
- 53 Motorists' gp.
- 56 Very thin, as clouds
- 57 "It matters to me"
- 58 Escorted from outside
- 59 Org. with bag screeners
- 60 The whole — and caboodle
- 61 Fox-sighting cry
- 62 Jagged, as a leaf's edge
- 63 "When I Need You" singer Leo
- 64 Hopper of old gossip
- 68 Fake coins
- 71 Not fooled by
- 72 Previous to
- 74 Globe
- 77 Ergo
- 78 Japanese noodle type
- 80 In no danger
- 82 Playwright O'Neill
- 83 Links letters
- 86 Dangerous
- 87 Vetoing vote
- 88 Genetic stuff
- 89 Spider's hatching pouch
- 92 NFL goals
- 93 With it, in old slang
- 94 Lyricist Gershwin
- 95 Battle with spongy balls
- 96 "So funny!"
- 97 Light beams
- 99 Actress Alley
- 100 Even a single
- 101 "— -haw!"
- 105 Regal seat
- 106 Playground fixture
- 109 Wipe clean
- 110 "Bad, Bad — Brown"
- 112 Delight in
- 113 Nimble
- 114 Big name in thesauruses
- 115 In a fitting manner
- 117 Small kid
- 119 Chip topper
- 120 Fish spawn
- 121 She-sheep
- 122 Mug handle
- 124 Bit of word wit
- 125 Rap sheet abbr.
- 126 Boomer's kid

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Sharing the joys of the celebrations that mark this time with your loved ones can help reinforce your devotion to them. You'll treasure the reactions you get in return.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Enjoy the parties and pleasures of this week with families and friends. A holiday romance could take you well into the New Year -- and maybe beyond!

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your loved ones help make this week's celebrations especially meaningful. Make time to do some serious thinking about the decisions that you'll soon be facing.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Love of home and family is reinforced during this last week of the year. This could be your chance to open up about secrets that you've held on to for far too long.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Enjoy this week's special round of merriment with loved ones who adore you, whether you're roaring with delight at a party or purring with affection at home.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This last week of the year is a good time to assess what you've done and reassess how recent changes might affect your plans for the coming year.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Balance the festive aspects of this last week of the year with honest reflections about the relationships you truly value and those you think might have become irrelevant.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Celebrate the week's festivities knowing that you'll be able to invest what you've learned over the past year into opportunities that await you in 2025.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Share the merry moments of this week with the wonderful people who have loved you and encouraged you to realize your dreams.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) As this week of celebration moves into history, the sage Sea Goat takes their high place in the Zodiac to judge the past and face the future.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Enjoy the last merry-making week of the year knowing that you've done well in 2024 and that you're ready to confront the challenges of 2025!

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) When you ultimately emerge from the celebrations of this week, you'll find yourself with many new friends whom you'll take into the next year!

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a strong sense of self that makes people feel comfortable and confident in your presence.

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Audubon wildlife sanctuaries and the Audubon Center in PA, as well as in other art venues around Massachusetts. In 2021, she was accepted as an Elected Artist Member of Art League RI. In November 2023, her piece (Dumpster Planet) won the Best in Show award in the "Blue" exhibit at the Cambridge Art Association. For more information, including many photos of her work and a full CV, please visit www.kitchensyncstudio.com. You can also find her art and photography @kitchensyncstudio on Instagram.

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.

Call for works for the Winter Members' Show

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

To exhibit, members should drop off artwork at the MAC at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion, MA on Saturday, **January 4** between 10:00 am to 2:00 pm or Tuesday, **January 7**, 10:00am to 2:00 pm. Artists may download and print the consignment agreement ahead of time, found



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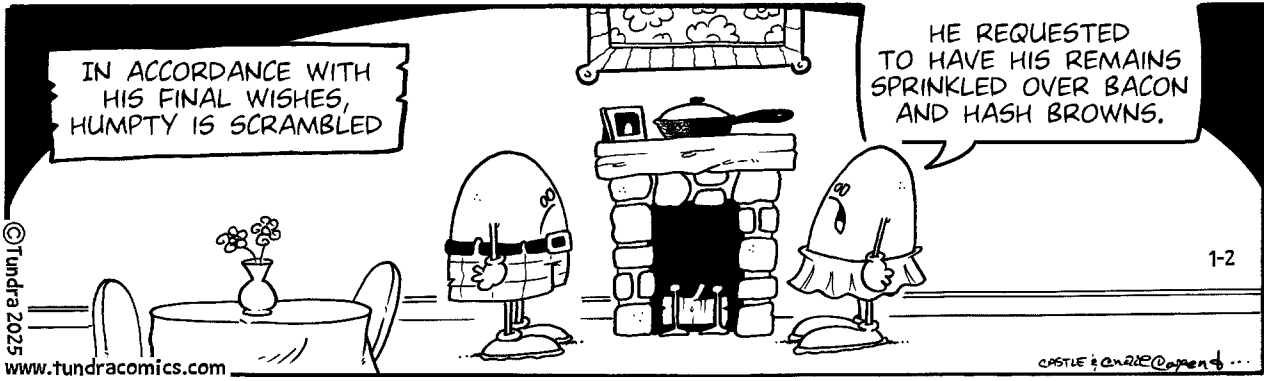
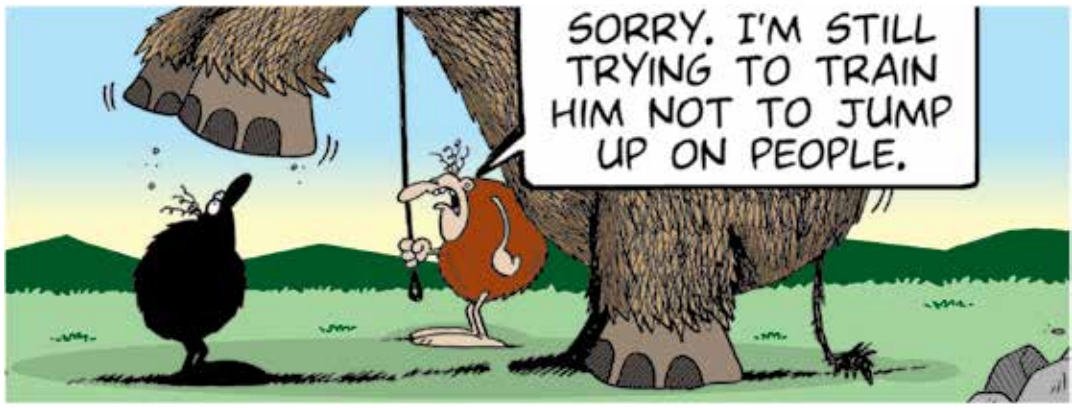
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Mattapoissett Grief Share Meeting

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

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

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

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

Rochester Historical Society

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

Peter B. Hodges Memorial Scholarship

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

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

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

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

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

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Jeffrey C. Dunn.

The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information.

The Applicant proposes to construct a single-family dwelling, in-ground swimming pool and paved driveway, to install associated utilities and a shed and to fill and grade.

The proposed work will be performed partially within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and partially within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone AE (El. 15).

The property is located at Angelica Avenue and is further identified as a portion of Lot #159 on Assessors Map #2 (also as ANR Lot D on an ANR Plan recorded in the Plymouth Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 67, Page 1144). 1/02

**TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings held in the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference room; 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted) New format of meetings; start time is 6:00 pm***Meeting will be held on January 16, 2025***

Case #1554: Petition of: Paul S & Bettina G Henderson, 2 Shipyard Lane, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 RE:2 Shipyard Lane. The applicant is seeking a Variance under Section 5.2.1 as provided by Section 7.2.3. of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to convert an existing garage into an expanded living space.

The property is further described as Plot 8, Lot 82 on the Assessors map. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, January 16, 2025.

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

Sincerely,
Susan Akin, Chairperson
Tony Tranfaglia, Kenneth Pacheco, Colby Rottler,
Jordan Rodrigues 1/02, 1/09

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The Applicant proposes to construct a garage and breezeway addition to the single-family house, to construct a driveway, install associated utilities and to fill and grade.

The proposed work will be performed within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage and within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

The property is located at 4 Island View Avenue which is further identified as Lots #46 & #47 on Assessors Map #14A. 1/02

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

To be held at the Marion Police Department Conference Room
550 Mill Street Also Available via Teams (Remote Participation Option)

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



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

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

Great Decisions Program

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

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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



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On Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 7:05 pm, the Marion Planning Board, pursuant to M.G.L. 40A, §5 and the Town's General Bylaws, will hold a public hearing to consider the following additions and amendments to the Town of Marion Zoning Bylaws as it relates to accessory dwelling units and apartments:

- Add a new section 230-8.14 Accessory Dwelling Units to the Zoning Bylaw to address accessory dwelling units
- Amend 230-8.6 Accessory Apartments of the Zoning Bylaw (230-8.6A; 230-8.6B; 230-8.6C §§1-10)
- Amend 230-4.2 Principal Uses Table of the Zoning Bylaw to include accessory dwelling units as an allowed use
- Amend Section 230-11.2 Terms Defined of the Zoning Bylaw to revise the definition of "Gross Floor Area"

The public is invited to attend and comment on this matter and may inspect the full text at the Town Hall, 2 Spring Street, Office of the Planning Board or at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours. Please email Danyca Filiatreault for the remote meeting information: dfiliatreault@marionma.gov. If you are a resident attending the public hearing, we request you identify your name and address for the record.

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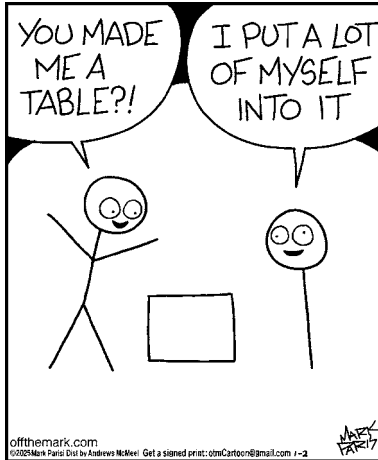
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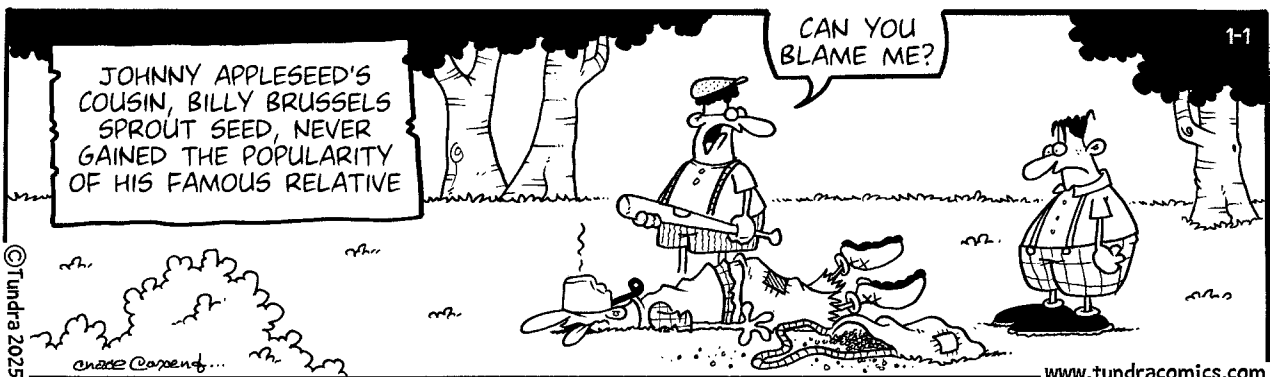
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comments, or you may email support_ma@goodenergy.com with the subject line "Marion Plan Comments." Good Energy is the consultant that developed and manages our program on a day-to-day basis.

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 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.

FORM Instrument Drive

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

Rochester Sharps Collection

As of November 1, 2024, sharps (used needles, syringes, etc.) will no longer be collected at the Board of Health Office at the Town Hall Annex. Sharps will be collected at the Rochester Fire Department, Station 1, at 4 Pine Street. Collection will be on the second Tuesday of each month.

A prior appointment must be made with the Fire Department. Appointments can be made by calling: 508-

763-1709 from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm, prior to the date of collection. Proof of residency is required.

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

Marion Vaccination Information

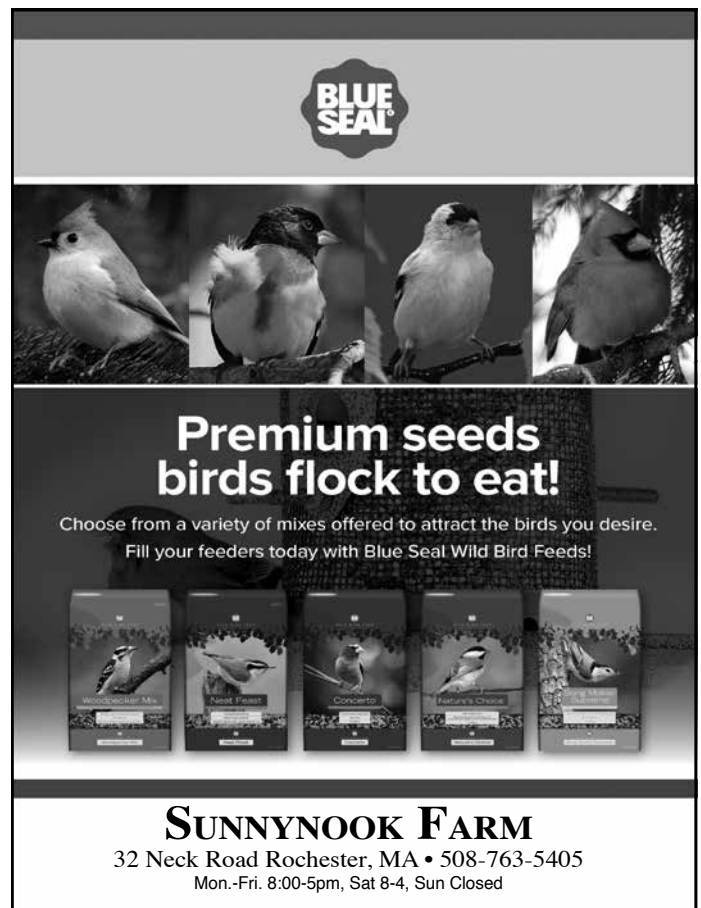
The Marion Board of Health would like to let residents know that they still have flu and COVID-19 vaccines available.

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

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

Mattapoisett Congregational Church

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



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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, so that households across the country can order four additional over-the-counter COVID-19 tests for free. These tests are intended for use throughout the 2024 holiday season to detect currently circulating COVID-19 variants. Clear instructions are included on how to verify extended expiration dates.

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

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

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

Tri-County Symphonic Band 63rd Concert Season

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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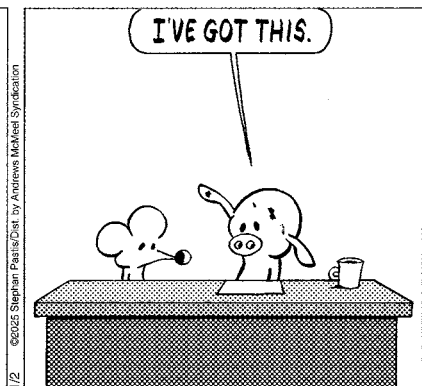
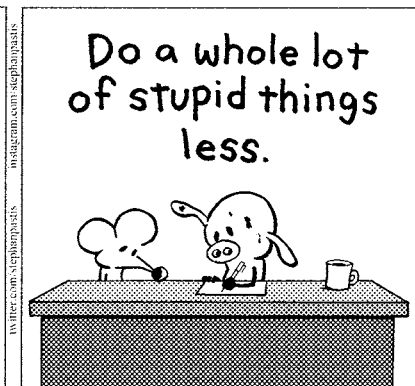
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by Stephan Pastis



OBITUARIES

There are no Obituaries this week.

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.

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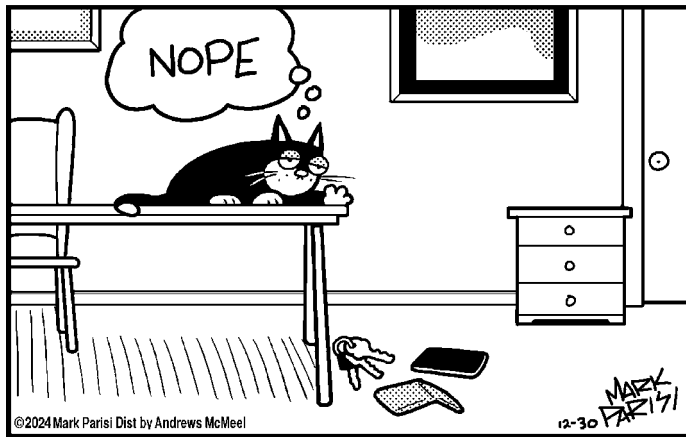
Please call the Council on Aging at 508-748-3570 so we can compile this information which will be reported to Community Emergency Response Team (CERT.) We want to be prepared.

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).

Tri-Town Against Racism

Tri-Town against Racism (TTAR) announces they have developed a system to document discriminatory incidents experienced by community members in the Tri-Town. Collecting this information will help to identify how to best support the Tri-Town Region. The incident report can be completed online, either on a computer or mobile device, anonymously if preferred. Community members can also choose to identify themselves to TTAR in the report. Their personal identifying information will never be shared outside of TTAR. The incident report allows for individuals or families to share their stories to inform local change. Completing the form and sharing your experiences with TTAR will help to make a positive impact! The incident report can be found by visiting this link: forms.gle/UGEsEmjBCZTEYKX56.

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Thursday	January 9	3:25	3:55	10:32	9:29
Friday	January 10	4:33	5:00	11:29	10:30
Saturday	January 11	5:34	5:58	11:57	11:25
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Monday	January 13	7:19	7:39	12:16	1:56
Tuesday	January 14	8:06	8:25	1:07	2:33
Wednesday	January 15	8:50	9:11	1:55	3:03
Thursday	January 16	9:33	9:55	2:40	3:30
Friday	January 17	10:15	10:40	3:22	3:57
Saturday	January 18	10:56	11:25	4:03	4:28
Sunday	January 19	11:37		4:46	5:02

Phases of the Moon	First Quarter	January 6th
	Full Moon	January 13th
	Last Quarter	January 21st
	New Moon	January 29th

I Found the Aardvark!

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

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

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SCRAMBLERS

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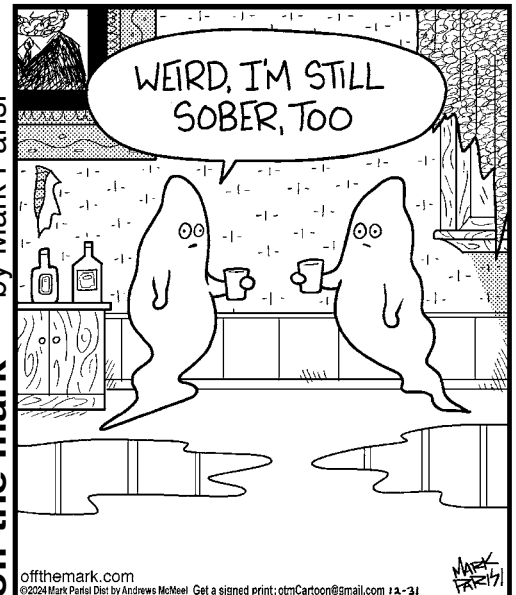
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- 3. Rotate; 4. Spite

Today's Word
TERMITES

Sudoku Answer

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

off the mark by Mark Parisi



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Dunkin'
10 ct. Selected Variety
K-Cups
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Dozen, Omega 3, Free Range
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5.3 oz. Selected Variety
Cottage Cheese **4/\$5**

Hood
8 oz
Sour Cream **\$1.49**

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Turkey Breast
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Deli Sliced
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lb

Boar's Head 
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Boar's Head 
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Havarti **\$5.99**

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with Fresh Bell & Evans Chicken!
Chicken Salad **\$11.99**
lb

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Fresh
Egg Salad **\$10.19**
lb

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Camembert **\$4.99**

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Pinot Grigio **\$13.99**
Reg \$15.99

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750 ml - Italy
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lb

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ea

Game Day Wings **\$10.99**
lb

Various Styles! Cheese, Pepperoni, etc.
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Pizzas **\$8.99-\$10.99**

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Certified Angus Beef®
Strip Steak
\$17⁹⁹
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Boneless
Chicken Breast
\$8⁹⁹
lb



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Pork
Tenderloins
\$4⁹⁹
lb



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Dressings
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Bars or Shredded
Cheese
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Berries (6-16 oz. Pkg.) **\$3⁹⁹**

California - Navel, Blood or Cara Cara
Oranges **\$1⁷⁹**
lb

Summer Squash or
Zucchini..... **\$1⁶⁹**
lb

Fresh
Green Cabbage..... **79¢**
lb

2 lb. Pkg. All Purpose
Yellow Onions..... **2/\$3**

Sunset. 1 lb. Pkg.
Campari Tomatoes **\$3⁹⁹**



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