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## Mattapoissett Polar Plunge 2025

By Sam Bishop

On Wednesday, January 1, Mattapoissett's Town Beach was packed with people from near and far starting the year off freezing. Moments after the clock struck noon, the crowded beach-goers experienced firsthand the biting cold of the winter sea. Though it was 50 degrees, far from polar, the overcast weather and bitter wind made up for it. Some ran in and ran out. Others dunked their heads and shook their hair. Others got acclimated to the cold and floated around in the water for many excruciating and exhilarating minutes.

The polar plunge in Mattapoissett started around 2013, according to Keep on Plungin'. The local group raises funds through the event with the sale of baked goods, coffee, and hot chocolate. All proceeds are for local families battling cancer and its accompanying enormous costs. The American Medical Association calculated that in 2022, Americans spend \$16 billion out of pocket for cancer treatment. This number was and is projected to continue to rise.

While the event itself, on the surface, seems masochistic, there were not any in attendance who did not carry with them a smile afterwards, hot chocolate or not. The tradition of polar plunges in America are generally believed to have started in New England in the early days of the 20<sup>th</sup>-century and have been an annual New Years staple in the region and nationally since.

### What's Up There?

Astronomy Update for January

By Sam Bishop

This is for the astronomer in all of us or the aspiring astro-physicist. Compared to areas near Boston or New Bedford, generally speaking, the tri-town has pretty good dark skies. We are very fortunate in that

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*On the Cover: The first wave of brave souls running into the cold water of Mattapoissett Harbor. The Mattapoissett Polar Plunge took place on New Years Day on a 50-ish degree, overcast day. Some ran in and out while others stayed for a swim. No one was without a smile - whether it was happiness or gritting from the cold is up to interpretation. The plunge was organized by Keep On Plungin'. Photo by Sam Bishop.*

regard. Though we can't normally make out the Milky Way's signature glow, we can still spot a lot. This month has already brought with it some great stellar sights. The new year has already brought with it the Quadrantids meteor shower and recently all planets you can see with your naked eye out and dazzling. That's Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn.

These four planets will be in a line in the sky. From east to west, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, and Venus. Aside from planets, you can also see the Andromeda Galaxy. With your eyes, if your eyesight is good, it will look like a fuzzy star. Seeing it with a telescope is a must at least once in your life. It's two-and-a-half million light years away, meaning the light you see when you look at it left that galaxy that many years ago. The Orion Nebula will also be bright and easy to spot within its constellation.

On January 10, Venus will reach its "greatest eastern elongation." This puts it at its highest point in its arch above the horizon and in the best spot for viewing with your eyes, binoculars, or a telescope if you're so lucky. The yellow-ish bright star is the one. The planet

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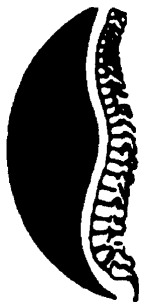


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will be visible after sunset but soon after follows the sun below the horizon.

On January 13, the next full moon will occur. It's known as the "Wolf Moon," "Center Moon," "Old Moon," "Moon After Yule," and many more regional names.

On January 16, Mars will be closest to Earth in its orbit with the side facing us being nearly fully illuminated. If you look with a telescope, you can make out its white polar caps. Its red glow makes it easy to differentiate against its stellar neighbors. It's no wonder so many cultures, including that which we derive its name from, associated it with battle and aggression. Mars, god of war.

On January 29, the next new moon. It will not be visible at night, though this will leave a darker sky, letting you see other astronomical objects easier.

There are plenty of apps, websites, and other resources you can use to make your cosmic journey easier. NASA offers satellite tracking too, so you can await the ISS on its flyovers.

The trouble this month won't be seeing things in the night sky; it will be not freezing doing so.

**Norovirus - What You Need to Know**

*What Does The Doctor Say?*

**By Dr. Edward Hoffer**

There are many gastrointestinal infections that spread person-to-person, including E. coli, salmonella and listeria, but by far the most common is the norovirus.

Norovirus typically infects some 20 million people in the U.S. every year, and this winter has seen an increase in reported outbreaks.

The virus is highly transmissible, resistant to alcohol (the active ingredient in most hand sanitizers) and heat, and persists for many days on surfaces such as counters.

Places where people are in close quarters and sharing food preparation are particularly prone to outbreaks: cruise ships, nursing homes, schools and day care centers.

The symptoms: nausea, vomiting, cramps and diarrhea, usually begin very abruptly – you feel fine one minute and then all the symptoms hit you. If there is a fever, it is usually low-grade. The symptoms generally only last 2-3 days and most people recover uneventfully.

There is no specific treatment; antibiotics are of no use. The most important therapy is fluids to prevent dehydration. Adults can drink plain water, tea, sports drinks or light fruit juices. Children will benefit from

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The best way to avoid catching norovirus is good hand-washing before you eat or prepare food, and cleaning surfaces with bleach if they may have been exposed to virus particles.

Note that virus may be shed in the stool for up to two weeks, long after you have recovered, so be careful if you have had such symptoms to wash well after using the toilet and you had best not handle food.

Norovirus has also spread via shellfish and other food. Cook shellfish to an internal temperature of over 145 F and wash all fresh fruits and vegetables.

If you do catch it, remember that "this too shall pass."

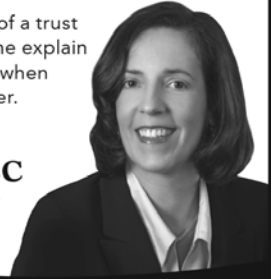
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*Edward Hoffer MD is Associate Professor of Medicine, part-time, at Harvard.*

### Park Plans Progress and First Actions for the New Year

*Rochester Board of Selectman*

**By Michael J. DeCicco**

Rochester's Board of Selectmen on Monday approved for the January 27 Special Town Meeting warrant the last two articles that had yet to be reviewed but learned two others involving police station upgrades might be put on hold.

Town Administrator Cameron Durant said the

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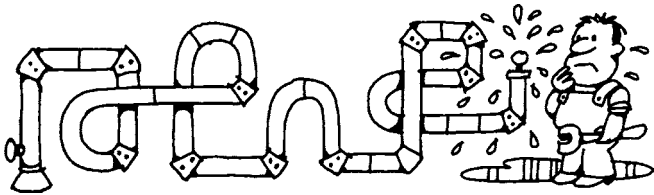
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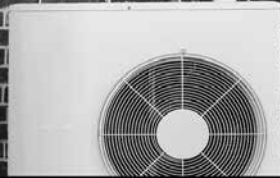
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Capital Planning Committee will recommend shelving temporarily articles one and three, which propose spending \$120,000 for new, safer sliding cell room doors at the police station and \$175,000 to renovate the station's second floor to create additional office, meeting, and storage space. Capital Planning board members, he said, visited the station recently to see for themselves the necessity of the funding requests and saw that the need is genuine but still want more review first.

Meanwhile, the board on Monday threw its support behind Articles 16 and 17, new regulations for Accessory Dwelling Units and a zoning bylaw amendment that deletes Use Variances.

Durant said the town ADU regulations respond to new state law mandating these dwelling units by right in every Massachusetts city and town. "They are a move to keep the town as characteristically Rochester as possible," he said, "They are recommended by the Zoning Bylaw Review Committee."

Earlier in the meeting, Town Administrator Cameron Durant reported good, money-saving news regarding the Gifford Park Playground construction project. He said a bid challenge was filed against the original successful bidder for the contract to construct the playground. As a result, the Attorney General's office instructed the town to get an additional bid.

That winning bid, Durant said, by Creative Recreation, West Hartford, CT, was for \$80,000, which is \$17,000 less than the first bid award's amount. Luckily, he added, this new contract was signed by December 31, the deadline for this expense to be supplemented by federal ARPA funds and the new quote will utilize the same brand name equipment. He noted, however, that because the playground site is in the Historic District, the Park Commission will need permissions from the Historical Commission and the Conservation Commission.

Here, Park Com. chair David Hughes provided the good news. He said his panel has already approached both boards. The company with the winning bid is filling out the building permit now, he said. "I'd like to thank Cameran (Durant), he did one hell of a job helping us," he said. "I thank the Board of Selectmen too. Now let's get

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

In other action Monday, the board accepted the resignation of Town Planner Nancy Durfee, which had been effective on December 17, 2024. Durant followed this vote by noting hers is one of several positions being posted to fill. He is also posted for a new Town Accountant/Finance Director. He said the person currently in that position, Suzanne Szyndlar, will not be retiring until June 30. But he wants a long lead time to take over those pretty big shoes. He said he would like to have someone Szyndlar can train in April or May. He is also advertising for a new Administrative Assistant for the Highway Department and a new police captain.

Also, the board announced a public notice that the Mattapoissett Water Treatment Plant will be doing construction work between January 6 and April 30.

The board announced the winner of the Town Website Photo Contest. He is John Oldham with his photo, “Barn and Fields.” The picture will be posted on the town website and printed in the town’s annual report.

The board approved the scope of responsibilities and mission statement for the new Rochester Events Committee. The new panel will focus on planning,

coordinating and supporting public events that foster a sense of community and celebrate Rochester’s unique character, Durant said. He noted that events sponsored by other town entities will continue to be managed by them, with the Event Committee’s support.

The board voted to not exercise the town’s right to purchase two lots of Chapter 61A land being converted to non-agricultural on High Street and on High Street near County Road.

The board did not set its next meeting date before adjournment.

**Historic District Study Committee to Hold Meeting January 15**

*Marion Planning Board*  
**By Mary McCann Fiske**

At its January 6 meeting, the Board heard from parties with proposals in progress.

Will Tifft, chair of the Marion Historic District Study Committee, spoke to the Board. The committee was formed by the Select Board two years ago with the mission to explore possible creation of a local historic district in the Marion Village area as recommended by the town’s Master Plan. This would be in conformity with state guidelines and consistent with such designations in many other communities in the South Coast and statewide.

After its extensive research, which began with outreach surveys to residents and included assessing the impact of the designation in comparable towns, the Committee has identified a specific geographic area and developed a proposed set of bylaws to be considered by voters. These detail the respective “ground rules,” rights and responsibilities for the community.

Tifft noted that the Committee is actively reaching out to the community to share the plan, answer questions and offer detailed information including maps, FAQs and background information.

Its first public meeting will be on January 15 at 5:30 pm at the Cushing Community Center (COA) at 465 Mill Street.

In a Continued Public Hearing on the Special Permit & Major Site Plan Review for 78 Wareham Road, LLC, Matthew Zuker presented a newly designed Front Entry Plan, engineered in response to the Board’s concerns about traffic flow along Rte. 6. The new entry plan’s layout and signage will make the driveway entrance prominent to drivers along the highway, allowing anticipation of leaving the complex, facilitating safe merging into traffic. Additional road signs will be provided by the DOT according to its protocols. DOT will also determine placement of curb cuts, with Zuker and his engineer ensuring the development’s paving is aligned. On the other open issue with the project, Zuker noted that another round of groundwater testing is written into the contract, to be done by an independent consultant once

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construction is underway.

Board members were pleased with the entry plan and with Zuker's continuing coordination with town officials on ensuring compliance with environmental and other restrictions. They thanked him for his efforts and continued the hearing to the next meeting.

Another Continued Public Hearing on the agenda, regarding the FSJ Marion Realty LLC project at 207-215 Wareham Street, was continued at the applicant's request.

In other business, the Board approved payments from the consulting accounts of the 78 Wareham Road and 207-215 Wareham Street projects, deferred a scheduled discussion on the Aquifer Protection District and approved the minutes of its December 16, 2024, meeting.

The next meeting of the Planning Board will be January 27 at 7:00 pm at the Marion Police Department.

### **Appeal Being Sent to DEP**

*Rochester Conservation Commission*

**By Michael J. DeCicco**

Rochester's Conservation Commission Tuesday approved four separate Notices of Intent allowing the construction of single-family dwellings on two-acre lots at 0 High Street that since early November, have drawn the attention of abutters who have raised concerns about its possible effect on flooding and natural resources in their



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The January 7 review of the four lots started with Project Engineer Brian Wallace's report that the developers are still awaiting word from the Natural Heritage Foundation regarding whether construction will affect endangered species. However, a December 15 letter indicates that the developer could implement a turtle protection plan to satisfy the Foundation's concerns. These conditions would include a silt fence barrier and daily sweeps for turtles on the property.

"These are conditions we have to meet to avoid a taking of the land by Natural Heritage," he said. "But those details will be worked on over time."

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dwelling with attached garage on two-acre lots that will utilize pieces of neighboring cranberry bogs had been continued until the developer awaited the Natural Heritage Foundation's determination. The board had tabled a decision on a fourth lot to give an abutter Jeremy Saccone's engineer time to review how the construction will affect his client's flooding problem.

On Tuesday, Wallace noted that he and Saccone's engineer have agreed to design changes to the lot next to Saccone's land that have been implemented. Wallace has rotated the house design away from the low spot, removed the gravel fringe, added roof drainage and added driveway grading at a different detail. "We've made those changes and both sides are happy with those

changes," Wallace said.

Saccone said he still was not satisfied. He said his concern is that this new lot so close to his property will still create a flooding issue for him. "To engineers, it makes sense," he said. "To this abutter it does not. I'm still going to have to deal with flooding."

Wallace responded that he is comfortable the new design will have no more adverse effects on ground water flow than what is there now. Commission Chair Chris Gerrior told Saccone and the other concerned abutters that the board has done everything in its ability to follow the letter of wetlands bylaws and satisfy the High Street abutters. "We have only so much jurisdiction," Gerrior said. "This is the best plan we could get."

Such was Saccone's level of dissatisfaction that as the board approved the Order of Conditions for this lot, he said he definitely will file an appeal, which would be with the state DEP.

In other action, the board approved a Certificate of Compliance for the Order of Conditions the panel imposed for the Town of Marion Public Works Department's plan to build a temporary access path for its North Well. Conservation agent Merilee Kelly said the path was needed to access a well with electrical problems. That problem has been fixed but the town requests being able to use the path for other projects for another year. Even as the board endorsed the compliance certificate, Gerrior noted, "So we will see them in the future."

The next Conservation Commission meeting will be January 21 at 7:00 pm, at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

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**Community EMS Service Usage Soars**

*Marion Board of Health*  
**By Sam Bishop**

Chair John B. Howard, MD and Clerk Edward P. Hoffer, MD of the Marion Board of Health met Thursday, January 2 at the Town House conference room. Septic updates were discussed for 79 Wareham, where it was agreed and voted on that the updates were "clear cut" and did not need to be brought back to the board after

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their current revision is complete.

For Chapter 2 housing inspections, a sump pump was not working and there was water in the basement. A correction order was sent to the owner as well as asking to make sure the dehumidifier was plugged in, as it was not. It was also stated Santoro's Pizza on Route 6 is under new management as of January 1 with inspections planned for January 7.

Home-administered flu and covid vaccines are currently available as there has been an increase in cases of both this season.

Since the program was started in August of 2022, the Community EMS visits have increased greatly in number. From August 2022 to December 2022, there were 46 visits, 2023 saw 112 visits, and 2024 saw 314. While many visits are repeats to the same location, 55 different people were serviced last year. Marion is one of sixteen communities in Massachusetts that offers community EMS.

Due to Plymouth County Mosquito Control not doing any spraying this time of year, it was stated anyone living in the county can request up to 10 tires be picked up per-year from their yards for free. Their website is [www.plymouthmosquito.org](http://www.plymouthmosquito.org) and they can be contacted at 781-585-5450.

The meeting was adjourned with a welcome back to Doctor Hoffer from his international medical conference held in Japan.

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The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health will be Thursday, January 16, at 4:30 pm at the Marion Town House Conference Room.

### More Progress Towards Historic District

*Marion Historic District Study Committee*

**By Jeffrey D. Wagner**

The Historic District Study Committee is making significant progress toward its goal of creating a historic district in the village area of town by spring of this year.

The committee met briefly via Zoom on January 2 to plan its next steps. Will Tifft, the chairman of the committee, met with the Planning Board this

week and the state Historic Commission has made recommendations to the draft. That draft will be made available to the public this month.

Meg Steinberg, the Historic Commission liaison to the group, told the study committee on January 15 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at the Benjamin Cushing Community Center.

"It's an open meeting to which the committee has specifically invited all property owners in the proposed district to attend," Steinberg said. "Our consultant, Eric Dray, will give a presentation on the significance of the district and the workings of the proposed design review bylaw."

On February 18 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, also at the Cushing Community Center, a public hearing will be held, says Steinberg.

The committee for the past 18 months has worked on this proposed bylaw, which should go before the annual Town Meeting voters in late spring. The effort started with a survey in which an overwhelming majority of respondents agreed that they wanted a historic district to be formed in town.

In a written release and in her meeting with the Planning Board late last year, Steinberg and other committee members say 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," she wrote in a written release.

In her meeting with the Planning Board, Steinberg said the committee has tried to weigh the property rights of homeowners with the community's desire to preserve the historic character and charm of Marion.

According to a written release, the proposed district includes 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.

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homeowners, which includes the draft bylaw, boundary lines, and frequently asked questions.

Again, the next meeting and presentation from Dray, the district's consultant, will be held on January 15 5:30 pm at the Cushing Center.

### **Lightning Fast**

*Mattapoissett Planning Board*

**By Marilou Newell**

In a brief, 10-minute-long meeting, the Mattapoissett Planning Board convened on Monday, January 6. The meeting was opened and closed with no actions on accessory dwelling units (ADUs) at this time.

Due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day on January 20, the next meeting of the Mattapoissett Planning Board is scheduled for February 3 in the Town Hall conference room.

### **2025 CPA Grant Review Begins**

*Mattapoissett Community Preservation Act Committee*

**By Marilou Newell**

On January 6, the Mattapoissett Community Preservation Act Committee met for the first one-on-one interviews to be held with organizations and groups who have filed for grant consideration.

The members in attendance on this night were Michelle Hughes (elected), Margaret DeMello



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(representing the housing authority), Jim Pierson (elected), Karen Field (Planning Board representative), Bill Hall (recreation Department), and Bob Spooner (representing the Historical Commission). Chairman Chuck McCullough is also an elected member. This group of volunteers manages the CPA grant process including scoring or ranking of applications received to determine if grant money is available and if the grant has met various criterion. As McCullough framed it, “...the town (town meeting), will determine the outcome – our role is to vet the applications.”

Coming before the committee on this night was

Ray Hanks chairman of the newly formed cemetery and monuments committee.

Hanks was seeking \$50,000 for the restoration and preservation of Hammond Cemetery on River Road. He explained and provided visual evidence of the poor and even dangerous condition of the gravestones and surrounding stone wall. Hanks pointed out that the need is immediate and that more and more headstones are lost to the ravishes of time, “...the need is expedient.”

Drilling down through the documents submitted, Hanks said that an opportunity presented itself in the summer to honor those resting in the cemetery with an event memorializing the soldiers interned at Hammond Cemetery by the Sons of the American Revolution.

But questions were raised about the possibility of finding other grants possibly at the federal level. It was also raised that CPA grant monies will be tight for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

In an e-mail sent to all grant applicants by McCullough prior to the commencement of one-on-one interviews he advised, “This year the CPA Committee has been presented with five requests for funds totaling \$250,000. The five requests are seeking historical or open space/recreation funds. The fund balances for the historical and open space/recreation CPA categories now total approximately \$85,000.

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

It was suggested to Hanks that since it appeared the work at rehabilitating the cemetery can’t be completed quickly he might want to break-up the request into pieces that may be easier to manage through completion.



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The committee spent about an hour discussing Hanks' immediate and longer range plans for the cemetery. While all appreciated and agreed work was needed funding the full scope in 2025 might prove difficult. That extended discussion between the CPA and the applicant resulted in trimming the request down to \$40,000.

In a follow-up with McCullough, he shared that the CPA committee will ask Hanks for clarification on several key points such as which is more urgent the stonewall or the headstones, in an effort to better assist the applicant and the town during the annual town meeting.

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**Back From Break**  
*Sports Roundup*  
**By Aiden Comorosky**  
**Hockey**

The Old Rochester Regional High School hockey team played at Greater New Bedford Voc/Tech on January 4 and won 7-1. The win moves them to 2-3, and they will host Dartmouth in the Falmouth Ice Arena on January 16.

**Girls Basketball**

The Bulldogs hosted Dighton-Rehoboth on January 3, and won 50-15. Caroline Brogioli was named the player of the game, as Old Rochester moved to 2-3 on the year. Their next game will be at Greater New Bedford

Voc/Tech on January 10.

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To the Editor:

The Sippican Woman's Club sincerely thanks the five Marion homeowners who graciously opened their homes for the Club's annual Holiday House Tour on December 7.

The Sippican Woman's Club members; sponsors; florists; designers; volunteers, including student volunteers; the Marion Police, DPW, and other Town departments; Tabor Academy and the Beverly Yacht Club all played important roles in bringing this annual event together. We especially thank all those who participated in the Tour. The many attendees walking around town to the homes were a festive sight on a beautiful December day.

We appreciate the publicity and support we have received from our local press; the shops and store that assisted in ticket sales; and the many locations that allowed us to display posters promoting our recent Holiday House Tour.

Because of the generosity of the entire Marion community, the Tour was a big success and will provide scholarships to Marion students seeking higher education.

Sincerely,

Priscilla Bradley, Sippican Woman's Club President

### ORRJH Students of the Month


Silas D. Coellner, Principal of Old Rochester Regional Jr. High School, announces the following Students of the Month for December 2024:  
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- Abigail Grey** of Marion - Dean's List - BS Forensic Science with a Certificate in Criminal Justice

**Matt Congo Community Dinner**

Candlemas is February 2, and it is the traditional midpoint of winter. The secular saying is that half your grain and half your hay should remain on Candlemas Day.

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church will be hosting an Open Table community meal on Friday, **January 31** to brighten up the winter days and mark the midpoint of the season. A delicious meal of spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread and desserts will be served in Reynard Hall. There is no charge, although donations are gratefully accepted. Doors open at 4:30 pm and supper will be served at 5:00 pm. Invite a friend or neighbor. All are welcome.

**Mattapoisett Woman's Club**

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club invites interested new members and local residents to its **January 16** program at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church in Reynard Hall, where Jennifer Smith from the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park will give a fascinating talk about the Park. Established by the US Congress in 1996, the Park commemorates the history of whaling, the working waterfront, and the Underground Railroad in the Greater New Bedford area.

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Come gain new historical knowledge about our area while meeting and socializing with a welcoming group. The public is welcome to attend this program, which will begin at 12:45 pm at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church in Reynard Hall.

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is a civic, social, educational, philanthropic, and community outreach organization. Membership is always open to local women who are interested in the organization's mission and goals. For more information, please contact info@[mattapoisettwomansclub.org](http://mattapoisettwomansclub.org).

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### Sippican Woman's Club

For many the New Year brings on desires to cleanse, refresh, rebuild, and renew - to wipe the slate clean. Cleansing or clearing out is desired for both our minds, bodies and home environment – a fresh start for both our self and our space. On Friday, **January 10**, the Sippican Woman's Club has invited Bethany Gardner, Interior Designer, Artist, and Owner of The Home Studio at the Ropewalk in Mattapoisett to enlighten us on the seven principles of Interior Design. It is those principles that designers consider when assisting clients in redoing a room, a new home or simply advising on selecting a color palate. What are the preliminary steps necessary before beginning a new look. Bethany will inspire us to take the plunge and tell us how to utilize the Seven Principles of Interior Design.

Our meetings are open to guests. Membership is open to any woman whose primary interests are in the Town of Marion. We traditionally meet on the second Friday of the month during the months of September through April at 12:30 pm for social time, accompanied by finger foods, followed by a business meeting at 1:00

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### Mattapoisett Grief Share Support Group

The Lamb of God Christian Church of Mattapoisett will be holding a no-cost Grief Share group meeting at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, Lower Meeting Room on Wednesday, **January 15** from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

This support group is for all who have had a personal loss of a loved one. This group study is moderated by Pastor Mathew (6-year seminary student) using the nationally recognized Grief Share program materials.

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

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**Marion Village Historic District Update**

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

The Preliminary Study Report has been submitted to the Massachusetts Historical Commission for review. It will soon be available locally and will be presented to the

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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) at 465 Mill Street. Our consultant, Eric Dray, will make a presentation on the district's significance and the actual workings of the proposed bylaw. This will be an opportunity for property owners to learn more and have their concerns/questions addressed.

A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, **February 18** at 5:30 pm, also at the Cushing Community Center. Our consultant will again offer his presentation on the historic and architectural 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.

**Rochester Republican Town Committee**

The Rochester Republican Town Committee will hold its next meeting at 6:30 pm on **January 13**, at the Ponderosa Sportsman Club, located on 242 Robinson Rd, Acushnet. The public is invited to attend.

**Marion Republican Town Committee**

The Marion Republican Town Committee will conduct its next monthly meeting on Monday, **January 13** at 7:00 pm at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street, Marion. The public and new members welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

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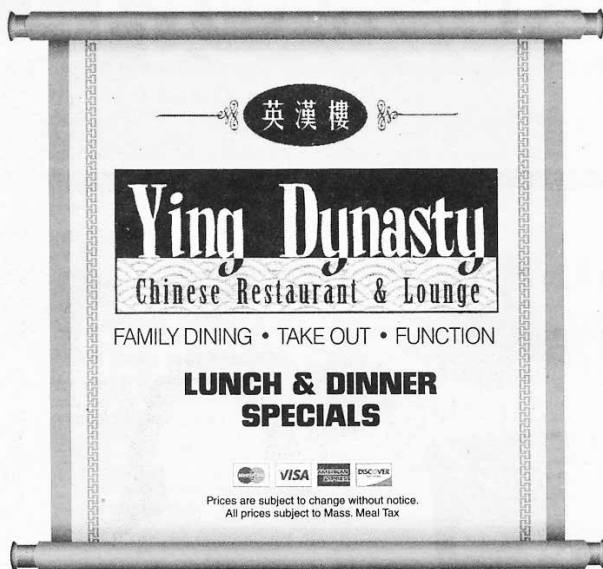
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us at 508-748-1252.

### MLT Welcomes New Operations Manager

Mattapoisett Land Trust (MLT) is pleased to announce that Sarah French Storer is hired as Operations Manager effective January 1st. Sarah replaces Colleen Andrews who served ably as MLT's first paid employee and moved on to a new opportunity in Boston in November 2024. Sarah will manage MLT's community engagement and land stewardship activities as well as assist with all aspects of MLT.

Sarah has lived in Mattapoisett for a good part of the last 20 years and is known to many residents for her occasional service as a shellfish and animal control



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# OBITUARIES



**Nancy Baybutt**, 94, passed away at home in Mattapoisett in the early morning hours of November 27th, 2024. A vibrant, happy woman, part of the greatest generation, there were many chapters in her long adventurous life. Born at home in Newton, MA on Valentine's Day in 1930, she was the third of four children born to Eva (Bea) Dailey and Dr. Hugh Dailey. A veterinarian serving in the cavalry during World War I, he came home and became the first Chief of Staff at the newly built Angell Memorial Animal Hospital in Boston. Nancy grew up amidst all kinds of pets- dogs, cats, birds, guinea pigs, ponies, goats, rhesus monkeys, reptiles, ocelots, and a pet fox. The children were raised on goat's milk from their father's herd. All kept in Newton near what is now Coolidge Corner. Her father died young, in 1937, and she was raised by her widowed, working mother. Although she wanted to go to college, there was only enough money to send her older brother to Vet School. Nancy attended Katie Gibbs after high school and worked as a secretary at Boston Children's Hospital. There she met Richard Baybutt, an engineer also from Newton. They started their family in the Boston area and then moved to Keene, NH where Dick started Baybutt Construction Company and Nancy served as secretary and bookkeeper while raising four children.

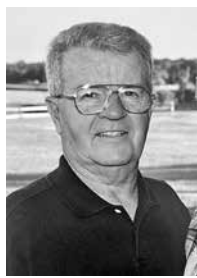
Nancy loved people, pets, and politics. At one point she was leading three Cub Scouts dens, one for each of her three sons, and taught Sunday school at St. James Episcopal Church. Her community involvement also included terms as President of the PTA and the League of Women Voters as well as being a member of the Keene City Council. She moved from local to state politics, becoming a state representative for Keene and Assistant Majority Leader in the NH House. She worked closely with Governor John Sununu as Head of NH Health and Welfare and campaigned with many Presidential candidates when they came through Concord for the first national Primary.

Nancy started raising Golden Retrievers after meeting one on her honeymoon on Martha's Vineyard in 1952. There was always a June litter that her children and grandchildren played with and "puppy piled" before they moved on to a new home. She showed Golden Retrievers for many years and in 1989, "Ducky" was the top Golden in the US and was twice Best of Breed at Westminster. Later, she trained two other hunting breeds, German Shorthaired Pointers and Vizslas before downsizing to Affenpinchers in the 90s. She bred many Affenpincher champions and traveled to dog shows all over the US and Canada as well as England and Costa Rica.

She is survived by her daughter, Susan Spirito (and her husband, Tony) as well as sons John and Timothy (and their wives, Dawn and Kathy) and wife (Mary Lou) of her predeceased son, Frederick. Her grandchildren have great

memories of Christmas ski trips to Stowe, Vermont with Nana and spending part of every summer with her at Holly Woods Beach in Mattapoisett including Emilia (Brooklyn) and the late Evan Spirito, as well as Andy and his wife, Liz (Vail, CO), Tom and his fiancé, Erica (Fitzwilliam, NH), Will and his wife, Heather (Manchester, NH), Bradley, Celia, and Britta (Keene, NH) Baybutt. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews as well as great granddaughter, Charlotte Baybutt, and her last Affenpincher, Jasper.

A Remembrance is planned for next summer in Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com).



**Donald Francis Tucker**, 92, of Fairhaven, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, December 27, 2024. He was predeceased in 2022 by his loving wife of 69 years, Lois Howard Tucker.

He was born in Fairhaven on September 4, 1932, to Claude S. and Catherine (Sullivan) Tucker. Donald lived his entire life in Fairhaven where he and Lois raised their children surrounded by a close extended family and participated actively in the community he loved. He was a deeply religious person and a communicant of St. Mary's Church.

For seven decades their home was filled with cousins, neighbors, and dear friends. In the 1990s Donald published two books about his father's schooner, Coral, to preserve the history of schooner life in New England for future generations and to reflect his enduring love of the sea.

Soon after graduating Fairhaven High School with Lois in 1950, Donald enlisted in the United States Air Force. He was stationed at Dow Air Force Base in Bangor, Maine, and at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage, Alaska, with the 64th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, where he served as staff sergeant. Ever resourceful, Donald bought a Piper Cub to work as a bush pilot while off duty. Donald remained fiercely patriotic throughout his life.

After he and Lois married in 1953, Donald went to work at Davidson's Meat Products of New Bedford. In 1963 he began a long career at New Bedford Gas and Edison Light Company, later Com Electric, where he progressed from appliance salesman to payroll and benefits supervisor before retiring in 1993.

Donald was a 35-year member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary in Fairhaven, Little League coach, Junior Achievement advisor, Red Cross first responder and instructor, Fairhaven town meeting member, and a United Way loaned executive. He also found time to earn an associates degree in 1973.

Donald leaves behind the four loving children he raised with Lois: Ruth E. Comeau and her husband Patrick of

officer as well as a reporter for local papers. She brings a strong background in land conservation and non-profit management, having served as the Land Manager at Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust for 15 years and as a church administrator in New Bedford for five years. Sarah received her B.S. in Wildlife Biology and Management from the University of Rhode Island in 1995.



Sarah's skills are a perfect fit for the growing needs of MLT. President Mike Huguenin says "MLT is fortunate to hire someone with Sarah's deep experience in land conservation to help us continue building our capabilities." And Sarah tells us "I am absolutely delighted to join my hometown's land trust and help

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continue MLT's 50 years of accomplishments." Please join us in welcoming Sarah to MLT.

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**By Connie Eshbach**

This fall I was driving along Rte.202 in Western Massachusetts. It was after the leaves had left the trees

# OBITUARIES

Fairhaven; Francis J. Tucker and his wife Lu-Ann of Wareham; Howard S. Tucker and his wife Kami of Jamestown, North Carolina; and Thomas M. Tucker and his wife Caroline of Mattapoissett. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren; six great grandchildren; a brother-in-law Charles M. Howard of Bowie, Maryland; a sister-in-law Joan Tucker of Fairhaven; and several nieces and nephews. Donald was the youngest brother of the late William Tucker, Helen Davidson, Kathleen "Dolly" Benac, Claude Tucker, Jr., and Francis J. Tucker, killed in action aboard the San Francisco during the Battle of Savo Bay in November, 1942.

Visitation was Sunday, January 5, 2025 at Fairhaven Funeral Home, 117 Main St., Fairhaven. His funeral was held Monday, January 6, 2024 from the funeral home followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Church, Fairhaven. Interment was in St. Anthony's Cemetery, Mattapoissett. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Mary's Church, Fairhaven. For memorial register please visit, [www.hathawayfunerals.com](http://www.hathawayfunerals.com).



**M. Raye (Smith) Sawyer**, 90, formerly of Mattapoissett and Rochester, passed away Saturday December 28, 2024 at The Cottages of Dartmouth Villages. She was the wife of the late Walter Judd Sawyer.

Born in Middleborough, she was the daughter of the late Walter and Katherine (Ferguson) Smith. A graduate of the Katharine Gibbs School, she worked as a secretary in Boston for a time, before becoming a full-time Mom after her marriage. She worked at the polls as an election worker for the Town of Mattapoissett for years and also substituted at the

library at Old Rochester Regional High School when needed.

Raye was a legendary baker of cookies and treats for all occasions, including scores of individually wrapped and customized ginger-bread men at Christmas for relatives, friends and neighbors. She was well-known as the maker of "crunchy noodle beef bake" that was always popular at family gatherings. She was also a prodigious knitter, sewer, quilter and rug braider.

She was predeceased by her husband Walter and her eldest son, Nathaniel Judd Sawyer.

She is survived by her son, Benjamin Alden Sawyer and his wife, Ellen Terry; her grandsons, Patrick Judd Sawyer, Samuel Alden Sawyer, and Robert Maxwell Hammerton; and her daughter-in-law, Catherine (O'Malley) Sawyer (Nat's widow) and her husband, Scott Amorin.

A celebration of her life will be held in the Spring. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoissett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoissett. For online condolence book, please visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com).

**Elizabeth Morse Read**, 73, of Fairhaven died peacefully on Friday December 13, 2024. She was born in New Bedford and lived in New York before settling in Fairhaven. She is survived by her sisters and children. A memorial will be held in private at her residence. Arrangements were by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoissett Home for Funerals.

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#### Thursday January 9, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize  
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
 8:00 AM Cape Conversations  
 8:30 AM For Your Health  
 9:00 AM Rochester Historical Society - Past Pastimes  
 9:30 AM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
 10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
 10:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
 11:00 AM Tri-Town Holiday Events  
 11:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment  
 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 - Doug Crocker  
 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 10, 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 A Conversation With...  
 11:30 AM Cape Conversations  
 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 Paltricast 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/Fairhaven Boys Hockey vs Bishop Stang  
 9:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Dartmouth  
 11:00 PM Sippican Choral Society - Songs of Peace and Hope

#### Saturday January 11, 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 - Doug Crocker  
 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 12, 2025

6:00 AM Health Source

6:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
 7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church  
 8:00 AM Mattapoisset Congregational Church  
 9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester  
 10:00 AM MAC Arts in the Park  
 11:00 AM 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  
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 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 13, 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 Grousbeck Interview  
 5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Speaker Series  
 6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
 6:30 PM ORR/Fairhaven Boys Hockey vs Bishop Stang  
 8:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Dartmouth  
 9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 9:30 PM Building the Future  
 10:00 PM Gay USA  
 11:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band

#### Tuesday January 14, 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 15, 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?  
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 1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
 2:00 PM Pine Meadow Alpaca Farms Animal Education  
 2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday  
 3:00 PM A Conversation With...  
 3:30 PM ORR Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony  
 5:30 PM Beacon Hill Report  
 6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
 6:30 PM The World Fusion Show  
 7:00 PM Let's Talk Business  
 7:30 PM Sippican Historical Speaker Series  
 8:30 PM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert  
 9:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Apponequet  
 11:00 PM ORRHHS Pep Rally

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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  
 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

## ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

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

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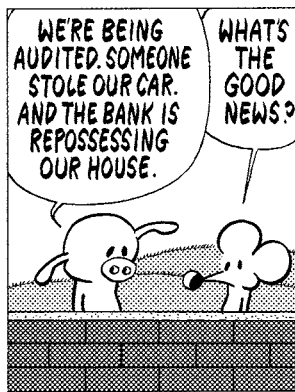
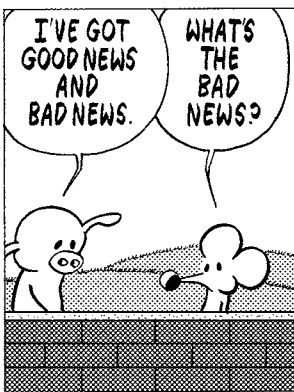
#### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly  
 7:30 AM ORR School Committee  
 9:00 AM Rochester Memorial School Winter Concert  
 10:00 AM Old Hammondsdown Winter Concert  
 12:30 PM Center School Holiday Concert  
 1:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
 2:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Apponequet  
 3:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Apponequet  
 4:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball scrimmage vs Old Colony  
 6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
 7:00 PM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert  
 8:00 PM ORR Winter Concert  
 9:30 PM ORR vs Wareham Powderpuff Football Game  
 11:00 PM ORR Football vs Apponequet

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and the landscape struck me as quite gray and barren, not surprising I suppose for November. Back in Rochester it didn't seem so dreary. I decided as I drove down Mary's Pond Rd. that the green pines and crimson bogs helped alleviate a lot of November's gloom.

As fall has moved into winter, the many large trucks that rumble down our roads during cranberry season have diminished. They take our local berries to various locations for processing. Some go to the Decas facility in Carver while others go to Ocean Spray in Middleboro. Wet



picked cranberries are processed into juice and canned sauce. Dry picked berries are bagged and show up in the grocery store. Here in Rochester, we're lucky to get fresh

picked cranberries straight from the Hartley- Rhodes bog (of TV fame) to Friends Market at Plumb Corner.

One of the most successful innovations in cranberry marketing has been dried sweetened cranberries. First introduced by Ocean Spray as "Craisins", today there are several brands available. The current "Decas Farms" brand relies on 85+ years of cranberry growing to perfect the

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# TRITOWN HAPPENINGS

On New Years Day, hundreds were arrayed at Mattapoisett Town Beach for this year's Mattapoisett Polar Plunge. Since 2013, the beach has seen residents and visitors run into the freezing Atlantic to kick off the new year. The event is held by Keep On Plungin' who, through the selling of baked goods, coffee, and hot chocolate, donate all proceeds of the frigid plunge to local families grappling with the costs of cancer treatment. Photos by Sam Bishop.



These photos and more are available online at [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com)

berries that they dry and sweeten. They even grow a lower sugar berry for their "Lean Crans."

Back to those big cranberry trucks, Duffy Clapp was telling me that when he drove for Hiller's (Hiller's bogs are now owned by the Beaton family), one of his routes was to Maine where he delivered cranberries to be split and frozen to be put into ice cream. Cranberries have certainly come a long way from being seen mostly on the Thanksgiving table.

Fall and cranberry season are now long past, and many bogs are ice covered. If our cold weather continues soon, they'll be enlivened by hockey players and ice skaters.

### 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.

Todd Baptista, renowned author, historian, and concert producer, will transport attendees back in time to the golden age of doo wop. With a special emphasis on the South Coast trends, Todd will share the hitmakers, and enduring legacy of classic doo wop performers. Attendees will be treated to a peek of Baptista's archive, including rare memorabilia, photographs, and fascinating stories, all while enjoying the iconic harmonies of early



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# MOVIE REVIEW

## Old Blood

By Rob Gonsalves  
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**Nosferatu.** Starring Bill Skarsgård and Lily-Rose Depp. Directed by Robert Eggers. Running time: 132 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters.

In his previous films (*The Witch*, *The Lighthouse*, *The Northman*), writer-director Robert Eggers managed to show us strange old worlds — places, realities, ways of living and thinking we hadn't encountered before. His latest, *Nosferatu*, is certainly gorgeous and idiosyncratic — it's far from a bad movie — but here he doesn't really show us a whole lot we haven't seen before. Part of the problem is that this is the third version of *Nosferatu*, which itself, back in 1922, was based on Bram Stoker's *Dracula*, a story that has seen hundreds of film treatments. So there's not much left on the bone for Eggers to chew on, not much fresh or singular he can unveil.

*Nosferatu*, of course, began life when F.W. Murnau wanted to make a *Dracula* film but ended up with an unauthorized version whose character names were Germanized. In all tellings — Murnau's and Werner Herzog's (in 1979) and now Eggers' — the vampiric fiend Count Orlok is more pathetic than seductive, a bringer and signifier of plague, resembling the rats that accompany him. As played by an unrecognizable Bill Skarsgård, Orlok has a bushy mustache and a long near-mohawk of hair, unlike his bald, clean-shaven predecessors. Eggers leans into the military and regal aspects of the monster, and he devises a reason that Orlok is taken with Ellen Hutter (Lily-Rose Depp): As a girl, she put out a call for companionship, and Orlok heard and answered.

Now Ellen is married to Thomas Hutter (Nicholas Hoult), a real estate agent tasked by his boss to sell an old local house to Orlok. Thomas has to go to Orlok's castle, and there he undergoes Orlok's untender attentions while trying to get back to Ellen. Orlok wants to get there, too, and a lot of this *Nosferatu* is locked into the old familiar structure, with Thomas and a crew of guys trying to figure out how to defeat Orlok. About an hour in, Willem Dafoe clocks in as Von Franz, the *Nosferatu* equivalent of Van Helsing, and brings the show some of his pizzazz, which, at that point, the film badly needs, I'm sorry to say. Ralph Ineson is also in fine somber voice as another doctor on the scene, whose mentor was Von Franz. These two actors know how to exist and express in Eggers' rigorous world, having both worked with the auteur



twice before.

The others, well, sometimes they seem to be holding on for dear life, and none of them manage to let their characters blossom. Lily-Rose Depp, for instance, breathes heavily and weeps a lot, cracking under the strain of guilt for the plague she thinks she had a hand in luring to her town. (Yes, Ellen did call out, but it's not her fault *he* got the memo.) She convulses and screams but hardly has a relatable human moment. When Ellen's friend Anna (Emma Corrin) says she's glad to see Ellen acting more herself again, we think, "What 'herself'?" Most of what we've seen of "herself" is this panicky, haunted young woman terrified of what her childhood fancies may have done to her marriage.

Occasionally that intriguing idea (a Victorian-era woman with divided feelings about loving the beast) rears its head, along with others. Eggers is a thoughtful filmmaker and *Nosferatu* has had thought put into it, even if Eggers sets so many plates spinning he can't help dropping some, along with the ideas. Sometimes the movie is a riff on the other *Nosferatus* and their spawn or folklore progenitors, sometimes it's a visual bath (the sound design, too, is often humorously revolting), sometimes it's a statement on how only Beauty can kill the Beast — the men basically only circle the threat in a frenzy and achieve nothing.

In *The Northman*, Eggers didn't stand outside the harsh, toxic-masculine world he took us into; we saw for ourselves how terrible it was without his having to say it. He doesn't stand outside *Nosferatu* either, but he's obligated by the material to do certain things or it stops being *Nosferatu*. So there's a limit to how much he can make it his own other than on a technical level. For me, his best film will probably always be *The Lighthouse*. That film found depth in its characters and their situation, and it felt like Eggers had a lot of fun making it. I didn't detect much fun here. Even Skarsgård just growls and gesticulates. The movie is beautiful but hollow, and I hope Eggers can now put this toy back in the box and dream up fresh weird old times and places to invite us into again.

rhythm and blues.

"I first learned about the South Coast Doo Wop 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.

The Sippican Historical Society was founded in 1963 to foster interest in the history of Marion, encourage 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](http://www.sippicanhistoricalsociety.org)

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# TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



## MARION

### Log highlights Dec 29-Jan 4

- Jenney Ln – Officer wanted
- Cove Cir – Burglar alarm
- Bullivant Farm Rd – EMS/medical
- Rezendes Ter – Suspicious activity
- Dexter Rd – EMS/medical
- Gifford's Corner Rd – Suspicious activity
- Wareham Rd – Parking enforcement
- Spring St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- County Rd – Hunting violation
- Point Rd – Vandalism/past
- Tenth Ave – EMS/medical
- Ryders Ln - Fraud
- Joanne Dr - Disturbance
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Front St – Animal complaint
- Luce Ave – Animal complaint
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted/arrest
- Rebecca Dr – Officer wanted
- Zora Rd – General service
- Ridgewood Ln – General service
- Mill St - Transport
- Converse Rd – General service
- County Rd – Suspicious person
- County Rd – Health/welfare
- Brookhaven Ln – Suspicious MV
- Spring St – Suspicious activity
- Upland Way – General service
- Deer Run Larceny/past

## MATTAPOISETT

### Log highlights Dec 29-Jan 4

- Hi-Ona-Hill Rd – Medical assist
- Brant Beach Ave – Assist citizen
- Pine Rd – Unattended death
- County Rd – MV crash
- Beech Wood Rd – Health/welfare
- Water St - Disturbance
- Goodspeed Island - Disturbance
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Water St – Suspicious MV
- Shaw St – Open door
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- Park St – General service
- Marion Rd – Assist other agency
- Tinkham Hill Rd – General service
- Prospect Rd – Animal control
- Marion Rd – Officer wanted
- Riverside Dr – Health/welfare
- Water St – General service
- Pocohontas Way – Medical alarm
- Prince Snow Cir – 911 call
- Water St – MV violations
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- County Rd – No trespassing
- Pearl St – 911 call
- Acushnet Rd – General service
- North St – MV violations
- Mendell Rd – Suspicious person
- Meadowbrook Ln – Restraining order
- I195 East – MV violations

## ROCHESTER

### Log highlights Dec 29-Jan 4

- Cranberry Hwy – Community policing
- Walnut Plain Rd – Animal control
- Marion Rd – Erratic MV
- Dexter Ln – General services
- New Bedford Rd – Assist other agency
- Springwood Dr – Burglar alarm
- County Rd – Traffic complaint
- Cushman Rd – Animal control
- Walnut Plain Rd - Medical
- Bennett Rd – Larceny
- Neck Rd – Follow up
- Pierce St – General services
- Forbes Rd – Missing person
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Haskell Ridge Rd – Burglar alarm
- New Bedford Rd – General services
- Cranberry Hwy – Burglar alarm
- Annie Way – Animal control
- North Ave – MV collision
- Snipatuit Rd – Road hazard
- Walnut Plain Rd - harassment
- Alley Rd – Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy – Assist other agency
- Cranberry Hwy – MV lockout
- Dexter Ln – Animal control
- Pierce St – Animal control
- Main St – MV collision
- Dexter Ln – Lost party
- Marion Rd – Well-being check

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



# REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

## COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

- Monday, Jan 13:** Pot roast w/brown gravy, mashed sweet potatoes, Cali blend vegetables, wheat bread, applesauce
- Tuesday, Jan 14:** Broccoli cheddar stuffed chicken, mashed potatoes, mixed winter vegetable, Hawaiian roll, vanilla pudding, diet: fruit cup
- Wednesday, Jan 15:** Creamy Cajun shrimp, whole grain pasta, corn w/peppers, wheat bread, cinnamon apples
- Thursday, Jan 16:** Beef w/peppers & onions, white rice, carrots, wheat roll, banana
- Friday, Jan 17:** Roasted chicken thigh, mac & cheese, green peas, wheat roll, chocolate chip cookie, diet: fruit cup

## CENTER SCHOOL

- Monday, Jan 13:** Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, oven baked French fries, BBQ baked beans
- Tuesday, Jan 14:** Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, golden corn, savory gravy, whole grain dinner roll
- Wednesday, Jan 15:** Whole grain French toast sticks, Jones low salt sausage links, cheese stick, maple syrup

- syrup
- Thursday, Jan 16:** Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup
- Friday, Jan 17:** Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

## OLD HAMMONDTOWN

- Monday, Jan 13:** Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, oven baked French fries, BBQ baked beans
- Tuesday, Jan 14:** Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, golden corn, savory gravy, whole grain dinner roll
- Wednesday, Jan 15:** Whole grain French toast sticks, Jones low salt sausage links, cheese stick, maple syrup
- Thursday, Jan 16:** Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup
- Friday, Jan 17:** Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

## OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

- Monday, Jan 13:** Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, oven baked French

- fries, BBQ baked beans
- Tuesday, Jan 14:** Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, golden corn, savory gravy, whole grain dinner roll
- Wednesday, Jan 15:** Whole grain French toast sticks, Jones low salt sausage links, cheese stick, maple syrup
- Thursday, Jan 16:** Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup
- Friday, Jan 17:** Hot buffalo chicken dip served with whole grain tortilla chips, fresh veggie sticks

## ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

- Monday, Jan 13:** Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, oven baked French fries, BBQ baked beans
- Tuesday, Jan 14:** Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, golden corn, savory gravy, whole grain dinner roll
- Wednesday, Jan 15:** Whole grain French toast sticks, Jones low salt sausage links, cheese stick, maple syrup
- Thursday, Jan 16:** Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup

- Friday, Jan 17:** Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

## SIPPICAN SCHOOL

- Monday, Jan 13:** Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, oven baked French fries, BBQ baked beans
- Tuesday, Jan 14:** Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, golden corn, savory gravy, whole grain dinner roll
- Wednesday, Jan 15:** Whole grain French toast sticks, Jones low salt sausage links, cheese stick, maple syrup
- Thursday, Jan 16:** Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup
- Friday, Jan 17:** Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

## OLD COLONY REGIONAL

- Monday, Jan 13:** Build a burrito bowl
- Tuesday, Jan 14:** Calzone & fries
- Wednesday, Jan 15:** Chicken parmesan & spaghetti
- Thursday, Jan 16:** Scrambled eggs, tater tots & pancakes
- Friday, Jan 17:** Assorted pizza

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.

### **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.

### **Mattapoisett Bible Study Group**

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

## **Tri-Town Fantasy Football 2024 Results**

The Tri-Town Fantasy Football League finished it's 22nd consecutive season. The results are:

- 1. Joe Gracia (Champion)**
- 2. Colin Cabral**
- 3. Chris Podrecca**
- 4. John Shockro**
- 5. Matt Schuyler**
- 6. Chris Bobola**
- 7. Tyler Middleton**
- 8. Owen Fogarty**
- 9. Jon Howard**
- 10. Bret Risdal**
- 11. Bob Manning**
- 12. Dana Sell**

## **Groundhog Cover Contest**

*The Wanderer* is once again holding our Groundhog Day Cover Contest. The winner's artwork will appear on the cover of our January 30 issue. The winner will also receive a cash prize of \$100!



Create an original work of art to be displayed on the cover of *The Wanderer*. Anything that can be displayed on the cover is acceptable, photos, drawings, paintings, etc.

Entries are due in The Wanderer office, 55 County Road, Mattapoisett by noon on January 20.

Remember, all artwork should be tall to best fit on our cover.

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](http://www.wanderer.com)

Voting will start on January 22 and end on January 28. To vote, visit our web page at: [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com). The winner will be on the cover of our January 30th edition.



# Super Crossword

## CATCHING SOME WAVES

### ACROSS

- 1 Biblical boat of refuge
- 9 1971 Best Actor winner Gene
- 16 Sewing line
- 20 Classroom instructor, in Aussie lingo
- 21 Long South American river
- 22 Toothpaste container
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 25 Said aloud
- 26 Sleekly designed
- 27 Muscles to crunch
- 28 Persona non —
- 29 Riddle, part 2
- 37 Special multi-book packages
- 38 Cyberauction site
- 39 Botching, with "up"
- 40 Travis of country music
- 41 Thick slice
- 43 Stare
- 44 Go gray, say
- 45 Riddle, part 3
- 51 Hall-of-Fame Giant Mel
- 52 Debt slips

- 53 "Exodus" novelist Leon
- 54 Toe the line
- 58 Actress Liu
- 60 Angelina of Hollywood
- 62 Spiny lizard
- 64 Riddle, part 4
- 70 Third-place medal metal
- 71 24 in a day
- 72 Vid shooters
- 73 Ship out, e.g.
- 74 Menageries
- 75 Eerie sign
- 77 Celtics' org.
- 80 Riddle, part 5
- 87 Innuendo queen West
- 90 Not common
- 91 Sgt. and cpl.
- 92 "Serpico" director Sidney
- 93 Herb in pasta sauce
- 95 Cruising
- 97 Egg hunt holidays
- 99 End of the riddle
- 103 Oscar-winning Berry
- 104 Prefix with angle or color
- 105 Compel
- 106 "— and the Detectives" (old Disney film)

- 107 Riddle's answer
- 116 Fall lawn tool
- 117 Interweaves of joy
- 118 St. Patrick's Day bar order
- 119 Went quickly
- 120 Store full of playthings
- 121 One of the men waiting for Godot

### DOWN

- 1 Australian state whose capital is Sydney; Abbr.
- 2 Scottish interjection of surprise
- 3 "Eureka!"
- 4 Scorching
- 5 Lawn turf
- 6 Red Sox and Orioles' div.
- 7 Construction bolts
- 8 Actress Knightley
- 9 Tilling tool
- 10 "— longa, vita brevis"
- 11 Buzzy insect
- 12 Having rounded protrusions
- 13 Timid
- 14 Often-injured knee part, for short

- 15 Start to doze
- 16 Birds bringing bundles of joy
- 17 Russia locale
- 18 Easing off
- 19 Hodgepodge
- 24 Sanders' title; Abbr.
- 28 Sticks with pasty stuff
- 29 "— Subsequent Moviefilm" (2020 sequel)
- 30 Have life
- 31 Narrow land strip; Abbr.
- 32 — pot (sinus-clearing apparatus)
- 33 Not fatty
- 34 Eases off
- 35 Union Jack and Old Glory
- 36 Exude slowly
- 37 Vitamin also called riboflavin
- 41 "Disco" guy on "The Simpsons"
- 42 — Angeles
- 43 "Peer Gynt" composer Edvard
- 46 Particular specialty
- 47 Maja painter Francisco
- 48 Quiet spells
- 49 Moistureless
- 50 Track tipsters
- 55 Crotchety cry
- 56 Dir. opposite WSW
- 57 Turkey Day tuber
- 58 Wonder Woman player Carter
- 59 Brand of potato chips
- 60 Knightly fight
- 61 Word of joint ownership
- 62 14th-century Russian ruler called "the Moneybag"
- 63 Tiara stone
- 64 "NCIS" ailer
- 65 State of rage
- 66 Whole bunch
- 67 "— were the days!"
- 68 Seeks the love of
- 69 Cake froster
- 74 Goose eggs
- 75 Egg; Prefix
- 76 Partners of pas
- 77 Big Apple baseballer, for short
- 78 Some Afrikaners
- 79 Early P.M. times, in classifieds
- 81 Want badly
- 82 Pleading tyke's query
- 83 First-class aisle seat on many planes
- 84 Rent- — (temporary wheels)
- 85 "Frozen" queen
- 86 Repeating syllables
- 87 Partners of fathers
- 88 Tourist office handout
- 89 Long, twisty and slippery
- 94 Coagulated
- 95 Main arteries
- 96 Tattletale
- 97 Lawn tools
- 98 Nailed the exam
- 100 Turin's land
- 101 Yes, to Fifi
- 102 Shaw of jazz
- 107 Ready to go
- 108 Rock's Brian
- 109 Zodiac sign
- 110 Sci-fi gift
- 111 It's S. of Leb.
- 112 "— Na Na"
- 113 Evil woman in fairy tales
- 114 "Evil Woman" rock gp.
- 115 Sanders' title; Abbr.

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# SALOME'S STARS

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) The New Year brings challenges that can change many things in your life. You need to be prepared not only to confront them but also to deal with what happens afterward.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You have what it takes to set your goals quite a bit higher this year. Learn what you need to know and put what you learn into your efforts. A partner offers loving support.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) In true Gemini Twin fashion, you're conflicted about a decision you know you'll have to make in this New Year. Best advice: Get the facts before you make any commitment.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A friend offers you an exciting opportunity for this New Year. Although your positive aspects are strong in most respects, caution is advised. Investigate before you invest.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You can make this New Year a roaring success! Start by readjusting your goals to reflect the changes in the economy. Your den-mate offers both wise and loving support.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) The New Year brings new opportunities for change. But you need to be ready to move away from the comfortable status quo to the challenging unknown. It's up to you!

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your most important New Year's resolution should be to work out problems with a family member in order to avoid continuing misunderstandings. Do it soon for both of your sakes.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) The New Year has much to offer the intensely determined Scorpion, who isn't afraid to take on challenges and stay with them until they surrender their rewards.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) You'll have many fine opportunities in this New Year. But be warned: Reject offers of "help." You work best when you're free to be your own creative self.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) The New Year offers changes that you might feel you're not quite ready for. Best advice: Deal with them one step at a time until you've built up your self-confidence.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Travel is a dominant aspect of the New Year. This could mean relocating to another city (or even another country) in connection with your education or career.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) This New Year brings news about a change you've been anticipating. You might have a problem persuading a loved one about your new plans, but they will soon go along with your ideas.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a gift for making people feel safe and protected. You would make an excellent youth counselor.

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### Marion Community Preservation Funding


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

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

### It's Time to Reset Your Health in the New Year

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

What is the 21-Day Reset? The 21-Day Reset is a guided, stress-free program designed to introduce impactful wellness habits that align with "Natural Laws to Live By." Over the course of 21 days, you'll receive one



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email per day filled with small lifestyle shifts that can make a big difference in your overall well-being.

How it works: The program is built to fit seamlessly into your daily life, with no pressure 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.

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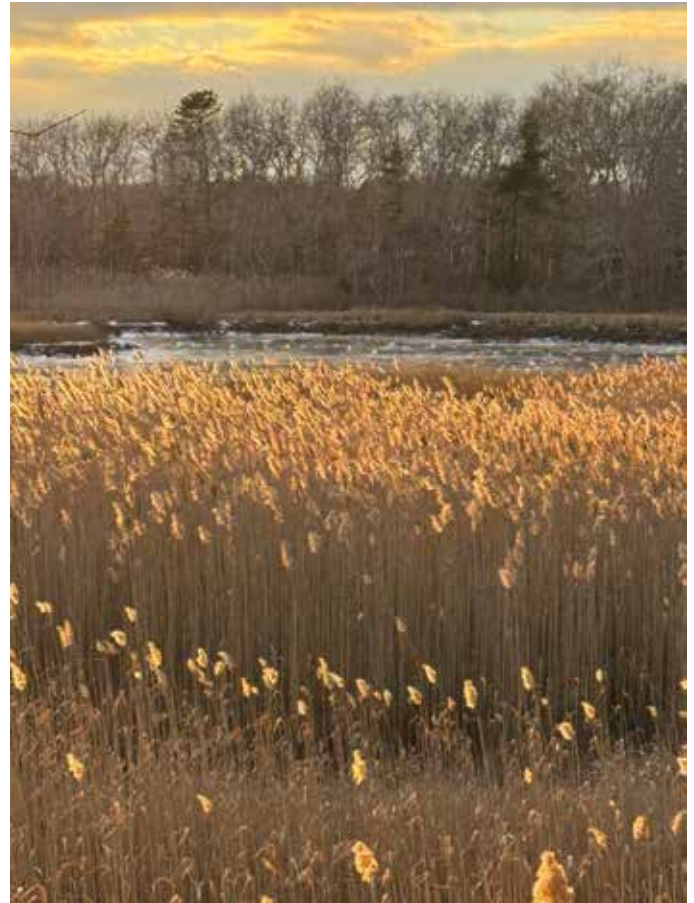


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Event Details:

Date: Saturday, **February 1**

Time: 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Location: Onset Bay Center, Onset, MA

Cost: \$35 per person

Registration: Reserve your spot today and immerse yourself in this transformative experience.

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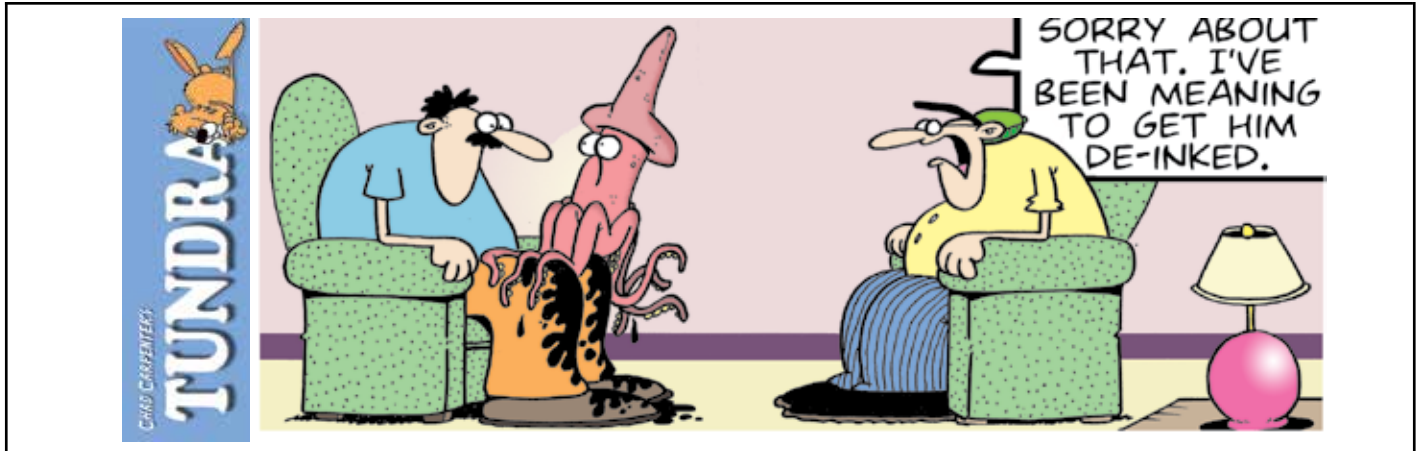
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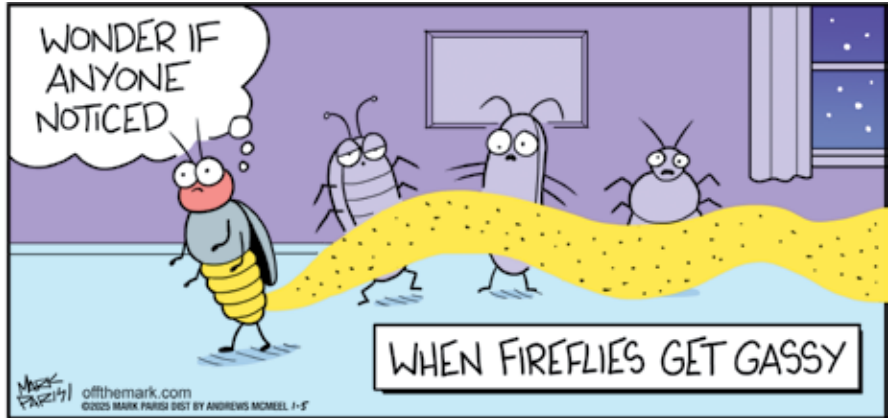
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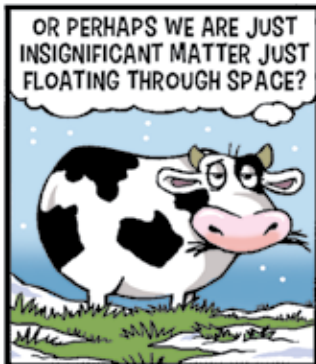
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Register and join us for our in-person wellness event on Saturday, February 1 at the Onset Bay Center here: [marioninstitute.org/sound-healing-and-yoga-event-feb-2025](http://marioninstitute.org/sound-healing-and-yoga-event-feb-2025).

### 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



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**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 & Betina 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

**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)

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

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

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 7:00 pm

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**Just Like Cats & Dogs** by Dave T. Phipps

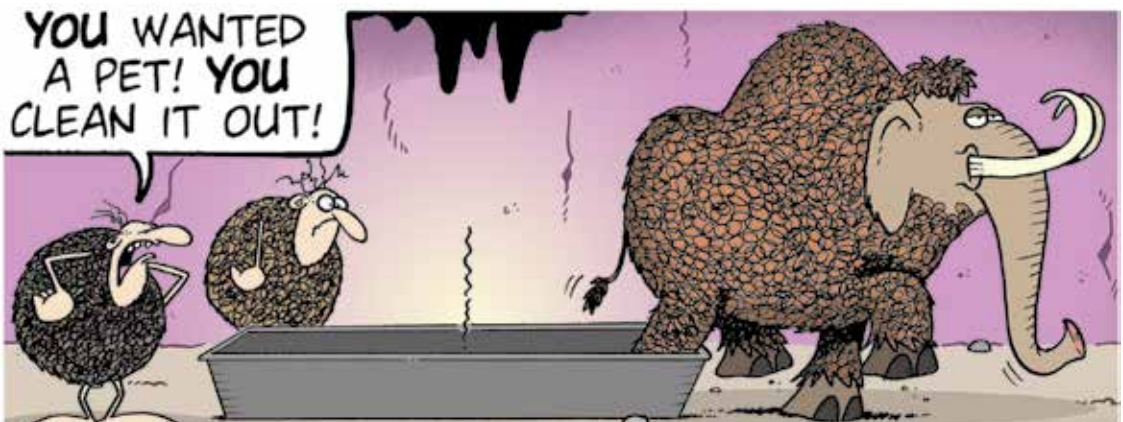


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**NBSO Presents Super Mario vs. Zelda**

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 Marion 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](http://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](http://www.nbsymphony.org) today and find your serenity at the symphony.

**Mattapoissett Library Artist Series**

The Mattapoissett Free Public Library Artist Series presents a collage exhibit by Helen Lozoraitis called "Drawn to Nature" through **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

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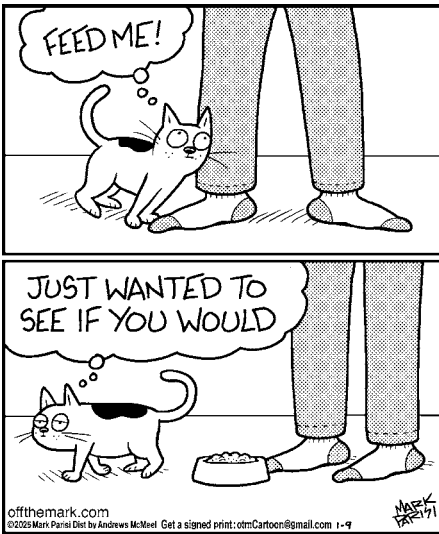
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in the Rochester Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Definitive Subdivision Plan in the Mattapoissett River Valley Watershed filed by T. Varnum Philbrook and Jonathan F. Philbrook, 107 Beach St, Dennis, MA 02630 and depicted on a plan entitled, "Definitive Subdivision Plan in Rochester, Peter Crapo Cartway, Map 38-Lot 31" and dated December 23, 2024 for property located at 386 Snipatuit Road, Rochester, MA 02770 designated as Lot 31 on Assessor's Map 38. The applicant is proposing 3 lots to be divided from a 28-acre tract of land.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, during normal business hours. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84954234919> Meeting ID: 849 5423 4919 Or Call: 1 646 876 9923 Arnold Johnson, Chairman 1/9

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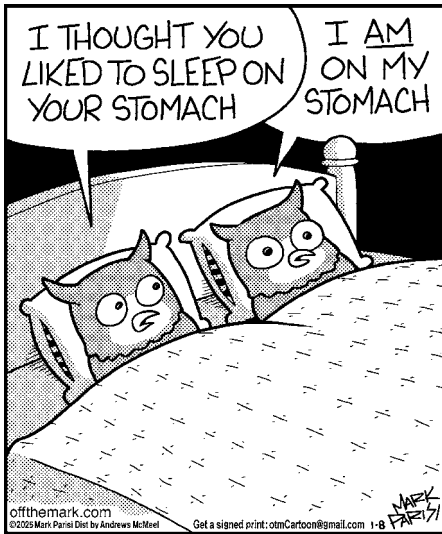
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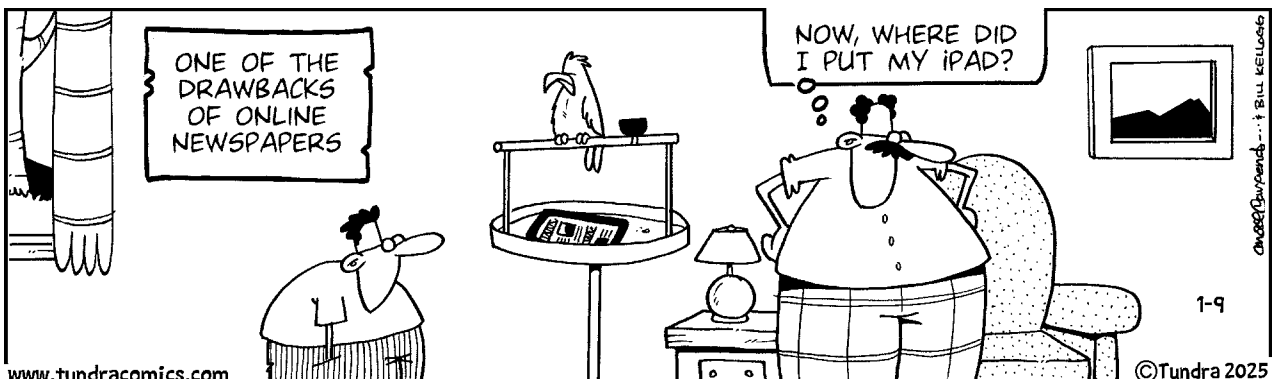
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with stitching on top. Helen sees her collages as small-scale shrines that express respect and appreciation for our fellow species on this planet, as well as deep concern about their welfare in the face of runaway global warming and widespread habitat destruction. The January exhibit is a collection of mixed media collage pieces inspired by many beach walks and woodland hikes on the South Coast of Massachusetts. For years, Helen balanced her artwork and her high-tech career in and around Cambridge, MA. She was a fiber artist in the Sign of the Dove Gallery in the early 2000s, and a founding member of their first year-round store. She was a member of Arlington Center for the Arts, the Cambridge Art Association, and a local art critique group. Helen regularly studied with several Boston-area instructors and also at Snow Farm, the New England Craft Program in Williamsburg, MA. After spending many summers on the Mass. South Coast, she eventually relocated there. Since 2010, her mixed media pieces have been shown in a number of nature-oriented exhibits at several Mass Audubon wildlife sanctuaries and the Audubon Center in PA, as well as in other art venues around Massachusetts. In 2021, she was accepted as an Elected Artist Member of Art League RI. In November 2023, her piece (Dumpster Planet) won the Best in Show award in the "Blue" exhibit at the Cambridge Art Association. For more information, including many photos of her work and a full CV, please visit [www.kitchensyncstudio.com](http://www.kitchensyncstudio.com). You can also find her art and photography @kitchensyncstudio on Instagram.

### Call for works for the Winter Members' Show

The Marion Art Center announces a call for works for the Winter Members' Show opening **January 11** with a reception from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. 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**, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Artists may download and print the consignment agreement ahead of time, found online at [marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit](http://marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit). Anyone wishing to participate who is not yet a member can join online any time at [marionartcenter.org/join](http://marionartcenter.org/join). Please send questions to [info@marionartcenter.org](mailto:info@marionartcenter.org).

### Mattapoisett Grief Share Meeting

The Lamb of God Christian Church of Mattapoisett will be holding no-cost Grief Share group meetings at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library (Lower Meeting Room), Mattapoisett, and in Dartmouth, on

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For more information call (508) 998-6990, or E-Mail: [pastor@lambogodma.org](mailto: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](mailto:sash48@comcast.net) or 508-295-8908 or Connie at [eshbach2@aol.com](mailto:eshbach2@aol.com) or 617-750-2818.

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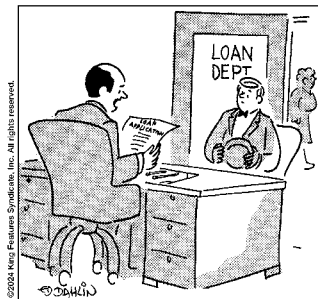
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The Lions International motto is “we serve.” It is one of the largest charitable causes of Lions International includes raising funds for eye research in an effort to end preventable blindness throughout the world, eradicating measles worldwide in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

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

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

### Great Decisions Program

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.

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

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Thank you for your interest in our organization.

### Public Review Period for Revised Electricity Aggregation Plan

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

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

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

On the program website, [MassCEA.com/](http://MassCEA.com/) Marion, you can review both the revised plan and the current plan. You can also watch a short video describing the revised plan and read the DPU Guidelines. The program website has a comment form to provide written comments, or you may email [support\\_ma@goodenergy.com](mailto: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](mailto: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?

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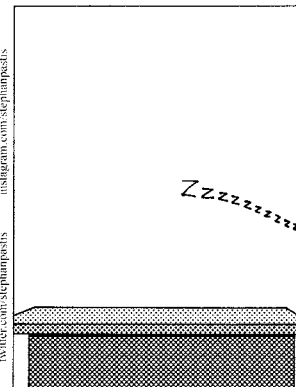
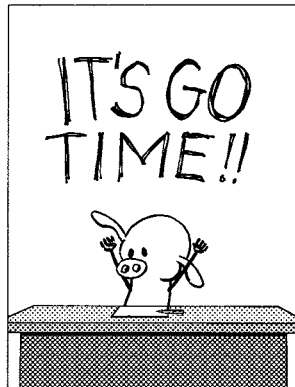
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**PEARLS BEFORE SWINE**  
by Stephan Pastis



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.



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### Mattapoissett Congregational Church

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

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Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Pietrowicz, Nathan Pietrowicz, Kenedi	Wilson, Marc T	Bishop Rd New Lot 2	Rochester	12/18/2024	265,000.00
Nstar, Elec Co Eversource, Energy	Dennis Mahoney & Sons Inc	26r Crystal Spring Rd	Mattapoissett	12/19/2024	1,705,000.00
Merino, Melinda A	Wright, David W TR Wright, William J TR Naomi C Wright IT	52 County Rd	Mattapoissett	12/20/2024	600,000.00
Garner, Brian F Garner, Nancy	Farrington, Brian	13 Gerrish Rd	Rochester	12/20/2024	722,500.00
Manley, Lynne	Plumb Corner LLC	9 Katlyn Cir	Rochester	12/20/2024	702,475.00
Hassman, Michael Hassman, Margaret	Panek, Sandra E Miquelle, Sarah E Est	9 Cove St	Marion	12/20/2024	794,300.00
Whiting, George L Jr Whiting, Cynthia L	Plumb Corner LLC	1 Hayley Cir	Rochester	12/20/2024	666,300.00
Alves, Kathy Lee Alves, Nelson	Guerzoni, Jayne E Guerzoni, Leslie F Guerzoni, Amy Guerzoni, John	245 Wareham Rd	Marion	12/20/2024	305,000.00
Cantwell, Richard L	Oneill, Patricia M Oneill, Brian L	11 Mechanic St	Mattapoissett	12/23/2024	520,000.00



Local Tides					
Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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
Sunday	January 12	6:29	6:50		1:11
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
Monday	January 20	12:09	12:19	5:33	5:41
Tuesday	January 21	12:51	1:00	6:32	6:28
Wednesday	January 22	1:34	1:45	7:45	7:25
Thursday	January 23	2:21	2:39	9:04	8:28
Friday	January 24	3:19	3:43	10:08	9:31
Saturday	January 25	4:22	4:46	10:59	10:27
Sunday	January 26	5:18	5:39	11:44	11:17
Phases of the Moon	Full Moon	January 13th			
	Last Quarter	January 21st			
	New Moon	January 29th			
	First Quarter	February 5th			

**I Found the Aardvark!**

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

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

To enter visit: [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com) and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

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**PUZZLE ANSWERS**

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**SCRAMBLERS**

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2. Regal;
3. Sham;
4. Ardent

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Sudoku Answer

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1	4	5	3	8	2	6	7	9
3	7	6	5	1	9	2	8	4
8	2	9	7	6	4	5	3	1
9	1	7	8	5	6	3	4	2
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off the mark



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