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Communal Victory: Nearly 300 Attend Thanksgiving

ORRJHS Annual Tri-Town Thanksgiving Banquet **By Sam Bishop**

On Sunday, November 23, the 32nd Annual Tri-Town Thanksgiving Banquet was held at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School. The event is planned by the Mattapoisett Council on Aging. The event was open to the nearly 300 seniors of the Tri-Town who attended, about 100 from each town.

ORRJHS students manned the helm, with student-volunteers greeting guests at the door and guiding them to the cafeteria and to seats. Dinner was served shortly after opening statements, with desert being apple pie, a New England fall staple. Finally came the raffle, held every year, with many guests winning ornaments, gift cards, and other goodies.

Sarah Landry, director of the Mattapoisett Council on Aging, said "The event was fantastic! The students were kind, thoughtful and energetic all at once. Everyone was quick to introduce themselves and be as helpful as possible to each and every guest."

4th Annual Davin Food Drive

Davin Alves' 2025 Raffle

By Sam Bishop

Young Davin Alves of Marion is once again organizing and executing a fundraiser aimed at supporting local food banks. His annual initiative, now in its fourth year, has not only brought joy to many families during the festive period, but also highlighted the power of youth-led community service and kindness. The first year Davin hosted a fundraiser, he and the program raised a little over \$900. The second year, they raised over \$3,000, and last year, they raised around \$5,800.

The funds are used to support local food banks and charities. This year United Way of Greater New

On the Cover: Volunteers from Old Rochester Regional Junior High School at this past weekend's Annual Tri-Town Thanksgiving Banquet. The event, organized by the Mattapoisett Councils on Aging, was hosted at ORRJHS on Saturday and was staffed by around 75 students serving a meal to the over 200 seniors. There was also a raffle at the end of the event. Photo courtesy of Sarah Landry

Bedford and Damien's Place Food Pantry in Wareham are the recipient groups. Last year, nearly 38 shopping-carts-worth of food were gathered. With surges towards Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit collections following the recent government shutdown, the demand on local charities is higher than average.

Kathylee Alves, Davin's mom, said: "My son Davin came to my husband and I three years ago and asked us if we could help him come up with an idea to help raise money to help those in need over the holiday season because he didn't want anyone to go without food.



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Together we came up with an idea for a holiday raffle. We purchase items and/or businesses donate items, which we raffle off by selling tickets. Then we post the raffle live on Facebook."

If you would like to learn more about Davin's food drive and raffle, you can visit Kathylee Alves' Facebook page: www.facebook.com/kathylee.alves. Donations are in the form of raffle tickets. Items visible on Kathylee's Facebook page starting December 6 will be raffled off on December 17 at 5:00 pm. One hundred percent of the donations go to the aforementioned charity organizations. Interested sponsors can reach out to Kathylee at 508-951-8272 or brinx1@verizon.net.

What You Need to Know about Influenza

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

First, you should know that influenza is a serious illness, not a bad cold. If someone says they missed work yesterday because they had "a touch of flu," it was not influenza. We get upper respiratory illnesses from a myriad of viruses, and most are annoying but not serious.

Influenza comes with a high fever, bad cough (including possible pneumonia), feeling too weak to do normal activities and the possibility of dying. In the U.S., depending on the influenza strain, between 20,000 and 60,000 adults die of influenza each year. Those at highest risk are the very old and the very young.

Experts are expecting this to be a bad season since it was bad in the southern hemisphere during their May to September flu season, and that usually predicts what we will experience in our November to March season.

Another troubling factor is that there is a new strain circulating, already causing the majority of influenza cases in Britain and Japan, which is not targeted in this year's vaccines. The influenza virus constantly mutates, trying to evade our immune system.

Until we switch to the "just-in-time" production of flu vaccines using mRNA technology, we are going to be using educated guesswork to decide what to put in the vaccines. Some years the experts guess right and other vears, like this one, the virus fools us.

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The national association of cardiologists recently emphasized that flu vaccines prevent hospitalizations and deaths in people with cardiovascular disease.

Number 2: wear a mask when you are indoors in crowded places like theatres or Black Friday stores. Masks are not a panacea but do reduce transmission of respiratory viruses by about 25%.

Number 3: if you are sick and coughing, stay home. Sharing your toys is good. Sharing your viruses is not.

Don't spoil the holiday season by catching or giving influenza.

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



The Pilgrimage

The Seaside Gardener

By Olivia and Laura McLean

Author's Note: I'm sharing this byline with my daughter who is home for the holiday. She offers a fresh view on Thanksgiving.

I've spent the past four Thanksgivings abroad – having moved to London four years ago and Paris two years later. Outside the US, it feels like the harvest season is swiftly fast-tracked to winter wonderland ideations shortly after October. No, not a horn of plenty in sight. Instead, my previous Novembers have launched straight into the respective Anglo/Franco visions of the holiday season, from mince pies and Victorian carolers to vin

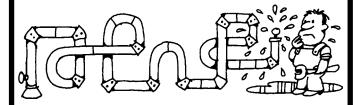


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Abroad, Europeans can be chiding about Thanksgiving, seeing it as Americans having "another excuse to eat." Or sometimes they will confuse it with the Super Bowl. I've been proposed makeshift Thanksgiving celebrations abroad by my various friends and family-inlaw, though the plans gradually dissipate as logistics play in: Why would we organize a big dinner with Christmas just around the corner? Could we just do a chicken instead of a turkey? What the hell is stuffing?

As an expat, I've realized that Thanksgiving is the one holiday I really have missed profoundly. It's the essence of togetherness, whether that be family or friends, and refreshingly free of the commercial trappings and empty wallets bemoaning Christmas day. But aside from the sentimentality that you'd find in a John Candy monologue, Thanksgiving allows the harvest season to persevere just a little longer – a time that feels like it comes all but too quickly. After an inevitable Indian summer ripples into September, apple-picking to trick-ortreating elapses in a fortnight, and what lies beyond for most is the endless grip of the bare-treed and charcoalskied winter.

I arrived back home to Massachusetts yesterday - admiring the enduring foliage and even smiling at the goofy inflatable lawn turkeys on my bleary-eyed jetlagged voyage from Logan airport to home. My mom had gracefully rotated the sinking jack-o-lanterned faces of pumpkins framing the front door to their last patch of robust orange real estate. Her window boxes flashing comforting shades of marigold and amber. Warty, warped gourds adorning tables inside. Autumn is indeed on its last legs, but what a delight to feel it still.

Let me be transparent, Thanksgiving in our household is a far cry from stepping into a Norman Rockwell painting; the inevitable hosting stressors of cooking, cleaning, and universally pleasing a large gathering of individuals with varying tastes, mealtime preferences (and, as the wine flows, politics trickling into the table conversation), it's not without its tensions. But as someone that's missed out on this holiday for several years, I now cherish this last moment of the

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harvest season, autumnal warmth, and admiration of fall's brief yet profound beauty. And I hope this serves as a reminder for you all to cherish it too.

- Contributed by Olivia McLean Who doesn't agree with that assessment of our great American holiday? Thanksgiving is about pulling out all the stops – we want to immerse ourselves in



gastronomic pleasure, and the big meal hits all the zones of discovery – taste, touch, hearing, smelling and seeing.

To this end we will fuss a bit more over the menu, the table and the other indulgences that conjure the big feast. It's excessive I admit, but so is the mirth created in having everyone together. Imagine everyone across our nation enjoying their turkey and feeling the thanks in their hearts pretty much in unison. Yes, Thanksgiving is a delicious big deal steeped in tradition and memories in the making.

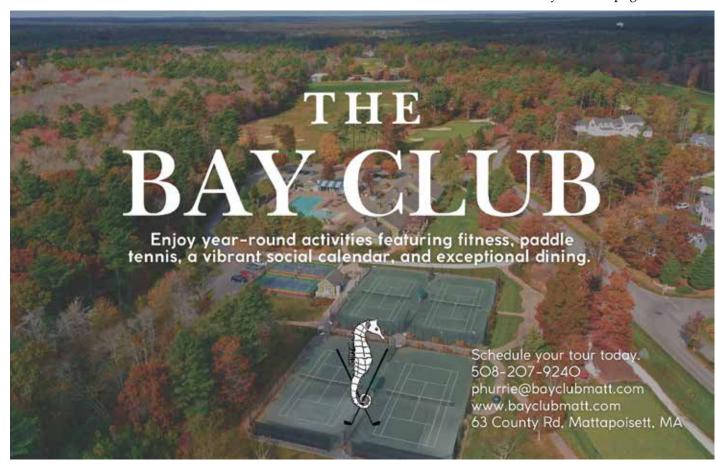


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For us, the beauty of Thanksgiving is having everyone together, and with the expansion of our family it's a little daunting having to prepare two 25-pound birds – yet the tasks do get done! The beauty of it is beyond the preparation and the responsibilities... it is seeing everyone together having a good time, the newest of the guests being my daughter's new husband who hails from France. In addition, we will have representatives not only from his native France, but also Poland, Nepal, Italy, and Americans including the American South... a veritable Thanksgiving League of Nations.

We are fortunate here in Massachusetts to think back to those at the first feast of 1621. This too was no small event but lasted three days with 51 pilgrims and 90





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After harvesting and hunting – akin to our foraging at local supermarkets – they gathered together "...many of the Indians coming amongst us, and among the rest their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the plantation and bestowed on our governor,



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and upon the captain and others..."

Today's Thanksgiving is a mix of many things – the all-important trussed up bird and its complementary dishes; the tossing of the pigskin – whether hometown or NFL; the extravagances of the Macy's Day parade; whatever happens to be your tradition... and the single most important feature: celebrating the true bounty of life and giving thanks.

"Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer." – Maya Angelou

An Early Thanksgiving

This Week in Revolutionary History

By Sam Bishop

This week in Revolutionary War history, let's check up on what was going on 250 years ago in and around the colonial Province of Massachusetts Bay.

Last week, Washington and the Continental Army are struggling with enlistment and re-enlistment. The low morale, low supplies, and lack of confidence over wages are all brewing a potential disaster. Cambridge also received distressing news from Benedict Arnold's column in Quebec, with the Colonel facing disastrously low supplies and desertion. At that same time further west, Major General Richard Montgomery had just captured Montreal, facing little resistance taking the city. Finally, the famous Knox Expedition began, with the "noble train of artillery" soon heading back to Washington.

On November 18, 1775, General George Washington's General Orders for the day initially called for all "Horns of the Bullocks," or steers, to be kept in order to be used as powder horns. Following this, Washington declares that he and the Massachusetts General Court have made the upcoming Thursday, December 23, a day of thanksgiving. He also hopes to earn the favor of God, saying "he would be pleased graciously to continue, to smile upon our endeavors, to restore peace, preserve our rights, and privileges, to the latest posterity; prosper the American arms, preserve and strengthen the harmony of the United Colonies, and avert the calamities of a civil war."

A President George Washington would later



sign the National Thanksgiving Proclamation which made Thursday, November 26, 1789, a day of public thanksgiving and also ensuring the last Thursday of November would continue to be celebrated as such.

On November 19, Washington responds to John Hancock and the Continental Congress' plan to dispatch men to Nova Scotia to cut off British lines of communication and control. The general wards against such plans, asking "whether this is a time to weaken our lines." He also mentions his spies have spotted more British battalions from Ireland arriving in Boston, further cautioning against sending some of his troops north. He speaks of Benedict Arnold's hardships in Canada, saying more troops north would "find it impossible to supply."

The next day, Washington hears from Colonel Arnold who informs the general of his successful crossing of the Saint Lawrence, nearing Montgomery and company in Montreal. Nearing Montreal, he informs Washington he asked the city for supplies and clothes. He says, "I have been obliged to send to Montreal for clothing for my people about 650 in the whole, who are almost naked & in want of every necessary."

On November 21, the General Orders for the day detail three court martials: one for hoarding supplies and two for abandoning their posts. The General says they should "be punished with fifteen lashes each," but is pleased at the military court's ruling, saying "on account of the youth and ignorance of their duty; the







court recommend the prisoners for mercy." The prisoners are pardoned, but the general highlights the rarity of this instance, and as to not inspire others, says "such a crime will not meet with mercy in future."

On November 22, Major General Philip Schuyler writes from Fort Ticonderoga, showing a common talking point is the troop movements in Quebec. He references Arnold's journey north, saying "Whatever may be Colonel Arnold's fate at Quebec, his merit is very great, in marching such a body of troops, thro' a country scarcely trodden by human foot." He is confident in the campaign to Washington, though writings back and forth between him and the other commanders show Quebec is a grueling mission. The temperatures are only dropping.

The following day, Washington's General Orders further focus on winter preparations. As many men enlisted at the start of the year with a year-long contract, December 31 would mark their final day. He instructs his commanders to give re-enlisting men a two-month pay allowance. He also shifts some soldiers around, pulling recruiters who have thus far been ineffective and sending them back to general service.

This also happens to be the general-declared official day of thanksgiving. Considering this was taking place in 1775, it would be about 150 years following the original thanksgiving meal between the Plymouth Pilgrims and Wampanoag with Massasoit over a famous meal. Even in Washington's time, this encounter would be a fabled and well-regarded founding story, at least by the colonists.

Stormwater Bylaw Passes; Water Meters on Hold

Marion Special Fall Town Meeting

By Sam Bishon

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Special Town Meeting was held on Monday, November 24 at 6:45 pm at Sippican School. Of the two articles voted upon, Article S1 passed with an absolute majority and Article S2 was postponed until the next Town Meeting.

Article S1: To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 20 (Zoning) of the Code of Marion by adding



the following article after Article XII: Article XIII – Stormwater Management Bylaw, commonly known as MS4. This article passed, with fewer than five "nay" votes.

Article S2 (Citizens' Petition): To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Marion Water Department, to establish permitting (residential) property owners to install, at their own expense, a secondary meter for outdoor water usage, such as lawn irrigation, gardening, feeding of livestock, swimming pools, or other non-sewer activities. This article was postponed to the next Town Meeting, May 2026.

Into the events of the meeting. Andrew Daniel had a lot of speaking to do on that night. As chair of the Marion Planning Board, he has worked extensively on the MS4 bylaw. He is also the citizen who submitted the Citizens' Petition regarding water meters.

Referring to Article S1 (MS4 bylaw), Daniel said if it were to pass, public hearings with the Planning Board will begin in December. He clarified certain aspects of the bylaw that pertain to roads. He stressed maintenance of preexisting roads wouldn't trigger action or further regulation, but new roads or extensive alteration would. For most requests, Daniel emphasized that most MS4 regulating would be done through the Planning Board with the remaining going through the Building commissioner's office.

After little more than 10 minutes of deliberation, Article S1 passed with few "nays," well over two-thirds

majority voting in favor.

Next was the big event for the night, discussion around Article S2, the Citizens' Petition submitted by Daniel, who stated he was originally inspired to make the petition by doing yard work and then speaking to those in other towns such as Fairhaven. Representatives in other towns told Daniel it was the "right and fair thing to do." He said, "I know in years past it's been talked about, to add a second meter, [but] it's just talked about all the time." He added, "Nothing ever comes of it. The conversation ends up dying. I felt like a Citizen's Petition was a good way to get the conversation going."

Following Daniel, Vice-Chair of the Select Board John Hoagland gave a presentation pertaining to town debt, water and sewer enterprise accounts, and possible effects from widespread second-meter adoption. Hoagland agreed changes should be made but said time and consideration must be taken in order "to implement minimal and fair sewer-rate changes, how to generate sufficient sewer revenues to meet sewer enterprise expenses and debt obligations."

He noted the town has a current Water Department debt of \$7,400,000, with the town paying \$893,000 in principal and interest payments on said debt. He then said, "sewer gets much more interesting," citing the sewer debt of \$25,115,000 with the town paying \$2,000,000 annually on principal and interest payments. The total town debt is \$41,900,000 with an operating



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budget of \$16,000,000. In order to maintain order in this delicate balance, Hoagland and the other Select Board members recommended an indefinite postponement of the article in order for Water and Sewer commissioners (the three Select Board members) to find equitable solutions which also don't lead to the town facing hardship in debt payments.

In their worst-case scenario estimates, Hoagland cited around a 12% revenue loss from secondary-meter proliferation. Before disputing, Daniel, began, "I don't want it to be a screaming match about water prices." He noted all new buildings being required to hook into sewer per the Board of Health, especially focusing on the largescale housing developments in the works.

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Resident Vincent J. Malkoski recommended efforts be bolstered to get everyone on town sewer. Select Board member Norm Hills said efforts are underway to get more on sewer hookup following the Spring Town Meeting.

Resident Jonathan Henry commended making things more fair but didn't support an indefinite postponement. He wanted to keep the conversation going to find a solution.

A motion to cut off debate passed. The vote for indefinite postponement failed with around 10-15 votes in favor, including the Select Board.

Not long after, another resident recommended and put a motion forth to postpone to next Town Meeting, rather than indefinitely, putting a time limit and ensuring urgency for discussion. This motion was quickly seconded by Select Board members.

The motion passed with over a two-thirds majority of voters.

Regardless of anything, this was a productive night for Daniel, who worked extensively on Article S1 as chair of the Planning Board and was the original proposer of the Citizens' Petition, Article S2. He stated he wanted to get the conversation started, and the night surely showed that is the case, as it will continue to the lead up to the next Town Meeting in May of 2026.

Questions over Control Officer Selection

Mattapoisett Select Board & Board of Assessors

By Marilou Newell

The November 19 meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board found the board fielding questions regarding the selection of Luke Mello as the new Animal Control officer.

Earlier in the proceedings when the agenda item... "possible vote to fill the position" was discussed, Town Administrator Mike Lorenco explained the process used to evaluate two candidates vying for the position. That explanation was followed up with a statement released by Lorenco on November 21. It stated, "The town is issuing this statement regarding the hiring process for the natural resource officer position."

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After extensive consideration, the town posted the position when employment terms could not be mutually agreed upon with an internal candidate as outlined during the November 19 meeting of the Select Board. The town followed the Police Department's standard interview process to evaluate applicants.

The interview panel consisted of long-term town employees collectively bringing more than 60 years of service to the community, as well as an external representative from a neighboring community. Two of the town employees on the panel are also residents of Mattapoisett, ensuring both professional and local perspectives were represented. Following the panel's unanimous recommendation, the Select Board moved



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Avoid bending directly over the oven door to lift the turkey. Pull the oven rack out, crouch and use your legs and knees to avoid stress on your low back. Also, have a space ready to put the bird, so you're not awkwardly balancing your 25 pound main attraction while clearing space for it.

When preparing food or washing mountains of dishes, put one foot up on a small step stool. Switch feet occasionally. You can also open a cabinet door and put a foot on the ledge to accomplish the same thing. This puts less stress on your spine while you're standing.

If you're going for a long drive to visit friends or relatives this Thanksgiving, make sure to take a break from driving and get out of your vehicle to stretch. This helps restores normal posture.

The same is true for watching hours of after-dinner football. Get up during commercials and move.

When loading your car for a trip (or from the grocery store), make your bags smaller, lighter loads

Make sure your children have a head rest or a child-sized neck pillow so they don't strain their necks falling asleep in the car. Without support, your child's head can flop forward and sideways which affects their breathing and misaligns vertebrae.

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forward with the appointment, announcing the selection of Mello.

The notice went on to say, "Thomas Gomes is currently a town employee, his existing position has not been eliminated as part of this process. No further comment will be made as the town does not discuss personnel matters beyond the information provided in this release." Gomes has been performing Animal Control duties.

In other business, the board held a tax classification public hearing, beginning with Chair of the Board of Assessors Ray Andrews and Administrator of Assessing Mia Robertson. After a presentation, it was decided to maintain a single tax rate, which has historically been in place. It was noted that for fiscal year 2026, there was around \$2,000,000,000 in real property and that the average home price was \$805,000 for a single-family home with an average tax bill of \$8,000. New growth stood at \$46,000,000.

An update from Charles Engineering regarding Long Wharf was on the agenda. The report stated that the firm has been working on securing permits from various agencies. Select Board member Tyler Macallister asked when construction might begin, given that the project has been on the drawing board since 2012. The board was told that that project is in the design phase and that cost estimates will follow after design is finalized.

Member Jodi Bauer asked how the project will be



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funded. Lorenco said grants will be sought.

The Select Board also approved a variety of licenses, primarily for the sale and consumption of wine and spirits. Lorenco said that inspection of such establishments will take place before licenses are issued.

Visit the town's website for details on the tax rate and economic data at www.mattapoisett.gov/157/Assessors.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9.

Improving Fire Communication System

Marion Finance Committee

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

The Marion Fire Department has trouble contacting personnel around the Front Street area near Route 195 and close to the Rochester town line via County Road. The department requested \$25,309 from the town's Reserve Fund to pay for a communication upgrade. The Marion Finance Committee at its November 19 meeting at the Town Hall Annex requested more information before approving the transfer.

The committee, in fact, spent a good portion of the meeting asking questions about this potential transfer, which would reduce the total amount of Reserve Fund money from \$65,000 to just under \$40,000.

Finance authorities mentioned that this represents almost one-third of what is in the Reserve Fund. They asked questions such as whether or not the repair, which is asking for a transmit combiner, would represent a "Band-Aid" approach to the problem. They also asked how long the department has been using the system and if the capital-improvement account was initially sought out.

Committee members also questioned how long the repair would take.

"It sounds like it does need to get done and does need to get approved, but from a process standpoint we need a real-life example (of what specifically will get fixed and when)," said Finance Committee Chair Sean Healy.

Fire Chief Brian Jackvony filled out a form and described that it was a safety concern, especially considering the department loses contact with personnel in that area.

Healy and fellow Finance Committee members expressed no opposition as long as details are provided. He noted that it speaks to a larger issue, noting that Finance Committee members need more details before approving a funding transfer request in the middle of a fiscal year.

The Finance Committee also completed their liaison assignments, making each member a financial liaison to a department in town.

The committee expressed approval of the first November 24 Town Meeting article, which seeks to update the town's stormwater-management bylaw in line with newer state and federal guidelines.



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The committee made no recommendation on the second article, a Citizens' Petition which asks for a policy that allows homeowners, at their own request, to install a secondary water-metering system for "water usage, such as lawn irrigation, gardening, feeding of livestock, swimming pools, or other non-sewer activities."

Committee members noted that this policy has no financial implications on the town or Finance Committee-related business.

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Marion Marine Resources Commission

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

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in town not in the state database for excise taxes, according to Marion Harbormaster Adam Murphy, who delivered this message to the Marion Marine Resources Commission on November 19 at the Maritime Conference Center.

"We need to do a better job, and we need to send a letter to the boatyards to get the information," Murphy said. "If (information is) not available, no mooring."

Murphy said that private boatyards and yacht clubs have the ability to enter customer information into a database for officials to track. He said some have been resistant to the request, but the town has to enforce it or consider canceling the mooring permit.

"This is a huge problem we have had year after year," he said.

Later on at the November 19 meeting, one MRC member asked about how MRC staff members enforce stickers with no boat permits. He said there are not enough MRC staff members to police it, with sometimes 200 or more boats in the Marion harbor.

Murphy said that accurate information in the database would be a better defense against it. He estimates that the town is only collecting revenue for half the moorings in use.

In other business, Murphy said he is reaching out to the database company for guidance on fees and other financial issues that will help the MRC establish a budget for next fiscal year.







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As discussed at previous meetings this year, the MRC has an ongoing request for a proposal for a formal harbor management plan, requesting the work of a consultant. Late last year, Marion was one of 10 in the state to receive grant funding for such a plan, learning the town would receive \$150,000 toward creating regulations more compliant with the times to promote ecotourism as well as tackle environmental and other issues within a harbor management plan.

The grant was a part of a \$3,200,000 state initiative to promote ecotourism in the state.

In other MRC news, Murphy said that the project to replace the floating docks at Old Landing with new ones is still ongoing. Last July, the MRC received \$13,000 toward this endeavor.

The next meeting of the Marion Marine Resources Commission will be held on Wednesday, December 17, at the Marion Maritime Conference Center.

Bike Path Projects to 2029

Marion Conservation Commission

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

The Marion Conservation Commission expressed more excitement than recommendations at a public hearing for potential environmental impacts of the South Coast Bikeway through Marion.

Project engineers Jeremy Packard and Callie Harper met with the Conservation Commission on



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November 19 in the Police Station's conference room and detailed how the project will have minimal impact on nearby wetlands.

The 3.9-mile proposed path through Marion via Front Street and will also offer parking at Washburn Park and Point Road, totaling around 15 spots, according to Packard.

Packard, who has been working on the project for 10 years, noted that the Marion leg of the project has been curtailed from 12 paved feet to 10 paved feet, maintaining the same elevation and making minimal impacts to wetlands and related buffer zones in accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act.

There will be swales on the shoulder of the path and three infiltration basins.

Packard said that next year, the project will procure all necessary permits and hopes to begin construction in 2027 on this eastern portion of the path. Packard said he expects the Marion section of the path to be open in 2029.

Commissioners had few questions for the project or any potential concerns, other than how it would impact adjacent areas during a 100-year storm event. Packard said there is no specific requirement for that, but construction crew leaders will keep a close eye on weather conditions during the construction phase.

Commissioner Shaun Walsh mentioned that the area is the perfect site to catch Marion's picturesque views. Walsh only questioned why it would take so long for town residents to access the path. Packard said that if enough concerns from the public were to flood the state Department of Transportation, there is a chance that a portion could open up to cyclists and walkers before the projected 2029 opening.

The Conservation Commission plans to conduct a site visit the weekend after Thanksgiving and then plans to make a final decision at its December 3 meeting. The project is part of a larger bike path that has connected a bike path from the Greater Fall River area down to the Cape Cod line, with the hopes of passing through Wareham.

Commissioners also issued approval to several projects within wetlands buffer zones, all of which promised no or very little impact on the environment. One project proposed a walking path on Tucker Lane that will allow the passage of golf carts. That project will include an unpaved path, will not require the removal of trees, and will only look to cut some brush along the way.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, December 3, at 7:00 in the Police Station conference room.

Point Road Residents Weary of Rodents

Marion Board of Health

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

To demolish a home in Marion, one might soon have to get a rodent report before moving forward.

The Marion Board of Health on November 20 met with Zoning Commissioner Robert Grillo after a home was scheduled for demolition on Point Road. According to Point Road residents who appeared at the November 6 meeting, many Point Road homes were infested with rodents after the last home was demolished.

The Board of Health asked Grillo about whether the board could require residents to garner a rodent inspection before a house is razed. He said, per state law, homes need a lead and inspection report before demolished or before a home is occupied. Grillo said the state does not have a regulation about mandatory rodent inspections, but certain communities require one per local board regulations.

"I feel like whatever the board decides, it's good to have it as part of the regulations rather than the policy because then you have teeth," said Grillo, adding that he would be able to withhold a permit until an inspection is conducted.

Grillo and Board of Health members said that some residents are not even aware that their homes are infested with rodents. The board asked Public Health Director Lori Desmarais to look through the regulation so the board could add it to the sanitary code. Grillo also said local boards could also require an asbestos inspection prior to demolition, but Board of Health Chair Albin Johnson said it might be unnecessary given that the state requires it.

In other health board news, the board mentioned that the "Be Safe – Be Seen" program is going well.

The board purchased 400 reflective vests for walkers and joggers who walk or jog at night. Board member Dr. Edward Hoffer mentioned he nearly struck a pedestrian one night and said people should be walking with reflective gear.

Just two weeks later, health officials said only 75 vests were available, with only 25 adult-sized vests available. The board said they will wait and see before buying more.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health is scheduled for Thursday, December 4.

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Author David A. Kelly Visits Old Hammondtown School

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Principal Stephanie Wells are pleased to share that author David A. Kelly visited Old Hammondtown School last week to speak with fourth and fifth graders about writing and creativity.

Kelly, the author of the popular "Ballpark Mysteries" series, spoke candidly about his early frustration with writing and how learning to revise, take feedback and keep trying helped him grow. He shared how his first book took a year to finish and how the initial response from his editor was that it was "terrible."

Kelly told the students that he rewrote the book several times, improving it each draft until it was accepted for publication.



"This visit gave our students a real look at how writing works," said Principal Wells. "Mr. Kelly talked about the effort behind his books and showed our students that strong writing comes from practice, patience, perseverance and a willingness to keep trying."

Kelly donated signed book cards for every student and also gave the school library several books.

"We're so grateful to Reading Specialist, Mrs. Samost, for arranging this author visit and giving our students the chance to hear such an encouraging message about persistence and growth," said Principal Wells. "It perfectly reflects our three Cs: Care, Curiosity, and Compassion. Mr. Kelly cared enough about his goal to keep working at it, stayed curious about how to improve, and showed compassion for himself by not giving up when it was hard."

"We want our students, especially our younger learners, to see themselves as people who can take risks and build their skills with support," said Superintendent Nelson. "Mr. Kelly's message supported that goal. He showed our students that progress comes from sticking with an idea and getting better each time you revise with feedback and support from others."

ORRHS Students Record Memoirs of Sippican Healthcare Residents

For the past 11 years, groups of students from Old Rochester Regional High School have volunteered to sit down and listen to the residents of Sippican Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center, recording their memories and the details of their lives.

The students then get to work, producing polished biographies, eventually presenting physical copies to the nursing home residents for them to keep and pass on to their families, preserving their stories for generations to come.

A group of six students recently completed biographies for several residents of Sippican Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center. The group included four seniors who were drawn from the high school's chapter of the National Honor Society - Linden White, Grace Rousseau, Aiden Cabral and Austin Scully. The group also included Olivia Thompson and Tessa Ripley, two juniors who are working on the nursing home biography project for the second year in a row.

"Watching the students give the residents their reminiscences in a typed booklet form, which the students prepared, was a very emotional moment for both the residents and the students," said Al Caron, a retired English teacher, who helped establish the initiative and continues to facilitate it each year. "I would like to commend these outstanding students who wrote the resident biographies."

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man was then connected with Caron, who was teaching a memoir course at Elizabeth Taber Library in Marion. Caron took notes from the man and made him a memoir.

"The guy loved it, and it all developed from there," Caron said. "Many other residents had stories of their own. But they didn't have a way of typing them."

Caron then contacted the vice principal at Old Rochester Regional High School at the time. Then, a group of student volunteers were sent to collect stories at the nursing home and become amateur biographers.

Now, each year, Caron collaborates with the high school and its chapter of the National Honor Society to provide a group of volunteer students who meet with residents once a week for about a month. During that time, the students get to know the resident, working in pairs as they ask a variety of interview questions to compile their information.

Based on these interviews, students write

biographies for the residents and their families, doing so under the guidance of English teachers Randy Allain







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At the end, the students and project facilitators hold a celebration at Sippican Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center where students deliver the polished, complete biographies to the residents there and their families.

"It's a wonderful program, and we look forward to being a part of it each year," Brunelle said.

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Principal Michael Devoll commended the students for their work on the project, noting how well they represent Old Rochester Regional High School and how much of an impact they're making with an often-overlooked segment of the community.

"We can see how much this means to the Sippican Healthcare residents and their families from all the stories we've heard about our students and their experience with this project," said Principal Devoll. "Thank you to our Old Rochester Regional High School students who volunteer their time to help make a difference in such a special way in the lives of our senior citizens. It's acts of charity like this that make us so proud to be from the Tri-Town community and to be a Bulldog."

"A simple act of listening to someone and hearing their story can mean a lot to someone. I can imagine how much more special it was to be one of those residents whose story was not only heard but reproduced in such a thoughtful way," said Superintendent Nelson. "Thank you to Mr. Allain and Ms. Brunelle, our National Honors Society advisors, and everyone who helped make this possible, including Mr. Caron and Sippican Healthcare. We look forward to our students continuing to impress us with their volunteerism, putting their academic and creative skills to use in such an inspiring way."

ORRHS Celebrates Unified Champion Banner

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson, Principal Michael Devoll, and Athletic Director Chris Carrig are pleased to share that Old Rochester Regional High School celebrated a significant milestone in its Unified Sports programming this week with a banner unveiling and the annual Tri-Town Police game.





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On Tuesday, November 18, the school community gathered for a Unified Pep Rally where Denise Larrabee, Manager of Inclusive Schools for Special Olympics Massachusetts, formally presented ORRHS with its National Banner. The banner recognizes ORRHS as a National Unified Champion School for meeting Special Olympics' highest standards for inclusive sports, leadership, and whole-school engagement.

"ORR is a true leader in the Unified Champion School community, fostering a welcoming and inclusive culture not only through Unified sports, but throughout their clubs, classrooms, and everyday interactions -Bulldog to Bulldog," Larrabee said. "Being named a National Banner School is an extraordinary and welldeserved honor that reflects the dedication of the students, staff, and the entire school community."

The rally included remarks from Special Education Teacher and Unified Coach Emma Fenton, who highlighted how the values of Unified Sports are a part of everyday life at ORRHS.

"Celebrating our National Banner School recognition with a full-school pep rally was the perfect way to honor this achievement," said Fenton. "None of this would be possible without the incredible students and staff who take part in our Unified programs and help create such a truly inclusive, welcoming school community. One of the highlights of the afternoon was Traeh Carrington's speech. His confidence, presence, and

pride in representing our Unified community were truly inspiring and set the tone for the entire event."

The rally concluded with transition student Aveil Ward leading the entire gym in a loud "WE ARE... OR." chant.

Later that afternoon, ORRHS hosted the annual Unified Basketball game against officers from the Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester Police Departments. This community tradition once again drew a packed crowd and raised more than \$4,000 to support ORRHS' Unified Sports programs.

The Tri-Town officers trailed at halftime and called upon Superintendent Nelson and Principal Devoll to lend a hand to the police squad. Despite their efforts,





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ORRHS' Unified athletes prevailed once again, securing the win and unveiling the newly awarded National Banner

"Our fourth annual Police vs. Unified Game was another tremendous success, supported by an ORR community that came out in full force," Fenton said. "Many of the students who packed the pep rally earlier in the day showed up again that night with posters and cheers in hand. This tradition continues to build positive, comfortable relationships between our students and officers from multiple departments, giving our kids trusted adults they know they can turn to when they need support. We are truly grateful for the generosity of each department, and for their willingness to show up, stretch, and hit the court with us."

Superintendent Nelson said the Special Olympics banner reflects who Old Rochester Regional is as a school community.

"Inclusion, respect and partnership define our school communities in Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester," Superintendent Nelson said. "Our Unified athletes, their peer partners and coaches, and our staff show us every day what it means to build a school community where every student is valued. I am so proud of them, and it's an honor to celebrate this achievement with them."

Principal Devoll said ORRHS students have fully embraced Unified programming.

"Our students are the reason ORRHS has become a leader in inclusive education," he said. "The energy at the pep rally and the excitement around the basketball game showed just how committed our entire community is to this work. This National Banner is just another example of that commitment."

Athletic Director Carrig, who serves as the school's Special Olympics liaison, said ORRHS' Unified programming is strong because of the school's partnerships with local police and Special Olympics Massachusetts.

"Our Unified Sports program continues to grow because so many people invest in it - from coaches and students to our police partners and families," he said. "The Tri-Town Police game is one of the best examples of how athletes can bring a community together. We are grateful for their support and thrilled to celebrate this recognition with everyone who helped make it possible."

The police departments enjoy the game as much as the students.

"Our Officers look forward to sharing the court with these incredible student athletes," said Marion Police Chief Richard B. Nighelli. "The energy in that gymnasium is a testament to the positive culture that the school district continues to build and we are honored to stand with them in fostering both inclusion and community."

"Team RPD had an absolutely incredible time at last night's Unified Basketball Game," said Rochester Police Chief Michael A. Assad Jr. "The energy, the smiles, and the pure teamwork on that court remind us why community engagement matters so much. These athletes inspire us with their heart and determination, and we're honored every time we get to cheer them on. We're already looking forward to the next one."

"Unified Sports brings out the best in everyone," said Mattapoisett Police Chief Jason A. King. "We have a very strong Tri-Town partnership, and it's a privilege to stand with ORRHS and take part in this tradition that our department values deeply."

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To the Editor;

The Department of Transportation Public Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 4th, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm at ORR High School Auditorium. This is the Last Chance for residents to ask the experts questions about the Main Street, Water Street, Beacon Street and Marion Road reconstruction plan that is currently on the Town Website for viewing. It is the last time for us, the people who live and love Mattapoisett to speak up about the plan's impacts before it is determined to be put into action. Please attend if you can and read on for further information on submitting your opinions and thoughts.

My research on this new plan tells me that a few of the trees that were scheduled to be removed, have been saved. My analysis of this plan also shows that only 5 new trees are on this plan and furthermore, as we know from a survey of the existing trees, many of the trees that have been saved have questionable life spans after the disturbance of the road is complete. What is missing from this current plan, and all of the plans that have been presented to us, are ideas that show us a new vision, not just a plan which replaces worn underground utilities and drainage while smoothing out the new surface so that cars and trucks will travel faster.

I, and many others in this community, have envisioned a plan for the heart of our Village and Waterfront which will enhance the enjoyment of bicyclists and pedestrians, including the aged and handicapped with their assistive devices, not motor vehicles and snowplows. This can be done in a plan with dramatic changes from those previously and currently proposed. A design with features such as bump-outs for tree plantings and benches which provide shade for the people of the community and are proven to slow traffic.

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It is common practice in DOT projects for the landscape architects and arborists to weigh in after this 25% plan is approved, but in our village with space limitations well beyond the norm for DOT projects, it will be too late to provide the space needed for tree plantings and their ability to thrive and grow and provide many benefits for years in the future. Therefore, our voices must be heard now. Written project inquiries, statements and other exhibits regarding this plan may be submitted within 10 business days of this hearing to Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, via email to MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 7550, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, Project File No. 607440.

I urge all who can to attend, view the hearing on the DOT website if you cannot attend, and submit your thoughts within the limited time frame to see that our Village of the future is the village you hope it will be. Sandra Hering

To the Editor

December 4, 6:30 pm at ORR is the time and place for a public hearing about the Main Street Water Street DoT project. We are at a very important milestone in a very lengthy process. It's too bad a road reconstruction committee was not formed to help the Town work through details. Staying engaged as stewards of our Town roads is as important as being stewards of tax dollars. Please go. Please show your concern for and commitment to a plan that includes traffic calming and shade trees.

It will also be good to hear and see more about the plans for the culvert near the beach parking lot, utility upgrades, boat hauling, and all the future costs (including construction phasing) incurred by the Town to see this through to the end.

I hope there will be a large turnout because, in addition to resources and engineering knowledge, good stewardship requires resident involvement and common sense.

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St. Gabriel's Annual Christmas Fair Returns

St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church is thrilled to announce the return of its Annual Christmas Fair on Sunday, **December 14**, running from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Back by popular demand and expanded for 2025, this year's fair promises to be bigger and better than ever.

With 25 talented local artisans, visitors will discover a unique selection of handcrafted gifts, holiday décor, artwork, jewelry, specialty foods, and one-of-akind treasures - perfect for checking off your Christmas shopping list while supporting small, local businesses.

The festive fun doesn't stop there. Guests can enjoy hot breakfast and a delicious homemade lunch, plus an irresistible assortment of baked goods and sweet treats available throughout the day.

And new this year - bring your family and strike a pose with our very special surprise guest who will be visiting the fair for photos.

The event also coincides with the town's beloved Marion Stroll, making St. Gabriel's a perfect stop as you enjoy a full day of holiday cheer in our community.

Join us for a joyful, family-friendly celebration of the season - shop, eat, mingle, and support a wonderful local tradition.

Marion Natural History Museum

Marion Natural History Museum is hosting Marine animals of our coastline, Friday **December 12** from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Marion Natural History Museum, 8 Spring Street, Marion.

Join Carol "Krill" Carson for an informative presentation on the unique marine wildlife that can be found off the shores of Cape Cod and southeastern Massachusetts. Krill is a marine biologist who has been rescuing and researching marine wildlife in the New England area since 1980. Hear about the humpback whales, gray seals, ocean sunfish, basking sharks, great whites, sea turtles and the other species that come to feed and raise their young in the waters off Cape Cod.

Krill is the founder and president of New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance (NECWA), an all-volunteer nonprofit based in southeastern MA. "Every Animal Counts" is NECWA's motto. NECWA responds to any distressed and stranded marine wildlife on our beaches but specializes in marine wildlife that are not taken care of by other organizations in the area. To learn more about NECWA, go to www.necwa.org.

To register please go to the museum's website: www.marionmuseum.org. Suggested \$10.00 donation to the museum is much appreciated.

Machacam Club

The next meeting of the Machacam Club is scheduled for Wednesday, **December 3**. We meet at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social time begins at 5:00 pm followed by dinner at 6:00 pm. Our speaker

will be introduced at 6:40 pm. Chef Colby is planning another satisfying meal. Callers, please send your counts by 9:00 pm Monday, December 1. Please submit inquiries to cwmccullough@comcast.net.

"Holiday By The Sea" House Tour

The Sippican Woman's Club invites the community to celebrate the magic of the season at the 35th Annual Holiday By The Sea House Tour on Saturday, **December 13**, a beloved tradition that transforms Marion into a festive wonderland.

This year's Holiday Spectacular showcases five beautifully decorated homes throughout our historic seaside village and community, each offering its own charm, story, and seasonal inspiration. As part of the Tour, guests will enjoy two cherished signature experiences:

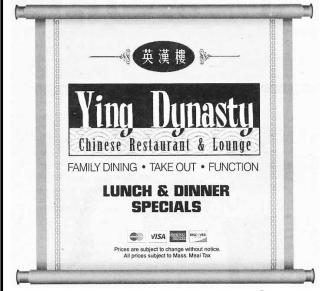
-The Enchanting Sugarplum Fairy Tea at Tabor Academy - a delightful stop filled with sweets, sparkle, and holiday whimsy.

-Warm After-Hours Gathering at the Beverly Yacht Club - a cozy celebration overlooking the waterfront, brimming with holiday cheer.

The Tour begins at Handy's Tavern, 152 Front Street at 10:00 am, where ticketholders will receive their programs and maps for the day.

A treasured community fundraiser, the Holiday By The Sea House Tour proudly supports the Sippican Woman's Club Scholarship Program, which has awarded





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over \$500,000 to local students. Proceeds also benefit many nonprofit organizations and community initiatives throughout Marion and our local region. Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door.

As the festivities continue, the community is warmly invited to visit Handy's Tavern during the Marion Holiday Stroll on Sunday, where the Sippican Woman's Club will be offering warm Wassail and welcoming neighbors into the historic tavern.

For more information, updates, or advanced ticket links, please visit the Sippican Woman's Club website www.SippicanWomansClub.org or follow us on social media.

Scholarship Wreath Sale

The ladies of the Rochester Women's Club will be having their annual Scholarship Holiday wreath sale on Saturday, **December 6** from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The club house is located at 37 Marion Road, Route 105 in Rochester. Our beautifully hand-crafted wreaths are only \$25.00. Your donation goes directly to the Women's Club Scholarship Fund. Each year the club gives three \$1,000.00 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who reside in the town of Rochester.

This year the wreaths will be decorated not only with great love but within the themes of re-purpose, vintage and nature. Keeping in mind less waste and the natural things you might find in your back yard or at the seashore.

The Rochester Women's Club would like to publicly thank Polly and Max Lawrence and Sunnynook Farm for their constant support of the club and our scholarship fundraising.

The club meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm from September thru May.

Marsha Hartley 508-322-0998 for club information.

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8:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie
Burr and Brooke Johnson
8:30 AM Sippican Historical Society
Oral History - Joanna Makepeace
Bennett and Christopher Makepeace
8:30 AM Mattapoisett Woman's Club
Speaker Series - Jack Matthews
10:30 AM Rochester Historical
Society - Cemeteries, Genealogy, &
the Revolutionary War
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 Reeling: The Movie Review Show

2:00 PM The Collective Chat 2:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience

3:00 PM MAC Jazz Jam 4:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Power and Glory

6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx 6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today

7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US 7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe

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10:00 AM Southcoast Matters 11:30 AM Fall Family Fun Day 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking? 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline

1:00 PM Rochester Affordable Housing Inc ADU Presentation 2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre 3:30 PM The Collective Chat 3:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience

3:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson 4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Joanna Makepeace Bennett and Christopher Makepeace 5:00 PM Tri-Town Veterans Day

7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show

8:30 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltrowitz

Events

9:00 PM A Conversation With...
9:30 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
10:00 PM For Your Health
10:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Saturday November 29, 2025 6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival

9:30 AM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Power and Glory 11:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson 11:30 AM Fall Family Fun Day 12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie 2:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review

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7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review

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9:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment 9:30 PM A Conversation with... 10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report 10:30 PM Gay USA 11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday November 30, 2025 7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church

8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church

9:00 AM First Congregational Church

of Rochester 10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church 11:00 AM Tri-Town Veteran's Day Events

11:30 AM AMC Outdoor Journey Fund

12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking? 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline

1:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx 1:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today

2:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US 2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Shift 3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus

on Europe 4:00 PM Miss New Bedford 5:00 PM Putnam Murdock Concert at the Marion Art Center

7:00 PM ORR Boys Soccer vs North Reading 8:30 PM ORR Homecoming Pep

Rally 9:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Power and Glory 11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday December 1, 2025

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7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape

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9:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US 9:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe

10:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Shift 10:30 AM A Conversation With... 11:00 AM For Your Health

11:30 AM Money Matters 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?

12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline 1:00 PM Beacon Hill Report

1:30 PM Southcoast Matters 2:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment 3:00 PM Paltrocast with Darren

3:00 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltrowitz 3:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review

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6:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson 7:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Women's Involvement in the History of Preservation in New England 8:30 PM Marion Natural History

Museum - The Early Life of

Humpback Whales 9:30 PM The Collective Chat 10:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience 10:30 PM AMC Outdoor Journey

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11:00 PM Classic Movie

Tuesday December 2, 2025 7:00 AM Seniorcize 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shane

8:00 AM For Your Health: Stress 8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show

9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment 9:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club 10:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning

10:30 AM The Collective Chat 11:00 AM The Jeannine Hunt Experience

11:30 AM In the Toy Box 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking? 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline

1:00 PM Point Road Park Renaming Ceremony 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 Four Deep Sports Talk 6:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - 100 years of the Herreshoff H-12 8:00 PM The Beacon Hill Report 9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show 10:00 PM Gay USA 11:00 PM Classic Movie

Wednesday December 3, 2025 7:00 AM Seniorcize 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good

Shape
8:00 AM Cape Conversations
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
10:30 AM Paltrocast with Darren
Paltrowitz

11:00 AM Mattapoisett

Congregational Church
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with
Coastline

1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV 2:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson 2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday 3:00 PM A Conversation With... 3:30 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs

Fairhaven 5:30 PM Beacon Hill Report 6:00 PM Building the Future 6:30 PM Pete on the Street

7:00 PM World Fusion Show 7:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Power and Glory 9:00 PM Teach your Home Energy Costs! With David Green

10:30 PM Mattapoisett Women's Club Speaker Series - Jack Matthews 11:00 PM Classic Movies

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7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen 8:00 AM Marion Town Meeting Warrant Review 9:00 AM Marion Planning Board 10:00 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals

12:00 PM Marrion Affordable Housing 1:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission 3:00 PM ORR Joint School

Committee
4:30 PM Marion School Committee
5:00 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
5:30 PM Marion Marine Resources
6:30 PM Marion Finance Committee

8:00 PM Marion Board of Health 9:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission

Commission 11:30 PM Marion Water and Sewer

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of Appeals

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Commission 10:00 PM Rochester Planning Board 11:30 PM Rochester School Committee

EDUCATION CHANNEL Comcast Channel 8 Verizon Channel 37 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly 7:30 AM ORRJHS Winter Concert 9:00 AM Bulldog Sports 9:30 AM ORRJHS Drama 10:30 AM RMS Chorus Concert 11:00 AM Old Hammondtown School

11:00 AM Old Hammondtown Scho News Talent Show 12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly 12:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Arlington Catholic

1:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Bourne 3:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball

vs GNBV 4:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Bishop Stang 5:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs

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MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 38

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis









Carols service on Sunday, **December 21** at 6:00 pm. Paul Sardinha, their longtime organist, will provide the music. Food and fellowship will follow the service. Everyone is welcome.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

It's always hard to write a Thanksgiving themed historical article. First, Thanksgiving didn't become a national holiday until 1863 when Abraham Lincoln made it one and second, days of thanksgiving in the early colonies were most often spent in church, praying and asking God for something, like the end of a drought or thanking him for rain or some other positive event.

The Pilgrims' feast that is the inspiration for our Thanksgiving was a celebration of finally having a good harvest in their new world. Harvest celebrations were common and most often happened at the end of the growing season in early fall. When they did this, they may not have known that it had long been a yearly ritual for the area Native Americans.

Prior to the arrival of the Europeans, the Wampanoags who inhabited our area were farmers, hunters and gatherers. In the spring, they would move to fields near the coast that they cultivated, growing maize, beans, squash, pumpkins, cucumbers, Jerusalem artichokes and tobacco. Planting them all together in one field had the effect of improving the soil. The corn and beans were planted in the same mounds. This created high yields of crops with harvests of 25-60 bushels on only one or two acres.

Their proximity near the ocean meant they had a plentiful supply of fish and shellfish. In the last days of summer at the end of the growing season, they would have a celebration with food and games, before preparing to move inland for the winter months. Inland areas were more protected from the weather, closer to prey and near their storage pits.

Their last act before moving on was to set fire to their fields and living areas. There were several reasons for this from assuring open fields for farming to keeping pathways from being overgrown. A side effect of the burn was the positive effect that the fire residue had on the soil, enriching it for the next growing cycle.

Unfortunately, the arrival of settlers to Plymouth and surrounding towns disrupted the centuries old way of life of the Native Americans. Unlike the Wampanoags, the English newcomers believed in owning the land and setting up boundary lines and fences which left the original inhabitants who had roamed freely, little to be thankful for.

An FYI to anyone interested in our search for Rochester's Revolutionary veterans is that our how-to packet for the research is now available on the town's website under the Rochester Historical Commission

section. There are also packets at the Plumb Library and the COA.

As an aside, reading over the report of my talk in Mattapoisett on Veteran's Day, it highlighted some of the difficulties in doing the research. Over generations, families reused names and often used what I think of as variations of the same name for multiple children. IN Rochester there was a Nathaniel Haskell, a Nathan Haskell and an Elnathan Haskell and two of them were brothers. It was actually Elnathan who was an aide to Washington and in the painting in the Capitol. Also, Rochester's first birthday celebration was the 200th. Everyone was too busy with the Revolution to celebrate 100 yrs.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Rochester Historical Society News

The last Sunday that the Museum will be open from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm is the 30th, however, it's a good idea to call Sue at 508-295-8908 to make sure there's coverage. After this you can always call Sue or Connie 617-750-2818 to arrange a visit.

We will be at the Plumb Library Holiday Fundraiser from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm on **December 13** with our Rochester clothing and other merchandise, all of which make good Christmas presents. In addition to tees, 3 styles of sweatshirts, hats. books, maps, Rochester tictac-toes and a new item, fleece vests.



OBITUARIES



Thomas M. Ferreira, 82, of Mattapoisett, passed away peacefully on November 15, 2025.

Born on November 30, 1942, Tom was raised in New Bedford, the son of the late Manual B. Ferreira and Mary (Ornellas) Ferreira. He was the devoted husband of Margaret (Rimmer) Ferreira for nearly

60 years.

Tom's childhood in New Bedford was filled with good-natured fun-and the occasional bit of mischief-while his parents worked full-time. He and his lifelong friend Bob shared many adventures, some of which landed them in just enough trouble to become great stories later on. Those early years shaped his easygoing nature and the man he would become.

A proud 1960 graduate of New Bedford High School, Tom went on to attend Cape Cod Community College, where he met Margaret and formed friendships that lasted a lifetime.

After marrying in 1966, Tom and Margaret settled back in New Bedford. Tom worked full-time during the day while taking night classes, determined to support his new wife and their growing family. He earned his degree in education from Boston State College and returned to New Bedford High School-this time as an educator-where he discovered his true calling. He dedicated decades to the New Bedford Public School System, guiding and encouraging students as they pursued their goals and carved out their own paths to success.

In 1973, Tom realized his dream of living near the ocean when he and his family moved to Mattapoisett Neck Road. Tireless and hardworking, he provided for his family in every way he could. A skilled handyman, he tackled car repairs, plumbing issues, and carpentry challenges with confidence. After long days at work, he still made time to throw a football in the yard, attend every high school game, and create unforgettable family memories. Summers and winters brought ski trips to Mont Sutton, sailing on Buzzards Bay, and the ongoing adventure of boat upkeep. Tom ran competitively in local road races, loved cooking hearty homemade meals, and appreciated a good red wine shared among family. Family was at the center of everything he did-a gift he passed on to his children and grandchildren.

After a dedicated 40-year career in education, Tom retired and embraced the joy of simply being with family. He celebrated birthdays and holidays in Mattapoisett, traveled to Cape Cod and beyond to watch his grandsons' hockey and soccer games, and explored beaches, mountains, and vine-yards throughout Virginia. He treasured quiet moments at the lake in New Hampshire, afternoons apple picking, restful days in ski lodges, and cheering on the Red Sox, Patriots, Celtics, and Bruins-often with a cold beer in hand in the small, cozy family den crowded with the people he loved most.

Tom is survived by his beloved wife Margaret and

their four children: Mark and his wife Darlene of Winthrop; Jane Connolly of Sandwich; Kristen Ferreira of New Bedford; and Matthew and his wife Marisa of Richmond, Virginia. He was the proud and loving grandfather of seven grandchildren: Patrick, Sean, and Jack Connolly; Meghan Sequin-Ferreira; and Ben, Beau, and Brooke Ferreira. He was predeceased by his son-in-law, Sean Connolly, whose memory remains a cherished part of the family.

His Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, November 24th in St. Anthony's Church, 26 Hammond St. Mattapoisett.

Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Sylvia A. (Hales) Fales, 82, of Mattapoisett died peacefully on November 19, 2025 at the Sacred Heart Home in New Bedford. She was the loving wife of Alan F. Fales, with whom she shared 63 years of marriage.

Known for being playful, joyful, and forever young in spirit, Sylvia lived a

life filled with kindness and generosity. She had an unwavering devotion to her family and a deep love that will be forever missed.

Born in Wareham, daughter of the late Mary (Sylvia) Hales, she lived in Mattapoisett most of her life. She enjoyed growing up on her grandparent's dairy farm and spending time with her many cousins, aunts and uncles.

Sylvia went to Fairhaven High School and was a proud graduate in 1960. She always spoke fondly of her years spent there. She went on to earn a certificate in hairdressing from the Wilford Academy in Boston and was registered with the Massachusetts Board of Hairdressers. Alan built her a mini salon in their home where she enjoyed styling the hair of family and close friends throughout the years.

Before settling back in Massachusetts, Sylvia and Alan spent their first year of marriage in southern California. Knowing they wanted to return home to start a family, they bought a 1962 red Corvette and made the long drive back. The car became their pride and joy, bringing them countless happy memories cruising around town and participating in the local Corvette club.

Sylvia had a bit of a competitive streak. After watching her daughters play in the town summer softball league, she decided to become a coach and dedicated 4 years to the success of the blue team. She was an excellent tennis player as well and was a force to be reckoned with as doubles pair with her close friend Nancy York.

A true social butterfly, Sylvia loved people and could strike up a conversation with anyone. Her warm and friendly nature made her a natural fit for waitressing and she flourished

On December 14 at 1:30 pm we will have our Holiday Organ Concert and Sing Along as well as our Christmas Party. More info later.

Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library

Until December 3, during library hours, the Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library are accepting "gift worthy" donations of books/puzzles/games/DVDs (no textbooks, please).

Gift Basket Raffles are currently on display and tickets are available for purchase.

On the afternoon of **December 4**, our Holiday Book Sale begins. Enjoy light refreshments during our Preview Day while purchasing sale items. Hours are as follows: December 4 from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm, December 5 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and December 6 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The Elizabeth Taber Library is located at 8 Spring Street, Marion. If you have any questions, please call the library at 508-748-1252. Library hours are M/W/F: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, T/Th: 10:00 am to 8:00 pm, Saturday: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Sunday: Closed. All proceeds benefit the library.

Hello from Plumb Library

The holiday season is in full swing and the Friends of the Library are joining in the fun. We invite you to join us from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm Saturday **December** 13 at the Library for the Annual Friends Holiday Fundraiser. We will be auctioning off 12 beautifully curated, themed baskets, as well as a couple of deluxe gift baskets worth over \$100 each. Tickets are on sale beginning December 1, at the Library, priced at 6 for \$10. Deluxe basket tickets will only be sold the day of the

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Holiday Fundraiser and prices may vary. In addition to the auction there will be a Bake Sale Table, and a chance to visit with Santa (bring your phone for a photo.). The Rochester Historical Society will be also be on-hand selling books, shirts, and other local history items. Ticket sales and Historical Society items are cash or check only, the bake sale is by cash donation.

All proceeds from the ticket sales and bake sale benefit the Friends of the Library, the non-profit fundraising arm of the Library. Thanks to the support of the Friends, we are able to provide programs, talks, and events for all ages at Plumb Library, which include things like the Summer Reading Program, author talks, and BookPage magazine. Interested in helping out? Ask us how you can become a member of the Friends of the Library.

Other Upcoming Meetings & Events: Knitting Group 6:30 pm Mondays **December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**; Board of Library Trustees 6 pm Tuesday, **December 3**; Feelings are Friends Storytime (ages 2-5 years) 10:30 am Friday,

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in several local establishments.

She was also a very creative person, something that came naturally to her. Her love of crafting led her through many hobbies over the years, each one reflecting her creative spirit.

After retirement, she and Alan enjoyed spending winters in Florida and took two memorable road trips across the United States. She also cherished her time at their summer cottage at Crescent Beach, hosting Fourth of July parties, soaking up the sun on the deck and collecting beach treasures.

She loved being a grandmother and her time spent with her twin granddaughters was precious to her. Their laughter, their emerging personalities and the moments they shared remained close to her heart.

Survivors include her husband; 2 daughters, Amelia "Amy" Walsh and her husband Sean of Sharon, MA and

Shannan Dowler and her husband, Damion of Chesapeake Beach, MD; and two grandchildren, Addison Dowler and Avery Dowler.

Her funeral service will be held on Saturday, November 29th at 10:00 am in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. Her family will receive guests on Saturday from 9:00 - 10:00 am prior to her service. Burial will follow in St. Anthony's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Friends of the Mattapoisett Council on Aging. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

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Movie Review



Painwatching

By Rob Gonsalves www.robsmovievault.com

Train Dreams. Starring Joel Edgerton and Felicity Jones. Directed by Clint Bentley. Running time: 102 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. Now streaming on Netflix.

What do you do with the rest of your life after you've lost what gave it meaning? Clint Bentley's *Train Dreams*, based on a novella by Denis Johnson, engages with the question but doesn't quite answer it. Maybe nothing could. One answer might be found, if anywhere, at the end of the movie when Nick Cave sings the title song. The lyrics almost don't matter; it's the sound of Cave's voice as much as anything, the sound of a man who has buried two sons and who knows grief intimately. The "story" of *Train Dreams* also doesn't really matter. It's the sound of the wind, the crash of elderly trees brought low, the intimacy with the deepest sadness.

The movie follows Robert Grainier (Joel Edgerton), who makes his harsh living as a logger circa World War I. He meets and eventually marries the love of his life, Gladys (Felicity Jones), who bears him a daughter, Katie. Robert is taken away from home for extended periods by his work, which involves a mystical, guilt-ridden dynamic between men and trees. The encroachment of industrialization has severed the organic thread between man and nature. Trees that were once only used for building homes and keeping warm are now pressed violently into service creating railroads. Occasionally the trees show the men what it means to be felled.

Life sputters on, seeming both rapid (as Robert approaches eighty he witnesses men in space) and cruelly slow (during the starless nights of intolerable quiet). On the job, Robert listens to various fellow loggers like Arn Peeples (William H. Macy, stealing his few scenes), or religious men running from violent pasts; they all ascribe meaning to the work of their lives. Years later, when Robert reunites with another logger who'd said a few words at Arn's passing, the logger seems to have forgotten Arn's fate and possibly even who Arn was. In one of the many wordless highlights in Joel Edgerton's subtly moving performance, Robert just looks at the logger and wonders if he, too, will be forgotten so easily. There were once those who would have remembered him.

It's heartening, I suppose, that Netflix is bringing *Train Dreams* to a wider audience — it's one of their Top



10 offerings at the moment — but the movie deserves to dominate our vision on a big screen, where Adolpho Veloso's idyllic cinematography has room to stretch, to envelop us. A terse but emotionally flowing tale like this needs an IMAX screen more than does the latest \$200 million children's fantasy. Robert's scenes with Gladys and Katie have a stoic good humor. Later, Robert passes some time with another woman he meets (Kerry Condon) but doesn't pursue romance. He can't. That part of him met the ground along with the trees.

The movie echoes the famous Aeschylus quote about grief: "Even in our sleep, pain which cannot forget falls drop by drop upon the heart until, in our own despair, against our will, comes wisdom through the awful grace of God." *Train Dreams* understands and lives inside those words, coupled with Nick Cave's: "Crazy dreams that go on for hours/And I can't begin to tell you how that feels." The film may sound like a high-toned bummer, but there's a surplus of pleasure in its visual beauty, in its underplaying, in the hushed but firm way it takes the measure of the intractable facts of the world. The dreams are Robert's way of keeping the past alive while blocking out the present.

Clifton Collins Jr., who starred in Bentley's 2021 feature debut Jockey, appears briefly here as a dying man the boy Robert brings a drink of water. That moment of kindness eludes the older Robert's memory, whereas he can't stop being haunted by the figurative ghost of a Chinese railroad worker whose murder by co-workers he witnessed (in the novella, Robert has a more direct role in this event; it's more ambiguous in the film). So Robert doesn't feel he deserves comfort (he breaks down once in front of an indigenous friend and keeps apologizing for it), and those seeking a maximalist reading of the movie may conclude that Robert is America, or at least signifies what the demands of a growing country did to men like him and those they cared about. Or maybe it's just the story of a man who gains wisdom through the awful grace of God.

December 5; Writers Group 6:30 pm Thursday, **December 18**; Books & Babble Book club 6:30 pm Monday, **December 29**. Please note: The COA Book Group will not be meeting in December.

More information and links for registration can be found on the Events Calendar on our website www. plumblibrary.com. Want to stay up-to-date on Library happenings? Ask to be added to our monthly Newsletter email list, check out our online Events Calendar, or "like and follow" us on Facebook and Instagram.

Library hours: Monday/Thursday 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Tuesday/Wednesday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm; closed Sundays and Holidays. Contact us: call 508-763-8600 or email at info@plumblibrary.com during regular hours.

Holiday Hours: The Library will be open from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve; we will be closed all day Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

The library will be closed at 12:00 pm noon on Wednesday, November 26, and closed all day on Thursday and Friday November 27 and 28, in celebration of Thanksgiving.

Drop off gently used books, puzzles, and games for the Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library's Donation Days, through December 3. Please make sure all materials are in sellable condition. Check out our Holiday Raffle Baskets and shop our Holiday Book Sale to benefit the library starting Thursday, December 4 at 2:00 pm, and continuing through Saturday, December 6.

Join Miss Macy for two exciting Saturday programs on Saturday, **December 6** at 11:00 am we have Saturday storytime for ages 0-5. This engaging storytime includes songs, rhymes, movement activities, and stories - of course. Then, kids ages 3+ and their grownups can drop by anytime between 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm to celebrate the December full moon, the cold moon, at our full moon party. We'll sip hot chocolate and create cozy crafts.

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library visit us at www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org or email the library at ETLibrary@sailsinc.org. 8 Spring Street Marion, MA 02738. 508-748-1252.

Good Shepherd's Christmas Fair

The Church of the Good Shepherd will be holding



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its annual Christmas Fair in their Parish Hall on Saturday, **December 6** from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at 74 High Street, Wareham. Favorites will include crafts, gift baskets, jewelry and scarves, raffles, gently used Christmas decor, spice table, and baked goods. All items for sale are either handmade, home-baked or recycled by Good Shepherd parishioners. Please join us for this festive holiday tradition at the Good Shepherd, a "Good" & Green" Church. For more information, please call 508-295-2840.

Bourne Wareham Art Association

On **November 26**, the Bourne Wareham Art Association will open their annual Winter Show and Sale at the Wareham Free Library, located at 59 Marion Road,



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The exhibit is open during regular library hours, from November 26, through January 2.

Church of the Good Shepherd Weekly Free Meal

The Good Shepherd's Table at the Church of the Good Shepherd on 74 High St. in Wareham serves a free in-person meal, which is open to the public, every Thursday at 4:30 pm. All are welcome to the church's dining hall- come as you are and enjoy free dining and fellowship. The December menu is December 4, Baked Chicken Dinner; December 11, Hot Dogs and Beans Dinner; December 18, Chicken Cacciatore Dinner; December 25 Christmas Day, no meal that night.

ORRHS First Term Honor Roll

The following students have achieved honors for the first term at Old Rochester Regional High School:

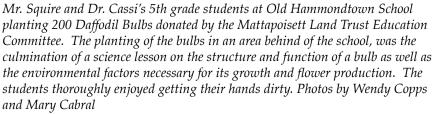
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TRITOWN HAPPENINGS









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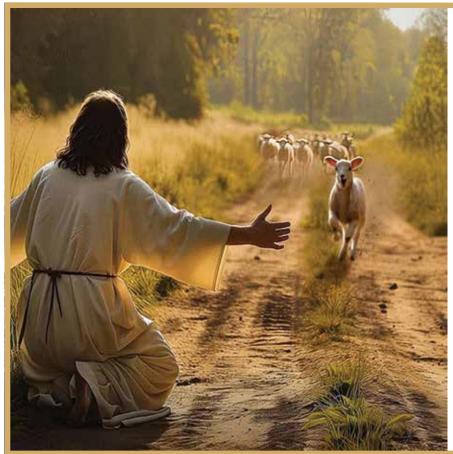


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View from Mattapoisett Town Beach. Photo by Faith Ball



Mattapoisett Woman's Club hosted a lively discussion by Mary Gill, Zeiterion CEO & President, about the \$37 million renovation expected to be completed in 2026. Improved seating, accessibility and the multiuse aspect as a result of this transformation. Members all received 2026 guides to the events at the Z and saw the all-new facade design. Photos by Jennifer Shepley









The Marion Natural History Museum's afterschool group had a fun time learning about the history and biology of cranberries in Massachusetts. Thanks to Pamela Francis of the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers Association the kids had chances to dissect, inspect and bounce their berries to determine whether they were of good quality. Thank you to Pam and the CCCA for a fun and informative program. Photo courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold

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Mattapoisett Food and Toy Drive

The Mattapoisett Lions will be hosting a food and toy drive December 13 in front of Ying Dynasty from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm and from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Shipyard Park during the town tree lighting event. Monetary donations are also encouraged.

All toys will be shuttled over to the Mattapoisett Fire Department. The Lions have collaborated with the Fire Department on this toy drive for many years. All food and monetary donations will be donated to Damian's Pantry. If you want to donate a supermarket gift card, Damian's suggested \$25 increments.

Holiday Luncheon And Cookie Sale

The First Congregational Church of Marion is happy to host its Annual Holiday Luncheon to coincide with the Sippican Women's Club Holiday House Tour. The luncheon takes place on Saturday, **December 13** from



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11:30 am to 1:30 pm. With a price of \$18 per ticket, this event promises to be a delightful stop during the House Tour or an opportunity to enjoy some holiday cheer.

The luncheon features our famous hot chicken salad or soup, dressed greens, bread, beverages, plus cheesecake with topping for dessert. The cost of the luncheon is \$18. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Marion General Store, at Penny Pinchers, online, and will also be available at the door on the day of the event.

Before or after lunch, stop by the Cookie Sale to purchase delicious holiday cookies made by some of the best bakers of the church. These cookies will be offered in beautifully decorated boxes and will make a perfect host or hostess gift or a special treat when company pops in.



TRI-TOWN POLICE

MARION

Log highlights Nov 16 - Nov 22

- Washburn Park Rd Gunshots
- · Bayview Rd Animal bite
- Village Dr EMS/medical
- Front St Paper service
- Delano Rd General service
- Front St Transport
- Mill St MV collision
- Tucker Ln EMS/medical
- Front St Paper service
- Spring St MV collision
- Spring St Fraud
- Creek Rd Smoke investigation
- Main St MV complaint
- Front St EMS/medical
- Mill St Trespassing
- Mill St Officer wanted
- Front St Suspicious MV
- Delano Rd General service
- Cove St EMS/medical
- Delano Rd Road hazard
- South Dr Animal complaint
- Lewis St EMS/medical
- Bullivant Farm Rd EMS/medical
- Mill St General service
- Wareham Rd General services
- Front St MV collision
- Crapo St EMS/medical
- Front St Larceny/past
- Cottage St General service

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Nov 16 - Nov 22

- Acushnet Rd Animal control
- Hammond St General service
- North St MV crash
- County Rd Disturbance
- Angelica Ave General service
- Pearl St Unwanted person
- Aucoot Rd MV violations
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd MV complaint
- Fairhaven Rd Suspicious persons
- Homestead Ct Repossessed MV
- Barstow St Follow up investigation
- County Rd Health/welfare
- Pearl St General service
- Hilton Ave Health/welfare
- Fairhaven Rd Follow up
- Wildwood Terrace Notification
- North St Animal control
- Wildwood Ter General service
- Meadow Ln Medical assist
- Acushnet R d- MV lockout
- Crystal Spring Rd MV violations
- Wolf Island Rd General service
- Wildwood Ter -Medical assist
- Church St Animal control
- Fairhaven Rd Suspicious persons
- Uncas Way Domestic disturbance
- I195 East MV violations
- Uncas Way Assist other agency
- Marion Rd Suspicious MV

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Nov 16 – Nov 22

- Rounseville Rd Disturbance
- Braley Hill Rd Animal control
- Vaughn Hill Rd General services
- Bishop Rd 911 call
- Cranberry Hwy Medical alarm
- Cranberry Hwy Burglar alarm Mattapoisett Rd MV collision
- Rounseville Rd Animal control
- Cushman Rd Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy Disabled MV/towed
- Walnut Plain Rd MV collision
- Dexter Ln General services
- Hartley Rd Medical alarm
- Neck Ád MV stop/citation
- Hartley Rd MV stop/citation
- Snows Pond Rd Animal control
- Pierce St Animal control
- Burgess Ave Outside smoke
- North Ave Assault
- Coombs Rd Suspicious activity
- Burgess Ave Outside fire
- Hartley Rd MV collision
- Snipatuit Rd Medical
- North Ave MV stop/citation
- New Bedford Rd MV stop/citation
- Cushman Rd MV collision
- Cranberry Hwy MV collision
- New Bedford Rd MV stop/citation
- Hartley Rd General services

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



EGIONAL LUNCH MENUS 8

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Dec 1: Broccoli & cheddar stuffed chicken, rice pilaf, mixed root vegetables, cornbread loaf, pear

Tuesday, Dec 2: Braised beef & vegetable, mashed potatoes, vegetable medley, wheat bread, chocolate pudding,

diet: fruit Wednesday, Dec 3: Pulled pork tacos, cilantro lime rice, black beans, corn & peppers, tortilla wrap, orange

Thursday, Dec 4: Diced chicken pot pie w/whole grain biscuit, broccoli,

applesauce Friday, Dec 5: Tuscan white fish, roasted potatoes, Cali blend vegetables, wheat roll, Fig Newton, diet: fruit

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Dec 1: Burger Day - hamburger OR cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, BBQ baked beans, lettuce & tomato, pickle

Tuesday. Dec 2: Cheese guesadillas. brown rice, black bean salad, sour cream Wednesday, Dec 3: Warm egg & cheese croissant, hashbrown patty, orange

Thursday, Dec 4: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic breadstick, steamed

broccoli

Friday, Dec 5: Pizza Day – stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN Monday, Dec 1: Burger Day - hamburger OR cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, BBQ baked beans, lettuce &

tomato, pickle Tuesday, Dec 2: Cheese quesadillas, brown rice, black bean salad, sour cream Wednesday, Dec 3: Warm egg & cheese croissant, hashbrown patty, orange

smiles Thursday, Dec 4: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic breadstick, steamed

broccoli Friday, Dec 5: Pizza Day – stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad,

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Dec 1: Burger Day - hamburger OR cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, BBQ baked beans, lettuce &

Tuesday, Dec 2: Cheese quesadillas,

brown rice, black bean salad, sour cream

Wednesday, Dec 3: Warm egg & cheese

assorted salad dressing

tomato, pickle

croissant, hashbrown patty, orange

Thursday, Dec 4: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic breadstick, steamed

Friday. Dec 5: Munchie Mania Basket crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served with honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Dec 1: Burger Day - hamburger OR cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, BBQ baked beans, lettuce &

tomato, pickle Tuesday, Dec 2: Cheese quesadillas, brown rice, black bean salad, sour cream Wednesday, Dec 3: Warm egg & cheese croissant, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, Dec 4: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic breadstick, steamed broccoli

Friday. Dec 5: Pizza Day - stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Dec 1: Burger Day - hamburger OR cheeseburger, oven baked potato

wedges, BBQ baked beans, lettuce & tomato, pickle

Tuesday. Dec 2: Cheese guesadillas. brown rice, black bean salad, sour cream Wednesday, Dec 3: Warm egg & cheese croissant, hashbrown patty, orange

smiles Thursday, Dec 4: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic breadstick, steamed

broccoli Friday, Dec 5: Pizza Day – stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL Monday, Dec 1: Crispy chicken bowl w/ mashed potato, corn, gravy & dinner roll OR Shepherd's pie & dinner roll

Tuesday, Dec 2: Sloppy Joe, baked beans & fries Wednesday, Dec 3: School lunch

passport: flavors of fun Wednesday Thursday. Dec 4: Loaded buffalo chicken tater tots OR shredded buffalo chicken sandwich & tater tots w/carrot

sticks Friday, Dec 5: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

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The Holiday Luncheon and Cookie Sale will be held on the second floor of The First Congregational Church Community Center, 144 Front Street, Marion. This building, equipped with a stairlift, is located at the rear of the Marion General Store parking lot. Parking is available at the back right of the lot, plus there is additional parking at Island Wharf.

Come, bring your friends, and enjoy.

MWC Holiday Greens Sale

The sixth Annual Mattapoisett Woman's Club Holiday Greens Sale will be held on Saturday, **December 6** at the "What the Taco" porch & parking lot on Route 6 in Mattapoisett, from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm, or until items are sold out. In past years, all items have sold out in a couple of hours or less, so plan to shop early.

This year's sale will once again feature elegant, one-of-a-kind designs in the form of decorated fresh wreaths, swags, centerpieces, and 2025 Christmas ornaments, all beautifully handcrafted by the talented women of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club. Bundled evergreens and holly branches will also be available for purchase. Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted.

We hope to see you on December 6 and look forward to sharing our creations and festive cheer with you. In case of inclement weather, the rain date will be December 7. Proceeds from the Holiday Greens Sale and all our fundraisers directly support the Mattapoisett

Woman's Club's Scholarship Fund and other charitable community endeavors.

Ladies Christmas Tea

You are cordially invited to join us for a Simple Ladies Christmas Tea at First Congregational Church of Rochester, 11 Constitution Way, Rochester, on Saturday, **December 6** from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Come and discover that the true Christmas spirit is found in God's simple gifts. Please RSVP by December 3 (text or call) to Marcia at 508-264-2217.

Christmas on Church Street

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church's annual Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, **December 6** from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in Reynard Hall at 27 Church Street in Mattapoisett. This year's event will include homemade frozen foods, baked treats and homemade candy, hand knitted and crafted items, Christmas/holiday decorations, gift items, greenery for wreaths as well as jewelry, a kids' table and a delicious hot soup luncheon. All proceeds benefit the ministries of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. For additional information, please contact the church office at 508-758-2671 or mattcongchurch@gmail. com.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This is a good time to let your intrepid ARIES temperament take charge. Your strong leadership skills will help settle still-unresolved situations. Support comes from a surprising source. TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your problem-solving talents shine as you move to cool down heated emotions. You also inspire trust in all parties when you act with careful consideration of their feelings. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A long-delayed commitment begins to look better to you. But there's still a crucial fact or two that you need to know about it. Meanwhile, a health problem needs to be taken care of. CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't waste time trying to learn why someone you relied on is wavering in their support of your stand on a workplace issue. Move on with the help of more steadfast allies. LEO (July 23 to August 22) Relationships enter a brighter period, both at home and in the workplace. Prospects also look good for single LEOs and LEOnas, who can expect a welcome visit from Cupid. VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Those mixed signals that were complicating your life are giving way now to clear, definitive guidelines. This makes it easier for you to weigh your options and make decisions. LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Ask your partner for an explanation of what seems to be a sign of strain in your relationship. The sooner you understand the problem, the sooner you can both act to resolve it. SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A new challenge in the workplace holds an exciting promise for the future. But be aware of the fact that you haven't been told about all the demands you might have to meet. SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your financial picture brightens as you get into sorting out realistic goals from those that are not reachable at this time. "Caution" remains your fiscal watchword. CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're deep into your new project, which is just fine. But don't neglect your family and friends. Spending time with people you care for is always a wise investment. AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Past feelings are suddenly reawakened. This could make you emotionally vulnerable. Be careful about decisions that you might be asked to make at this time. PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You've come to a place where you'll be facing important decisions that can affect your future. Rely on your strong moral compass to guide you toward making the right choices. BORN THIS WEEK: You're gifted with both natural wisdom and wit -- a good combination for success as a writer, a teacher and,

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Wickenden Chapel on Saturday **December 13** at 4:00 pm. This special concert is a collaboration between the South Coast Children's Chorus, St. Gabriel's Choir, and Tabor Madrigal Singers.

Hear Our Voice is a heartfelt choral project celebrating themes of community and the power of our children's voices. The performance brings together the South Coast Children's Chorus (SCCC), including its Advanced and Preparatory Choruses, alongside St. Gabriel's Choir and Tabor Academy's select ensemble the Madrigals.

Hear Our Voice is open to the public and free of charge on Saturday, December 13 at 4:00 pm at Tabor Academy Wickenden Chapel, 86 Spring Street, Marion.

The mission of the South Coast Children's Chorus is to provide a joyful, educational choral experience for young singers, helping them to develop responsibility, confidence, musicianship, and a passion for excellence in all they do. The SCCC core values are Service, Culture, Confidence & Community. SCCC singers are from many communities throughout the South Coast of Massachusetts including: Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Rochester, Wareham, and international destinations through the Tabor Academy partnership. Under the direction of Dr. Tianxu Zhou, SCCC performs throughout the South Coast and provides free music education through choral singing to 60+ singers in grades 1-12 each year.



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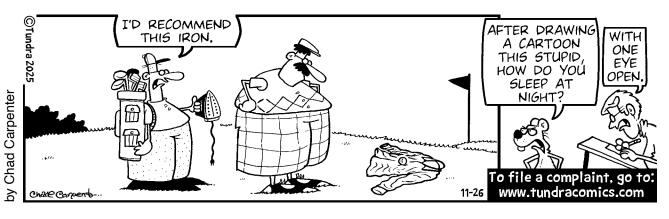
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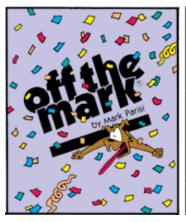
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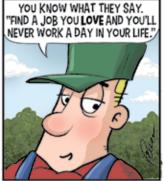




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Holiday Luncheon and Cookie Sale

The First Congregational Church of Marion is happy to host its Annual Holiday Luncheon to coincide with the Sippican Women's Club Holiday House Tour. The luncheon takes place on Saturday, **December 13** from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. With a price of \$18 per ticket, this event promises to be a delightful stop during the House Tour or an opportunity to enjoy some holiday cheer.

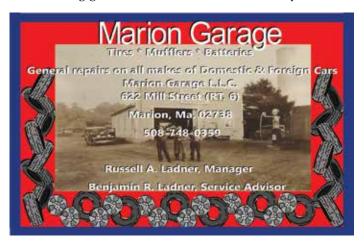
The luncheon features our famous hot chicken salad or soup, dressed greens, bread, beverages, plus cheesecake with topping for dessert. The cost of the luncheon is \$18. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Marion General Store, at Penny Pinchers, online, and will also be available at the door on the day of the event.

Before or after lunch, stop by the Cookie Sale to purchase delicious holiday cookies made by some of the best bakers of the church. These cookies will be offered in beautifully decorated boxes and will make a perfect host or hostess gift or a special treat when company pops in.

The Holiday Luncheon and Cookie Sale will be held on the second floor of The First Congregational Church Community Center, 144 Front Street, Marion. This building, equipped with a stairlift, is located at the rear of the Marion General Store parking lot. Parking is available at the back right of the lot, plus there is additional parking at Island Wharf. Come, bring your friends, and enjoy.

Wareham Garden Club Holly Faire

The annual Holly Faire presented by the Wareham Garden Club will take place on Saturday, **December 6**, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm noon at St. Patrick's Hall 82 High St. Wareham. There will be beautiful fresh green wreaths, swags, boxwood trees, kissing balls, holiday centerpieces and bundled greens. We will have homemade Christmas cookies, jams, and delicious items on our bake table. Members are busy handcrafting gifts, and beautiful ornaments for your tree.



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TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1228

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of John N. Vasvatekis, for property located at 0 County Road, identified on Assessor's Map 17, Lot 10, who is seeking a Special Permit to use the property for firearms and tactical training for local, state and federal Law Enforcement, military personnel and the general public under Chapter 20.40, Section F.6.

The public hearing will be on Thursday, December 11th, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA.

Donald Spirlet, Chairman 11/20, 11/27

TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1229

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Jullius H. & Sandra Britto, for property located at 194 Burgess Avenue, identified on Assessor's Map 15, Lot 1F, who is seeking a Variance for a side setback that is 6.2 ft less than the required 40 feet and a Variance for a side setback that is 1.5 ft less than the required 40 feet, under Chapter 20.40, Section D.1.

The public hearing will be on Thursday, December 11th, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA.
Donald Spirlet, Chairman 11/20, 11/27

TOWN OF MARION PROPOSED REMOVAL OF PUBLIC SHADE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tree Warden and Select Board

Pursuant to G.L. c. 87, §§3 and 4, a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room, 550 Mill Street, to consider the removal of the following trees to support construction of the Marion Shared Use Path: Tree 1: 7" diameter breast height, Red Maple, 1132 Point Road

Tree 2: 10" diameter breast height, Red Maple, 1132 Point Road

Tree 3: 17" diameter breast height, Red Maple, Washburn Park Road, median

Tree 4: 23" diameter breast height, Red Maple, Washburn Park Road, median

Tree 5: 12" diameter breast height, Red Maple,

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Washburn Park Road, median Tree 6: 24" diameter breast height, Black Oak, Washburn Park Road, South Side Tree 7: 24" diameter breast height, White Pine, Washburn Park Road, South Side.

The trees identified above have been posted for public inspection.

Randy L. Parker, Select Board Chair Stephen Gonsalves, Tree Warden 11/27, 12/4

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 8, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Nepo Realty LLC.

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

The Applicant proposes to construct a single-family dwelling and perform associated site work.

The proposed work will be performed within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zones AE (El. 16) and VE (El. 17) and partially within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

The property is located on Ned's Point Road and is further identified as Lot #104 on Assessors Map #7. 11/27

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 8, 2025 at 6:30 pm for a Notice of Intent submitted by Leslie E. & Maxwell T. Richmond, 4 Parker Street, Assessors Map 17, Lot 139, Mattapoisett, MA. The applicant proposes to demolish the existing garage and reconstruct a 24'x30" garage with a great room above to service the existing single-family dwelling. Concrete retaining walls with stone walkways/steps are also proposed. 11/27

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 8, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in

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person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Notice of Intent submitted by Lizanne & Malcolm Campbell, 6 Dyar Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to maintain footpath section of Byrne Ave & Shell Beach Rd. Includes light pruning & clearing of vegetation, debris & obstruction to maintain neighborhood beach & boating access while maintain stability of Shell Beach Rd. coastal dune. The project is located at 8 Dyar Rd, and is further identified as Lot 25 on Assessor Map 12A. **Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 11/27

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Friends Of The Mattapoisett Library Jewelry Sale

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library will host their annual Jewelry and Accessory sale at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow Street, next month. This wildly popular event kicks off with a Friends members-only preview sale on Thursday, **December 4**, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Not a member? Not a problem. Pick up a form at the circulation desk any time before December 4, or join on the evening of the Preview Sale.

Sale dates for the general public are Friday, **December 5**, from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm and Saturday, **December 6**, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Find lovely pieces you can wear or gift to friends and family for the holidays while helping the library. Proceeds from Friends fundraisers support the museum pass program and several children, teen, and adult programs. Now is a good time to join or renew your Friends of the Mattapoisett Library membership to take part in their preview sale.

Reception At Mattapoisett Free Public Library

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library is pleased to announce a welcome reception for its new Library Director, Jenny Martin, on **December 2**, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the library (7 Barstow Street). Light refreshments will be served. The public is invited to meet Ms. Martin, learn about the library's upcoming programs, and celebrate the library's continued commitment to serving the Mattapoisett community.

Small Works + Holiday Shop

The Marion Art Center announces its annual exhibit, Small Works + Holiday Shop. The show runs through **December 19** with an opening reception scheduled on Saturday, November 22, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

The exhibit will feature original works of art all under fourteen inches, plus a curated selection of handmade goods such as jewelry, textiles, ceramics, woodworks, gifts, and more. Shop for yourself or find the perfect gifts for others. All pieces may be removed from the galleries upon purchase for this cash and carry show. Can't decide? We have gift certificates available. Learn more at marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit.

Bulldog Pride Alumni Association Grant Program

The Bulldog Pride Alumni Association (BPAA) is pleased to announce the launch of its Grant Program for the 2025–2026 academic year, supporting creative and impactful initiatives at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School (ORRJHS) and Old Rochester Regional High School (ORRHS).

The program is open to students, teachers, and current staff of ORR schools. Applicants must complete the digital application as directed and are kindly asked to inform their school principal of the proposed project prior to submission.

BPAA grants aim to fund programs that enhance the educational experience during the current school year. Disbursements for equipment and services will begin on February 2, 2026, while reimbursements for materials and supplies must be submitted no later than June 1, 2026.

Applicants may indicate if their proposal is part of a multi-year project. Upon successful completion of the first year's goals, they may apply for an additional grant for the 2026–2027 school year. The BPAA Grants Committee will evaluate these applications based on the merits of the completed project.

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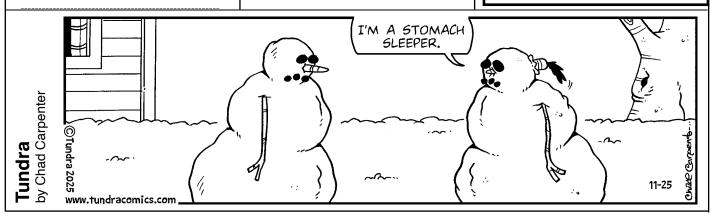
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MWC Great Decisions Discussion Group

Do you have plans on Wednesday afternoons this winter? Get out of the house and join a thoughtful group of tri-town residents who seek to learn more about the world we live in. The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is offering the Great Decisions Program, a weekly in-person gathering where local residents meet to discuss foreign policy topics in an informal atmosphere. Moderators take turns launching the discussion which often includes guest speakers or videos to kick it off. Topic materials are provided in advance by the nonprofit, nonpartisan Foreign Policy Association. The conversation is friendly and welcoming of all perspectives. We offer light refreshments, coffee and tea. You don't have to be a foreign policy expert to participate—just someone who wants to become an informed global citizen.

Great Decisions meets Wednesdays from **January 14, 2026,** through **March 4** from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the downstairs Community Room at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow Street.

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



is open to all members of the Mattapoisett community and surrounding towns.

To register please submit your information using the following link: forms.gle/836hn9gX8m6wKyLu9 and send a check made out to the Mattapoisett Woman's Club for \$40.00 to cover text and expenses. If two registrants are sharing one book the price is \$50.00. If you prefer to mail in your registration, please include your name, address, email address and phone number on a piece of paper and include it with your check and mail it to: Mattapoisett Woman's Club, Box 1444 Mattapoisett MA 02739, Attn: Treasurer (memo on check Great Decisions).

If you have any questions please email: mfpl@ sailsinc.org.

A Free Thanksgiving Day Meal

The Church of the Good Shepherd is serving a traditional Thanksgiving Day meal in its Church Hall beginning at 1:00 pm on Thanksgiving Day, **November 27**. Good food, a warm festive setting and fellowship are on the menu. An optional prayer service of thanksgiving will be offered at 12:30 pm in the Church Sanctuary. Good Shepherd is located at 74 High Street in Wareham. All are welcome, just as you are.

November Food Drive at Mattapoisett Library

Give Back and Clear Your Fines. Through **November 30**, the Mattapoisett Free Public Library is partnering with the student Community Service Club of Old Rochester Regional High School to collect donations for a local food pantry.

For each non-perishable, non-expired item donated and brought to the library, the library will waive \$1.00 in overdue fines (up to the total amount owed). Suggested donations include canned and boxed food, diapers, baby formula, pet food, toiletries, and paper goods. Donations must be non-expired and unopened. In addition, donations apply only to overdue fines and not to fax, copy, print, or lost/damaged item fees.

We can partner to support local families this holiday season. Every can, box, and bottle helps.

For more information, please visit us at 7 Barstow Street, browse our website at www.mattapoisettlibrary.org or call the library at 508-758-4171.

The MAC Holiday Show

The MAC Theater is once again featuring a holiday play by popular playwright Tom Dudzick and directed by returning director Jennifer Palmer.

Andy has a sweet Catholic mother, a sour Catholic father and an intellectually disabled younger sibling named Mickey. When he brings his Jewish atheist fiancé to meet the folks on Christmas Eve, his worst fears about family blow-ups are realized. But when Mickey,

whose entire vocabulary has been limited to "oh boy" and "wow," suddenly spouts the word "Greetings." the entire family's belief system is turned upside down. For it seems an ancient, wise and witty spirit who is set upon healing the family's wounds has borrowed Mickey's body.

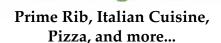
The show's cast includes Arturo Ferreiro, Bethany Lamoureux, Michele Letourneau, Tristan McCann and Frank Mitchell. The Stage Manager is Marisa Biever, Steve McManus is the Technical Director and the set construction is ably handled by Ron Biever.

The show opens on **December 5** and runs on **December 6**, **12**, **and 13** at 7:30 pm and on December 14 as a Sunday matinee.

More information and tickets are available at marionartcenter.org/events/greetings.

Mattapoisett Historical Commission

The Mattapoisett Historical Commission is pleased to announce that Phase Two of a multi-year community-wide survey of historic and cultural resources has been completed by Lynn Smiledge, Preservation Consultant. The survey was funded by a grant from the Community Preservation Act, and includes the documentation of three areas: Antassawamock, Cannon Street, and Homestead Court, as well as Barlow Cemetery. Sixty-five historically significant buildings were also documented.



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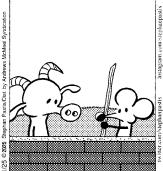
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis









The completed forms have been posted to the Town of Mattapoisett website under the Historical Commission: Inventory-Areas and Street Listing. They are also in the process of being added to the Massachusetts Historical Commission database and can be accessed through the Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System (MACRIS). The Mattapoisett Public Library has hard copies of the documents available.

The Historical Commission is also delighted to announce that Phase Three is underway thanks to a FY2026 grant from the Community Preservation Act. The Commission is privileged to again be working with Lynn Smiledge.

Mattapoisett has a rich and diverse history beginning with the indigenous people that called the area home for thousands of years. Agriculture, shipbuilding, and tourism evolved to share the story of Mattapoisett.

The Mattapoisett Historical Commission was established in 1973 by Town Meeting under MGL 40, Section 8D to identify, evaluate, and preserve and protect the historic resources of the Town. Understanding the existing historic resources, and their context and significance, provides the basis for short-and long-range planning. This knowledge allows a community to grow, adapt, and thrive, all while maintaining those historic aspects that make the community a unique and desirable place to live, visit, and work.

St. Anthony-St. Rita Christmas By The Sea Bazaar

Mark your calendars and save the date. Please join us for the annual "Christmas By The Sea Bazaar" on Saturday, **December 6** from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm at St. Anthony's parish, 26 Hammond Street, Mattapoisett.

Seasonal handcrafted gifts, decorations, and stocking stuffers will be offered by local vendors, including wooden and leather wares, honey, ornaments



(including the 2025 parish ornament designed by a local artist), seashell art, all types of sewn, crocheted, knitted and quilted items such as stuffed animals, hats, mittens and bags, carved wooden birds, jewelry, and much more.

When you arrive, you will be greeted with live festive music. As always, the Bazaar will offer a huge assortment of decorated wreaths and greens arrangements, gift baskets raffles, a grand raffle (1st prize: \$1,000, 2nd prize: \$500, 3rd prize: \$250), a toy shoppe with toys, cookie decorating, and games, and a large bake sale with all types of wonderful baked goods.

There will be refreshments as well, filling the hall with festive aromas. Refreshments will include: malasadas and coffee, "Friendship soup" (recipe to be provided), popcorn, hot chocolate bar, and more. There will even be a special appearance from Santa himself.

All proceeds will benefit St. Anthony- St. Rita parish initiatives, including providing college book scholarships to local high school seniors. Please find, like, and share our event on Facebook. If you have any questions, please reach out to Katie Silvia at katsa06@ gmail.com. We hope to see you there.

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Kolb, Bethany	Huggins, Michelle	86 Fairhaven Rd	Mattapoisett	11/10/2025	853,000.00		
Johnson, Robert							

off the mark

by Mark Parisi



Local Tides								
		Hi	igh	Low				
Day	Date	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.			
Thursday	November 27	12:17	12:34	5:33	6:26			
Friday	November 28	1:09	1:27	6:44	7:27			
Saturday	November 29	2:03	2:24	8:10	8:26			
Sunday	November 30	3:00	3:25	9:27	9:20			
Monday	December 1	4:01	4:28	10:29	10:10			
Tuesday	December 2	5:00	5:27	11:23	11:00			
Wednesday	December 3	5:55	6:22	15 PM	11:49			
Thursday	December 4	6:48	7:15		1:09			
Friday	December 5	7:41	8:07	12:40	2:05			
Saturday	December 6	8:34	9:00	1:34	2:59			
Sunday	December 7	9:27	9:54	2:28	3:49			
Monday	December 8	10:22	10:50	3:21	4:39			
Tuesday	December 9	11:18	11:48	4:14	5:34			
Wednesday	December 10		12:14	5:11	6:41			
Thursday	December 11	12:45	1:08	6:26	7:46			
Friday	December 12	1:41	2:01	8:18	8:33			
Saturday	December 13	2:37	2:57	9:27	9:08			
Sunday	December 14	3:34	3:54	10:14	9:41			
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I Found the Aardvark!

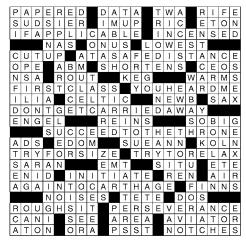
Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

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

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark* In the November 20, 2025 edition the Aardvark was on page 33

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION



SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Slate; 2. Seldom;

3. Galore; 4. Oblige

Today's Word

DOLLARS

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