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Rain Can't Stop Santa or The Grinch

Rochester Tree Lighting

By Michael J. DeCicco

The rain was heavy, but the children's hearts were light when Rochester held a different than usual annual Christmas Tree Lighting in front of Town Hall on Sunday, November 30.

For years the entire ceremony had been held outdoors in the evening on the first Monday in December. This year, most of the ceremony took place in the First Congregational Church Hall starting at 4:00 pm. There, residents and their children prepared tree ornaments and consumed cookies and hot cocoa until Santa Claus, chauffeured in an antique jalopy, arrived outside.

The children were overjoyed to see Santa, a mood that couldn't be dampened by either the rain or the sudden appearance of the Grinch shortly after St. Nick (at least it was the Grinch who handed out small gifts to the young attendees from his small satchel).

Back inside, a mix of children from the Rochester Memorial School sang Christmas songs, as Santa and even the Grinch himself joined in until Santa had to leave early because his elves needed him, Events Committee Chair Sharon Hartley told him.

Before he left, however, Santa spoke to The Wanderer to explain his visit to Rochester this year. "I was invited," he said. "I heard there were so many good children in Rochester, and I wanted to stop by and say hello."

When everyone went back outside, Select Board Chair Adam Murphy introduced First Congregational Church Pastor Colby Olson, who said a prayer blessing the event, then handed Hartley the switch to flick on the tree lights to the children's cheers.

Asked why this year's event was held on the Sunday of Thanksgiving week as opposed to the traditional first Monday in December, Town Administrator Cameron Durant explained, "The (Events) Committee wanted to try something different." Asked

On the Cover: Santa was in Rochester last weekend! Both Santa and the Grinch were present, along with residents of the Tri-Town to take part in Rochester's tree lighting on November 30. The rain was heavy but the hearts light. Photo by Michael J. DeCicco

if the switch to the indoor location for much of the ceremony will continue in future years, Durant said that it will be up to the committee. "I hope it does, no matter what the committee decides for next year," he said.

Police Chief Michael Assad commented on the Grinch's sudden appearance and quick disappearance at Town Hall. "We have an active investigation to apprehend him," he said. "We have a 'BOLO' (be on the lookout) out on him. We'll keep the town safe from him."

Cheering Down South

ORYF Pee Wee Cheer Nationals

By Sam Bishop

The Old Rochester Youth Football & Cheer (ORYF) Pee Wee Cheerleading Team is headed to nationals!

Through their hard work, the team earned a spot at the 2025 Pop Warner Cheer & Dance Nationals in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Dance and Cheer Nationals coincide with the Pop Warner Youth Football Super Bowl, with events in the competitions running a full week, from December 6 to December 13. The Tri-Town's ORYF team will perform Thursday, December 11.

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Nicole, a parent of one of the team members, said, "this achievement marks a major milestone for the young athletes, who have dedicated countless hours of practice, teamwork, and perseverance throughout the season." The hard work has paid off, as now the team is headed down south for a reprieve from the inclement weather!

This hard work still demands higher costs, with the trip down south being anything but cheap, especially this time of year. If you are interested in supporting the ORYF Pee Wee Cheer Team, you can contact ORYF Cheer Coordinator Jessica Stephens at oryfbulldogs@gmail.com.

Let There Be Light

The Carreiro House

By Sam Bishop

We finally know the holiday season is here, now that the house on Acushnet Road is lit up.

Marino Carreiro and his wife Grace greeted guests and onlookers at the grand opening of the annual exhibit at 59 Acushnet Road in Mattapoisett on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The Carreiro house becomes a popular destination in town in the early days of winter, with Marino spending a good portion of the year assembling his masterpiece.

With music playing and many, many thousands of lights twinkling, you can walk up the drive, or take the light-tunnel path past the animatronics coming to life, ascending up to the hot chocolate and cookies by the home itself. The garage doors are also illuminated, showing pixel-art of Santa and a snowman. I'm not sure what holiday magic is used for that, but it's pretty spectacular. Also, somehow the garage doors can still open to allow a car in. I was flabbergasted.

Many come from around the Tri-Town in a pilgrimage; many park and get some hot cocoa; many are just driving by, mouths agape as they turn the corner.

This year is the 10th anniversary of Marino putting up the lights, with their announcement saying, "Ladies and gentlemen... it's the 10th anniversary of The First Night of the Lights! This will be our final big celebration, and we're going out with a sparkle!"

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finale." He stressed the festivities, lights, and treats will continue for years to come, but the endeavor will be scaled back. He told us he won't be adding anything new to the ensemble next year, as has been a tradition. Considering he told us he starts putting lights up in September to be ready for the day after Thanksgiving, it is only fair!

The holiday season has officially begun, now that the red star atop the Carreiro's tree is illuminated and glowing over Mattapoissett.

Could I be Having a Heart Attack?

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

Until the late 20th century, getting to the hospital quickly with a heart attack was not that critical. Very little was done for heart attack sufferers beyond letting them rest and treating some complications.

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In the early 2000's, an even better treatment became standard: angioplasty - opening the blocked coronary artery by putting a catheter in the artery and opening the artery with a small inflatable balloon. Current best practice is to then put in a stent to keep the artery open.

What has happened in the past 35 years with these advances is that the early (30 day) death rate from an acute heart attack has fallen from over 20% to under 5%. To achieve these results, the earlier the better. Hospitals strive to get a patient from arrival at



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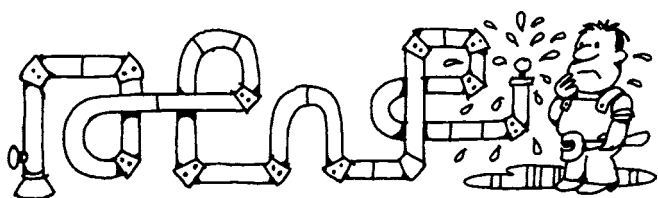
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the emergency room to the cath lab in under 90 minutes. Most hospitals that provide emergency angioplasty have systems in place to achieve this goal.

The weakest link? The patient calling 911! To get the best contemporary care and to have the best odds of surviving a heart attack, it is key that someone experiencing a heart attack gets care ASAP.

How do you suspect you may be suffering a heart attack? The textbook description is crushing pain felt under the sternum (breastbone). The pain is often felt in the jaw and/or left arm as well. You may get sweaty, and you may feel nausea. The pain is not always excruciating – heart attacks are not as painful as childbirth or kidney stones – but there is something about it that tells you "this is serious."

Unfortunately, your body has not always read the textbook.

Some people experience sudden shortness of breath rather than pain. Some become profoundly weak. Some feel abdominal rather than chest pain. In most situations, this is a new symptom, one you have not had before.

Women, particularly young women, much more than men, are likely to have non-textbook symptoms, and as such are more likely to delay seeking care and/or be treated less urgently than men who show up complaining of "something sitting on my chest." Some 40% of younger (under 50) women with heart attacks do not complain of chest pain. (By the time women pass 65, they have similar symptoms as men.)

If you experience symptoms that may be a heart attack, call 911 and get an emergency ambulance. Do not drive yourself to the emergency room. In some communities, the advanced Emergency Medical Technicians who arrive may be able to initiate treatment even before you get to the hospital.

In virtually every situation, arriving by ambulance will get you seen and treated faster than presenting at the front desk.

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false alarm. Every emergency physician will tell you it is better to come in when you are not having a heart attack than to stay home and suffer the consequences when it is one.

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It's Time to Deck The Halls


The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

Finding the right Christmas tree is like finding the right mate. You search far and wide, even consider giving up. And then, out of the mist, it appears and you know

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For many the search mode begins just after digesting your Thanksgiving turkey, just when you get a hankering for listening to Christmas music. Over the years I relied on getting a Christmas tree from my father's tree farm, but with the diminishing number of trees it's less of an option. There were years when a mature tree was not available at the family farm, so I would find one elsewhere. Some years they were purchased off vendors who had them shipped in from Canada. Too often these shed profusely at the lightest touch. "Locally grown" became my mantra, and I found a few excellent sources. Sadly, some of these have gone by the wayside, but the memory of those experiences are still fresh in my mind.



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Thanksgiving holiday, unlike the premature and overdone Christmas promotions by many retailers, it felt like a natural progression between the two holidays. Rather than postponing it, we turned off in Marion and swung onto County Road where the once P.T.L. Christmas Tree Farm resided next to the Ansel Gurney House gift shop. I instructed the three children to stay in the car while I got details and followed the Christmas music to the shop to learn the system of selecting your own tree. I'd wanted an 8-footer, not too wide at the bottom, and began looking amidst the assorted sizes and shapes.

Before I could say "Oh Tannenbaum," the kids were out of the car and running in three different directions through the trees, resembling the airborne kung-fu fights of the film *Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon*. The stumps from the previous year's cuts soon halted them, refocusing them on our collective mission. We roamed around the field, along with the little birds darting from tree to tree, enjoying the search.

The moment we found our tree will always be with me. I was chastising the youngest for his usual mischief. I glared at him as he lay on the ground, his arm cocked back ready to launch a pinecone at his sister. Then my gaze fell on the soft green curtain behind him. I knew the search was over. "There's our tree." It's uncanny how you just know when you find the right one. As when Clark Griswold pronounces "there it is," as he drags his family through the deep woods in search of a Christmas



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tree in *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*.

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Another of my memories of getting a Christmas tree occurred at the Douglass Farm on Sconticut Neck in Fairhaven. This was a solo venture – my husband was working, and the kids were away at college and work. I pulled up to park on the field of the farm alongside numerous others and quickly began navigating the rows upon rows of assorted trees. It must have been an election year because I can recall humorous political messages hanging on various trees.

As I wandered the seemingly vast expanse, it began to snow! My humbug vanished and I was suddenly in a real-life snow globe. I felt my heart grow three sizes. What began as a perfunctory task turned into pure magic. Students from Fairhaven High's Blue Devils did the cutting once a tree was chosen, and hot cocoa was at the ready. The original mission was to use the proceeds to benefit the ALS Therapy Development Foundation.

After the 2024 sale of the farm to the Buzzards Bay Coalition, the one day "Christmas Tree Flash Sale" serves as a fundraiser supporting the work of the coalition. Trees are \$50 and buyers are asked to bring their own netting/rope to secure the tree to your car for transport. The farm is located at 242 Sconticut Neck Road, Fairhaven, and the sale is on Saturday, December 6 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Looking for more greenery to deck the halls? The sixth Annual Mattapoisett Woman's Club Holiday Greens Sale will be held on Saturday, December 6 at the "What the Taco" porch and parking lot on Rte. 6 in Mattapoisett from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm or until items are sold out. The sale will include elegant, one-of-a-kind designs in the form of decorated fresh wreaths, swags, centerpieces and 2025 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. Proceeds from the sale support the

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"Looks great. Little full, lotta sap." — Clark Griswold

Thoughts on...

Neil, Willy and Me

By Dick Morgado

Pamela LaPointe, a classmate of mine in high

school who came from Tennessee in our senior year and stayed just that one year, wrote in my yearbook, "Good luck with the beatniks."

She was referring to the fact that I was off to art college. That exposes how old I am, but the fact is my time at art school fell between beatniks who sat around reciting poetry and hippies who let their hair grow, protested Vietnam and smoked pot, I was neither. I didn't understand poetry, and the smell of marijuana made me nauseous.

I did, however, meet many interesting people at college.

The other night I was watching the Celtics game and perusing Facebook during timeouts. I find the



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proliferation of useless videos of cats, fake AI-created "breaking" news stories and cheap New York apartment tours fascinating. They are the twenty-first-century version of the old National Enquirer newspaper that I read on my Sunday night bus trips back to art school in the '60s.

In one of those videos appeared a tall, slender old fellow in bib overalls and black canvas Converse All Star high-cut sneakers. Somehow the guy looked familiar. As he entered his apartment building, he mentioned that he purchased the four-story, 11,000 square-foot building in 1972 in a dangerous, industrial area in the SoHo district of New York (he said he paid \$36,000; I checked, it is valued at \$28 million now!).

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Mmmm? SoHo? That's an up-scale artistic district now. He said he turned the first floor into an art gallery, and when he said his name...whoa! I sure did know this guy, he was my old friend and classmate at art school, Neil Jenney.

Neil dropped out of school early to drive a cab to raise money to move to New York. Neil, his roommate Willie and I bent many elbows sitting around drinking beer in their small apartment on Wigglesworth Street in Boston's Mission Hill neighborhood and talking about our future as artists, generally considered to be a dead-end way of making a living.

Willy, later known as William Wegman, became rich and famous all over the world for his photos of his Weimaraner dogs dressed in clothing and posing like humans. Another roommate became the original art director of the National Lampoon magazine. (I see a trend developing here that hasn't included me.)

You could say Neil has become a second-tier famous artist. He received a Guggenheim Fellowship, has had his paintings in museums around the world and even started an art movement called "Bad Art." If art is in the eye of the beholder, consider this... his work sells for over \$800,000! (Yup, definitely hasn't included me.)

I doubt Neil would know me if we were to meet today. After all, he has spent his life hob-knobbing with the likes of Andy Warhol and celebrities like actress Brooke Shields.

Hey, I've done all right and I never had to wear bib overalls and black high-top Converse sneakers. Old friend Pamela LaPointe would be proud.

Mattapoisett resident Dick Morgado is an artist and happily retired writer. His newspaper columns appeared for many years in daily newspapers around Boston.

What's Up There?

Astronomy Update for December

By Sam Bishop

While it may seem that some snow has been forecast for us, we can still collectively hope for clear skies. At least, hopefully at night! We have been incredibly lucky in the last month being able to see the

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Northern Lights, Aurora Borealis, this far south (relatively speaking). This month, as the weather starts feeling more *boreal*, we can ask "what's up there?" as we gaze upwards.

Another super moon! On Thursday, December 4 we get another super moon! This time, the "Cold Moon." I shouldn't say why it's named that, but it's also referred to as the "Oak Moon" or the "Long Night Moon." That will conclude 2025's super moons, with three in total: October 7, November 5, December 4. The Pleiades cluster will often sit near the moon as well.

Mercury, ever difficult to spot due to its proximity to the Sun, about 36,000,000 miles to our 93,000,000, will reach its greatest distance from the Sun, or greatest elongation. If you're ever able to spot it, that'll be the time. Jupiter will also be visible for much of this month, with it and the Moon seeming to orbit together December 7.

The Geminids meteor shower will peak the night of Sunday, December 14, although meteors originating from it can be spotted throughout the first half of the month. The meteors don't originate from a comet, the most likely culprit, but from the 3200 Phaethon asteroid. The asteroid has an orbital period of about a year-and-a-half and is referred to as an "Apollo asteroid" due to its orbit crossing Earth's and nearing the Sun. It was only discovered in 1983!

The final new moon of the year will be on December 20. The next day, December 21, is the Winter

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Solstice, or the shortest day of the year.

With a longer night and a new moon, that makes the perfect opportunity for another meteor shower. The Ursid meteor shower peaks on December 22, running throughout the middle of the month. The meteors will be visible around the constellation Ursa Minor and will produce about 10~ meteors-per-hour.

On December 26, it'll be a great time to see Saturn with the ringed behemoth sitting near the quarter moon.

Mutinies On Land and Sea

This Week in Revolutionary War 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 declared November 23 be an official day of thanksgiving, primarily to warn the favor of God in their struggles. The general received reports that more troops were arriving in Boston, while at the same time hearing from Benedict Arnold's brutal slog in the north. While Arnold's men are getting closer to Quebec City, having crossed the Saint Lawrence River, it is at a great cost. Finally, Washington furthered winter preparations and stockpiling, instructing men to give indications as to whether they will re-enlist for next year, with contracts up on December 31.

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On November 26, 1775, Washington receives a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Loammi Baldwin in Chelsea, just north of Boston. Baldwin expresses "great concern" over shipments arriving in Boston from England containing "all sorts of ordinance stores." Then, he describes those who are leaving Boston, or refugees of the siege. He says, "The people that came out of Boston now at the Point are in the most shocking condition yesterday in the afternoon there was one dead and another dieing upon the beach." "Dieing" was spelt differently then.

Baldwin has allowed people to come as they please, although references an act of the General Court that states the army is not beholden to provide for them. Baldwin states, however, "I am not obdurate enough to confine them on the Point where they must perish with hunger & cold." He asks for Washington's recommendation.

That same day, Washington responds to his cousin and current estate manager, Lund Washington at Mount Vernon. Lund worried the British would roll in from the Potomac and capture Washington's land. George has great faith in Lund and entrusts him to "do for me as you would do for yourself." He also adds, "Let the hospitality of the house, with respect to the poor, be kept up. Let no one go hungry away." In giving to the poor, Washington also approves of the sale of rum and other goods for the estate's upkeep.

On November 27, Colonel Henry Knox writes from New York. He is still en route to Fort Ticonderoga to secure artillery for the siege at Boston. In his time in New York, he has met with local officials and committee members who, reluctantly, have promised to send "12 exceedingly good" cannons. According to Knox, these cannons, called "4-pounders" for the weight of the ball they fire, weigh about 600 pounds each. He promises to set out to Ticonderoga.

November 29 brings troubles. Washington writes the Massachusetts General Court, currently in Watertown, and demands pay must not be halted for soldiers. If the court continues to withhold pay, "this will be a reduction of 1500 men from the strength of our lines," he says. That same day, the general gets a letter from William Watson of Plymouth. Watson says the men aboard the Brigantine Washington have mutinied. He says, "they insisted they enlisted to serve in the army & not as marines." He references the captain, Martindale, doing all in his power but adds, "His people really appear to me to be sett of the most unprincipled, abandoned fellows I ever saw."

On December 1, Major General Israel Putnam writes Washington, commending the acts of Colonel Henry Babcock in quelling a mutiny among Connecticut soldiers. He recommends a promotion for Babcock. However, the mutiny is not over. On December 2, Governor Jonathan Trumbull of Connecticut of the "extraordinary and reprehensible conduct of some of the Connecticut troops." In speaking with men in their camps, Trumbull has concluded many of them want out, now,

or fears of abandonment will become reality. Many did abandon post, which is what led to Putnam and Babcock rounding them up and bringing them back.

Washington does receive *some* good news on December 2. John Hancock writes from Philadelphia. The Continental Congress has authorized \$3 million for army payments. He also informs the general that Henry Knox is to be made Colonel of Artillery per his mission to bring cannons to Boston.

Bog-Filling Plan Needs to Dig Deeper

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Conservation Commission on Tuesday cast doubts over a plan to build 12 single-family house lots on 12 acres at Mary's Pond Road and Pierce Mill Road.

Appearing on Zoom, the developer's representative, Brandon Barr of Merrill Engineers and Land Surveyors, held an informal discussion with the commission to get its preliminary thoughts on the plan, which includes filling in the cranberry bogs currently there. Barr said his firm's research into past maps of the area indicate these bogs are man-made. A 1912 map reveals the area originally consisted of a lot of muck and coarse sand; it is not the site of natural wetlands. Barr's associate Dave Portland added these maps match up with the location of the existing bogs.



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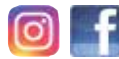
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Commission members responded that they want more information before agreeing to such a plan. Chair Christopher Gerrior said he wanted to know when these bogs were developed. "How long have they been bogs?" he asked. Gerrior wondered aloud why people avoided building a house there when the land was in that condition.

"I don't believe they were ever uplands," commission member Bill Milka said. "I want to see more studies and data to make sure what it is," commission member Jerelle Jesse added.

"We need more information," Gerrior concluded. "You have to prove why you can develop here before you come back to us."

Barr and Portland agreed to do that just that, to gather more data proving the area's soil conditions and the age of its bogs before returning with a formal proposal.

In response to another applicant's request, the commission continued to its next meeting a Notice of Intent public hearing on the construction of a single-family home within the 200-foot riparian zone at 0 Robinson Road.

The Rochester Conservation Commission canceled its regularly scheduled December 16 meeting and set its next meeting for January 6, 2026, at 7:00 pm in Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Streamlining New MS4 Bylaw

Marion Planning Board

By Sam Bishop

Fresh off a successful Town Meeting for their proposed and passed Article S1, the Marion Planning Board met on Monday to discuss the newly adopted MS4 bylaw.

Before discussions, Chair Andrew Daniel moved to dissolve the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Subcommittee. As said group was formed to draft the bylaw, it is now no longer needed, and the board voted to dissolve it.

The board moved into a public hearing on the town's Stormwater Management Bylaw and Subdivision Control Law. The plan was to merge in other stormwater-management regulations relating to subdivisions to fit next to the new MS4 Bylaw. "By marrying the two, we basically completed the tasks that were assigned to us by the (Environmental Protection Agency)," Daniel said. Vice-Chair Alanna Nelson added that it would make everything easier if it could be one unified process. "They're going to follow the same process," she said, referring to different potential residential projects.

This streamlining alleviates any confusion, while also making it easier for the EPA to confirm the town holds proper regulations. This hearing was continued to the board's next meeting.

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board



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will be on Monday, December 15 at 7:00 pm in the Marion Police Department, 550 Mill Street.

Water Street Culvert Repair Conditioned

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

The November 24 meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission included a Notice of Intent filing by the town for the repair and reconstruction of the culvert that crosses Water Street. The culvert is located at the town beach, crossing from north to south as it empties into the town's public beach.

Long an issue of "when, not if" because collapse of the aged culvert was considered imminent, it did just that, making it an urgent repair. Temporary measures were taken to buy time until the town could prepare for this major construction project.

Meeting with the commission on November 24 was Garrett Bauer, the town's Highway superintendent. He said the stone culvert conveys water from a perennial stream that flows south. He said the work will be a complete repair with replacement of stones and other needed materials.

There was discussion regarding whether tides and weather events will impact the culvert's functionality especially during high tides, thereby causing flooding into neighboring areas. The representative from Greenman-Pederson, the town's consultant, did not believe that would be the case.

The plan is to begin construction on Labor Day 2026 and continue through the winter months, but presently the project is being reviewed by the Division of Marine Fisheries. The filing was continued.

Also coming before the commission on this night was Andy Stackpole of Field Engineering, representing a Notice of Intent filed by Michael and Tiffany Amaral for the construction of a garage with an attached accessory building. The project will impact the buffer zone. The project received conditioning and is located at 3 Harbor Road North.

Also conditioned was a Notice of Intent filing by Emery Warren and Barbara Johnson, trustees for 6

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Waterman Street. The applicant will be installing a lift.

Continued was a Notice of Intent filing by the town for the repair of Long Wharf. Brian Post of Childs Engineering is the town's consultant. The project was discussed in terms of what outstanding questions remained from the Marine Advisory Board and the commission. The use of flowable mixtures became a sticking point for the commission as they continued to be concerned over the quality of the mix planned and methods of installation.

Corrections were made to documents relating to the size of land underwater and shellfish beds.

Further discussions with the Marine Advisory Board are planned, as the issue of flowable fill remains an open question.

A Notice of Intent filed by Ladan and Mehran Mestchian for 1-84 Angelica Avenue for three parcels was reviewed. The project includes the construction of a stone revetment, the cutting of dead and dying trees, invasive plants and maintenance of an existing lawn. Creation of walking trails is also planned. The project was continued pending comments from Natural Heritage.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is planned for Monday, December 8.

Vote Could Make ORR Acushnet's High School

Old Rochester Regional School Committee

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Old Rochester Regional School District will learn on December 9 whether the Town of Acushnet will begin sending its students to Old Rochester Regional High School.

Superintendent Michael Nelson reported at the ORR School Committee meeting on November 20 that Acushnet has been looking into forming a new school district partnership or partnerships for the 2025-26 school year because the town's current contracts with Fairhaven and New Bedford expire with the conclusion of this academic year.

Nelson said he and other ORR officials visited the Acushnet School Committee on August 26 to give

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a presentation on why the ORR district should become the town's new partner. In November, Acushnet school officials toured the school; some tours were conducted by the ORR students themselves. Since then, ORR officials have met again with the Acushnet School Committee to discuss the issue further. But decision day for the Acushnet will be December 9, he said. That's when the town's school committee will meet to vote on its choice.

For that reason, the ORR School Committee authorized Nelson to negotiate a tuition-based contract should Acushnet choose ORR for its new high school partner. He noted Acushnet estimates having 120 high-school-age students this school year, though approximately half of them attend Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School.

In other action, the committee re-elected Michelle Smith as its chair as it reorganized.

The committee accepted the following donations and grants: \$1,526.22 from Shutterfly for ORR Junior High School student pictures; a tuba from Friends of Old Rochester Music to the ORR Junior High School Music Program; all recent donations related to the Tri-Town Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner at ORR Junior High School such as monetary donations of \$750, food/paper goods, apple cider, store-bought apple pies, gift cards and/or other items for door prizes and fall/festive decorations; all recent donations related to the Day of Service at ORR High School such as monetary

donations, gifts cards to Walmart and Amazon, paint, craft and baking supplies; \$870 from the Mattapoisett Land Trust to Elizabeth Kennedy for a trip to Silverbrook Farm; \$5,000 for DESE for Fund Code 0453: Strengthening Career and Technical Education; \$500 mini-grant from the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office Community Reinvestment Funds for the ORRJHS Tri-Town Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner; \$1,000 from the Feinstein Foundation to ORR Junior High School; and \$30,000 for DESE Fund Massachusetts Farming Reinforces Education and Student Health (MA FRESH) Competitive Grant.

The next Old Rochester Regional School Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 6:00 pm at ORR Junior High School Media Center, 133 Marion Road, Mattapoisett.

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Dear Editor,

The Christmas season prompts me to ask this question: "What is the greatest story ever told?" For me, there are several elements worth considering. First, the greatest story should affect the most people; it should be

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extremely creative, imaginative, comprehensive, inclusive, universal, and engaging; it must have integrity and completeness; and finally, I would say the greatest story ever told must pack unparalleled power to change its readers for the better.

I do not know about you, but a particular story comes immediately to mind. It is the account of Jesus Christ-the One who supernaturally came to earth as a man to bear witness of the truth. Of all the books ever written, I am quite certain that few if any boast a main character as unique and impacting as Jesus Christ. This figure was sent as the highest gift of God to save mankind from sin by dying on the Cross. His was a legacy filled with supernatural ability, wisdom in the fullness of Father God, ultimate authority obtained via humility, love, and victory over all things evil, including death. His life is depicted in an epic novel that was written over 1,500 years through 40 or so hands, consists of 66 books, and stands as the all-time bestseller by many millions of copies. If there is another tale as affecting... if there is another work as creative, imaginative, comprehensive, inclusive, universal, and engaging... if there is another author as capable of capturing integrity and completeness... if there is another piece of literature that packs such power to restore its reader, then I would be very interested in getting my hands on it.

Friends, the "greatest story ever told" is quite a concept. Only one title is worthy. And while there are many possibilities out there, I am convinced my selection offers an unequaled distinction. The Bible brings to bear this wonderful holiday we call "Christmas." I mean, just listen to the beauty of the prose in Luke 2:10-11: Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." How great is that?

Merry Christmas.

Steven J. Bouley

To The Editor:

When residents install secondary outdoor water meters, they do so with a practical goal: to avoid paying sewer fees on water used for irrigation. After all, that water never enters the sewer system. On the surface, this seems fair. But beneath the surface lies a deeper challenge; our town carries more than \$25 million in sewer debt, and bypassing the indoor meter shifts the burden onto others.

Municipal utilities are not like private businesses. They are collective systems, funded by all of us, to ensure clean water and safe sanitation. Sewer debt is not optional; it is the cost of infrastructure we all rely on, whether we water our lawns or not. When too many residents avoid sewer fees, the town must raise rates elsewhere, increase fixed charges, or even shift costs onto property taxes. In every case, the debt remains; only the distribution of responsibility changes.

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is it right to sidestep one's share of a public obligation? Democracy is not only about rights; it is also about responsibilities. Paying for sewer infrastructure is akin to supporting schools or roads. Even if you don't use them every day, you benefit from living in a community where they exist. To opt out of sewer debt repayment is to ask your neighbors to carry more of the load.

The League of Women Voters has long championed fairness, transparency, and shared responsibility in public policy. As we consider water and sewer rates, we must remember that equity is not just about paying for what you use; it is about sustaining the systems that make community life possible. Outdoor meters may be legal, but without compensatory policies, they risk undermining the very principle of fairness that holds us together.

Our challenge is clear: we must design utility rates that balance individual fairness with collective responsibility. Whether through fixed fees, adjusted rates, or broader tax support, the solution must ensure that every resident contributes to the debt we all share. That is not just fiscal prudence; it is democratic ethics in action.

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Mattapoisett's Holiday in the Park will take place on Saturday, **December 13** from 3pm to 5pm in Shipyard Park. There will be a special appearance by Santa and Mrs. Clause who will be joined by Rudolph, Frosty, and the Elves. There will also be special performances by the ORRJH Band and Showstoppers as well as the Annual Tree Lighting.

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Marion Village Stroll

The Marion Village Stroll will take place on Sunday, **December 14** from 3 to 5:30 pm. Coordinated by Angela Rossi and sponsored by The Marion Business Community Association, local merchants offer hospitality and treats; Santa arrives via boat at the Old Landing at 3:00 pm; Clydesdale horses pull wagons of happy guests. Added to this are crafts, games, and musical performances, and the Tree lighting at 5:30 pm at the Bandstand. During the Stroll, The Sippican Woman's Club's clubhouse, aka "The Tavern", 152 Front Street will be open to sit, visit and enjoy.

Rochester Republican Town Committee

The Rochester Republican Town Committee will hold its December meeting at the Ponderosa Sportsman's Club, Acushnet, on Monday, **December 8**, at 6:30 pm. There will be a discussion about the voting results for the Old Colony project. All are invited to attend.

A Winter Wonderland of Song

Join Sippican Choral Society on Sunday, **December 7**, 4:00 pm, for a choral tribute to the festive season of winter. Our "Winter Wonderland" program will feature contemporary Canadian composer Sarah Quartel's anthem, "A Winter Day," a work consists of five movements, each depicting a different time of day, each telling its own story, and each evoking the composer's childhood memories of a land deep in snow.

The program will also include Canada's oldest Christmas song, "A Huron Carol," as well as "The Sleigh," a traditional Russian winter song, and such classics as "In the Bleak Midwinter" and Irving Berlin's "White Christmas." We will also commemorate National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day by inviting the audience to join us in singing the Navy Hymn, "Eternal Father, Strong to Save." Come relax, sing along, and welcome winter with us as we share songs guaranteed to chase away the December darkness and lighten spirits as we look ahead to the holiday season.

The concert will be held at Wickenden Chapel, 86 Spring St., Marion. Tickets are \$20.00 general admission,

\$10.00 for Students, and Free for Children 14 and under. Tickets can be purchased online at sippicanchoralsociety.org or at the door with cash or check.

New Santa Hat for Salty

Salty the Seahorse got a fresh coat of paint in 2024 for the Mattapoisett Land Trust's 50th Anniversary. In December 2024 Salty's old Santa Hat was put, but after being exposed to the winds of many winter storms his hat had become droopy and quite dingy. Local Mattapoisett resident, Mary Dermody, decided to take on the project of getting Salty a new Santa Hat for Christmas 2025. Doing some leg work around the area visiting several canvas places and sail makers, Mary was fortunate to discover that Sperry Sails of Marion had made the original Santa Hat for Salty and they were pleased to work on the project once again. Sperry patterned the new hat directly from the old one, sewing it from marine grade canvas and then attaching all the necessary lines and straps to ensure it will stay securely on top of the Salty's head, no matter what the winter weather. The new red hat features a classic bright white brim and uses the "buoy" pom-pom from the old hat, which must have been repurposed from the waterfront at the time the first hat was constructed. Inspired by Salty's new paint job in 2024 Mary Dermody managed the project from concept to completion, to ensure Salty's new Santa hat was finished in time for it's December debut. The funds for the new Santa Hat were provided by a generous anonymous donor.

Tinkhamtown Chapel Christmas Sing

The annual Tinkhamtown Chapel Christmas Sing-along will take place on Saturday, **December 20** at 5:00 pm at the Chapel on the corner of Acushnet Road and Tinkham Lane. Join your friends and neighbors as we sing the old favorites under the light of kerosene lamps and accompanied by an antique pump organ. Refreshments will be served in the Sewing Circle Building next door. If anyone would like to perform a solo instrumental or vocal selection, or if you have any questions, please contact Gail Roberts at 508-758-9559 or by emailing peggsmom@gmail.com.

If you can't attend on the 20th, please join us at the Mattapoisett Museum, 5 Church Street, on Sunday, December 21 at 4:00 pm for a Christmas carol sing-along, plus a visit from Santa.

Mattapoisett Seeks Volunteers for 4th of July Celebration

The Town of Mattapoisett is gearing up for an Independence Day celebration, and we need your help to make it happen!

We're calling on community members of all ages to volunteer for this year's July festivities. We have several ideas that are being considered to present a small-town celebration for the USA on the 250th birthday.



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The celebration will begin on the evening of July 3 and conclude possibly on Sunday, July 5. The programs are designed so as not to interfere with the annual road race or the parade in Marion. This will be family friendly and give us all chance to mark this big national celebration.

There will be a meeting for anyone interested to help on **December 10** at 6:00 pm at the legion hall on Depot street. We can share our ideas which are pretty simple but will take many volunteers to make it happen.

Questions may be emailed to theseamstress058@gmail.com.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

A couple of weeks ago, I mentioned the Hartley Sawmill which was a successful business for many years and finally closed in 1964. The actual site of that mill now marked only by rocks and a water course has an extensive history all its own. The area around it is historically referred to as the "Winslow Mill Area", because in 1725, Maj. Edward Winslow developed the site as an iron forge.

It was a "bloomery" forge where local bog iron was recovered from the water and then smelted to make iron bars for the nail works in Tremont. It's believed that the bloomery forge shut down at some point after the Revolutionary War. Many of this type of forge were shutting down around this time, because the supply of

bog iron was being depleted. However, the waterpower privilege was too valuable to be abandoned.

Elisha Ruggles turned the site into a grist mill in 1823 and over the next 65 years the site had many owners, among them; the David Peckhams, both Sr. and Jr., Hiram Waldron, Josiah Pierce, William T. Bryant and Charles and Eudora West.





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Looking at the maps that we have for sale at the museum, the 1856 map has the site as a grist mill. By the 1879 map, it is still listed as a grist mill, but box board and shingle mill have been added.

In 1888 (as mentioned previously), James Hartley purchased the property and from then on it was operated by him and then, his offspring. No doubt when he purchased the mill, it was powered by at least one waterwheel. As time passed, upgrades were made.

First, a 25 horsepower Acushnet Iron Foundry-built turbine type water wheel was installed to provide more power. By the early 1900's, a steam engine and boiler were installed. In the late 1920's, James Hartley, Jr., the 4th child and 3rd son, along with Malachai White replaced the horizontal wheel with a vertical-shaft-drive turbine. These upgrades in power were typical of how small sawmill owners improved their businesses.

The boom years for the Hartley Sawmill were from the 1920's to the 1950's. In those years, the mill produced cordwood, house and boat lumber and boxboards and shingles. One of the Hartley Sawmill shingle machines is in George Church's Museum on Mattapoisett Rd. The output of the mill was hauled by oxen and horse-drawn wagons to harbors like Marion and New Bedford to be loaded onto schooners.

After the mill closed down, the vacant and decaying mill buildings were removed or burned by the Rochester Fore Dept. However, the office building was left standing. Recently, Rick Miranda, the current keeper of the Hartley Sawmill Trust, has renovated the building which was the office of Hannah Ellen Hartley who both ran the hardware store and kept the records of all the mill transactions. One of her ledgers is part of the current exhibit at the Rochester Historical Society Museum. Anyone interested in viewing the exhibit; "The Tools and Industries That Made Rochester", can set up time for a visit by calling Connie at 617-750-2818 or Sue at 508-295-8908.

December at the Rochester Historical Museum

December is a busy time for everyone, especially

Santa and his elves. The Rochester Historical Society is happy to help out the folks at the North Pole. We'll be at the Plumb Library Holiday Fundraiser on **December 13** from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm with lots of Rochester clothing, hats, books and maps and more. This year we have a new item, a fleece vest with our embroidered logo. Everything would look great under anyone's tree.

The next day, **December 14** at 1:30 pm, we're having a Christmas party, show-casing holiday music on our rare and wonderful Vocalion organ. After enjoying the music and even singing along with Tom and Sheila Perry, we will enjoy some holiday treats downstairs. The only price of admission is an unwrapped toy or item for a child or teen.

December Events at the Mattapoisett Library

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library are hosting their annual jewelry sale beginning with a Preview Sale for Friends members on Thursday, **December 4**, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Sale dates for the public are Friday, **December 5**, 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm and Saturday, **December 6**, 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

Teens are invited to join us on Tuesday, **December 9** at 6:00 pm for a Teen Diamond Art craft. Get creative and make some of your favorite Pokémon out of diamond beads - no registration required, recommended for ages 12 to 18.

The holidays are right around the corner and shopping scams are on the rise. Do you know how to protect yourself? Robin Putnam, from the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation, will lead a discussion on identity theft prevention at the library on Tuesday, **December 10**, at 1:00 pm. Registration is required.

Our Silent Book Club returns on Sunday, **December 14**, at 1:00 pm in the upstairs Reading Rooms. Participants will enjoy delicious treats, tea, and quiet time to read. Relax with friends, acquaintances, and strangers while learning about your next favorite book. The event is for patrons ages 16 and up - no registration required.

Join us on Sunday, **December 14** at 2:00 pm for A Perky Pairing: Coffee and Chocolate. In this presentation, commercial-licensed chocolatier Kim Larkin of Klassic Kreations Workshops will cover fascinating facts about coffee and chocolate with samples to try. Registration is required.

Join our next Board Game Club on Tuesday, **December 16**, at 6:00 pm. This month's pick is "CLUE," a murder mystery game where everyone's a suspect. Collect clues and solve the case. Recommended for 3 to 6 players, but teams can be formed to accommodate more. *If you've never played before, please arrive 15 minutes early to review the rules. Registration is required.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library is scheduled for Wednesday, **December 17**, at 6:00 pm. All are welcome to attend. A Zoom link to the meeting is available upon request. If



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you have any questions, please contact the library at mfp1@sailsinc.org. We can pass along your message to the Friends.

Attention teens: Need a break from school chaos? Join us for Sticker and Chill Santa Style at the library on Friday, **December 19**, at 3:30 pm. Relax, get creative, and build your own 3D sticker scene with one of our soothing sticker kits - yours to customize and keep. For ages 13 to 17.

The library will be closed for the Christmas holiday on Wednesday, December 24, through Friday, December 26. We will reopen on Saturday, December 27, at 10:00 am.

The library will also be closed for the New Year on Wednesday, December 31, and Thursday, January 1. We will reopen on Friday, January 2, at 10:00 am.

Please remember that a library card is required at checkout. If your card is missing, we can replace it. To avoid losing it again, download the SAILS mobile app. It's an excellent alternative to carrying your physical library card. Please see a librarian if you need help or have questions. Your privacy is important to us. Let's protect it together.

As always, our programs and events are free and open to everyone. For more information, please visit us at 7 Barstow Street, browse our website at www.mattapoissettlibrary.org, or call the library at 508-758-4171.

Children's Department at the Mattapoissett Library

Due to the success of our food drive during the month of November, we will be continuing to collect donations for local food pantries in the form of non-perishable food, pet food, diapers, cleaning supplies, and items to help with personal hygiene. Unlike in November, we will no longer be waiving late fees on library materials for donated items. We thank the generosity of our community, and we hope to have another successful month of collecting items for those in need within our community.

Graphic Novel Book Club continues this month with Scout is not a Band Kid by Jade Armstrong. The book club will be meeting on Friday, **December 13**, at 3:30 pm - registration is required, and we have extra copies of the book available to check out.

Need some gift ideas? Try homemade. Or library-made. Come make some crafts for gifts and decorations this holiday season and have some hot cocoa while you're at it. No registration required. This Family Gift Workshop will be on Saturday, **December 13**, from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

To register for our events or for more information, please check out our website, mattapoissettlibrary.org, or give us a call at 508-758-4171. We hope to see you in the library soon. Until then, keep reading.



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Holiday By the Sea House Tour Fast Approaching

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We also welcome everyone to join us during the Marion Village Stroll on Sunday **December 14**, when Handy's Tavern will once again open its doors for visitors to explore this treasured landmark and enjoy warm, spiced Wassail served with holiday cheer.

Come celebrate the season, the spirit of community, and the historic charm that makes Marion so special. For more information or tickets please visit SippicanWomansClub.org.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

The Friends of The Elizabeth Taber Library's Holiday Book Sale starts Thursday, **December 4** at 2:00 pm, and continues through Saturday, December 6, at the library. Find a wide selection of books, puzzles, and games, and check out our Holiday Raffle Baskets. All proceeds benefit the Elizabeth Taber Library.

Join the Banned Book Club's discussion of Like Water for Chocolate, Tuesday **December 9** at 6:00 pm.

The Cozy Cup Book Club will be discussing Joanne Flukes Plum Pudding Murder on **December 10** at



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Arlene F. (Rogers) Belliveau, 82, of Rochester, MA and The Villages, FL died Sunday, November 23, 2025 at Charlton Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. She was the wife of Paul Belliveau.

Born in New Bedford, daughter of the late John and Maude (Mosher) Rogers, she was raised in New Bedford and lived in Rochester and Mattapoisett for most of her life.

Arlene was a graduate of New Bedford High School and later graduated with honors from both Southeastern Massachusetts University with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and Bentley University with a Master's in Taxation Degree.

She was formerly employed as an accounting manager for Sippican Corporation, later Lockheed Martin, for many years until her retirement.

Arlene enjoyed golfing and was a member of Reservation Golf Club in Mattapoisett. She also enjoyed quilting, reading and dancing.

She is survived by her husband, Paul; her son, Frank Linhares, Jr. and his wife Susan; two daughters, Karen Vieira and her husband Tony and Tracy Tringale; her step-daughter, Kimberly Pacheco and her husband Ed; her sister, Elaine Pacheco; five grandchildren, John Linhares and his wife Kymberly, Brittany Benevides and her husband Jonathan, Philip Tringale, Zachary Rogers, and Nico Tringale; four great-grandchildren, Jocelyn, Lillyana, Olivia, and Trace; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by many siblings.

Her visiting hours were held Friday, November 28, 2025 in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. Burial followed in Cushing Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Arlene's memory may be made to Damien's Food Pantry, 242 Marion Rd., Wareham, MA 02571 or to a charity of your choice. For guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



William L. Long, 85, passed away at his home in Marion, Massachusetts on November 24, 2025. Bill was formerly of Marlborough, Pembroke and Jamaica Plain.

Bill grew up in Jamaica Plain, and attended Wentworth, and Northeastern University, majoring in electrical engineering. His career evolved from hardware to software engineering, and he worked with McDonnell Douglas, Raytheon, Stratus, and Cisco Systems, from which he retired.

Bill is predeceased by his wife, Sheila, after 49 years of marriage. He is also predeceased by his brothers Tom, John, and Bob and his parents William and Margaret 'Peg'.

He is survived by his brother James (Kathy), his

daughters Heather and Lisa, his grandchildren Sara and Dan Cashman, his sister-in-law Sandy, and nieces & nephews, Laura, James, Joe, William 'BB' and Robert, as well as a myriad of wonderful Canadian and American cousins.

Bill was an avid Boston Bruins & Patriots fan, enjoyed exploring his Irish-Scottish heritage, and listening to Celtic music as well as the Pogues, U2 and AC/DC. Bill was known in Marion for his love of fishing, his dry sense of humor and his regular walks along Delano Road with his beloved terrier, Darby. His interests included traveling with his wife, driving to the beach, boating and fishing.

A visitation will be held at Chapman Funerals and Cremations – Wareham, 2599 Cranberry Hwy. (Rt. 28), Wareham on Saturday, December 13, 2025 from 10 am – 11 am with a celebration of life, prayers and remembrances beginning at 11 am. A luncheon will follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Marion Council on Aging, 465 Mill St., Marion, MA 02738 or your local council, as they support aging in place in our communities.

For directions or to leave a message of condolence visit: www.chapmanfuneral.com



Jane H. Lonsdale, 95, of Mattapoisett, died Saturday, October 18, 2025 after a period of declining health. She was the wife of the late Adrian L. Lonsdale and the daughter of the late Frank P. and Mildred R. Swett.

Jane was born in Arlington, MA and graduated from Arlington High School. She then attended Connecticut College where she majored in music. While there, she met Adrian who was attending the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and married in 1950. They were married for 66 years. Jane first came to this area in 1966 when Adrian took command of the Coast Guard Cutter Vigilant, then stationed in New Bedford. In later years, she lived in several places including Thousand Oaks, CA, Arlington, VA and Cape Elizabeth, ME. Upon Adrian's retirement, they moved back to Mattapoisett.

Jane completed her bachelor's degree in psychology at George Mason University and her master's degree in science at the University of Maine. She applied her knowledge to help others in recovery from addiction. She was a clinical supervisor at Edgehill alcohol treatment facility, Newport RI, and later a program director at Gosnold addiction treatment center, Falmouth, MA.

Music remained an important part of her life. Jane had taught piano lessons and served as a church organist and choir director. She was a member of the choir at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Marion.

Survivors include her children, Darcy Lonsdale of

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11:00 am. As always, coffee and tea are provided.

Visit the library on Friday, **December 12** at 6:00 pm to welcome the holidays with the Cooking Club Holiday Spectacular. Join chef Jeni Wheeler as she shares her holiday tips and tricks for hosting this holiday season. Free small bites, mocktails and fun. Registration is Required- call the library at 508-748-1252 or register online.

Join Miss Macy for two exciting Saturday programs on Saturday, **December 6**. At 11:00 am we have Saturday story time for ages 0-5. This engaging story time 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.

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-a-kind 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.

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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.

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Northport, NY, Karl Lonsdale and his wife Siriwan of Tampa, FL, and Ross Lonsdale and his wife Maureen of Cape Elizabeth; seven grandchildren, two great grandchildren, five nephews and two nieces. She was the sister of the late Priscilla L. Reed and Frank P. Swett, Jr.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 20, 2025 at 11 am at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, 124 Front St., Marion. Donations in her memory may be made to St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 545, Marion, MA 02738.

Arrangements by Chapman Funerals & Cremations – Wareham. For directions or to leave a message of condolence visit: www.chapmanfuneral.com



Robert B. Caldeira, 88, of Marion passed away at home on Friday November 28, 2025. He was the husband of Susan A. (Giard) Caldeira.

Born in New Bedford, the son of the late Celestino and Georgiana Caldeira, he lived in Marion for most of his life.

Robert, a tireless Teamsters Union advocate, served as a former Trustee of the Teamsters Union Local 59 from 1992 until 2001.

Robert is survived by his wife Susan; his children, Cheryl A. Caldeira Green, Mark A. Caldeira, and Charlene A. Caldeira; his sister, Sally Lemos; his grandchildren, Joshua Knox and Rachel Caldeira; and three great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his granddaughter, Megan Caldeira and his sister, Patricia Rullison.

Visiting hours were held on Tuesday December 2nd at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett. His funeral service will be held on Wednesday December 3rd at 10 am at the funeral home with the burial immediately following at Old Landing Cemetery, Marion. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Priscilla Stuart Smith-Trudeau Hevey, 77 of Fletcher, Vermont passed away suddenly on October 23, 2025 with the love of her life, Gerard Hevey, at her side.

Born August 26, 1948 in Boston, MA she was the daughter of the late Henry Buckley Smith, Sr. and Annie Payson Provance Smith and the sister of the late Henry Buckley Smith, Jr. all of Rochester, MA.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her daughter, Lisa McDaniel, of Arizona, her sister, Anne Payson Smith Holbrook, two nephews, James Payson Smith Holbrook and his wife Sarah Lafrinere Holbrook all of Rochester, MA and Matthew Christopher Smith of Wareham, MA. As well as

three grand-nieces Stella V. Holbrook, Charlotte A. Holbrook, and Sloane L. Holbrook and a grand-nephew James Payson Smith Holbrook, Jr all of Rochester, MA.

As a child Priscilla grew up in Rochester, MA and attended Rochester Memorial School and the Old Rochester Regional High School. She is remembered by her classmates as happy and fun loving. She graduated in 1966 and went on to obtain her LPN and RN Certifications.

Priscilla and Gerard met while working on a nursing unit on the south coast of Massachusetts in 1989 and subsequently move to Vermont. They were married in Fletcher, Vermont on 23 August 2005. Together they built a life based on helping people in need and helping to improve their lives. As animal lovers they adopted and cared for many pets through the years that brought daily joy into their lives. She loved living on top of her mountain in Vermont and taking advantage of all the area had to offer, especially hiking the trails with her husband and enjoying nature.

She was employed at the University of Vermont Medical Center as a Rehabilitation Nurse in Burlington, Vermont. She retired in 2023.

Priscilla started her career as an LPN in the 1960's and through the years attained the degrees of RN DC MSM BSN CRRN CCM HNB-BC. She was a graduate of Thomas Edison State College with a Masters in Management and Leadership and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of the State of New York. Her certifications included a Certification in Rehabilitation Nursing, a Certification in Holistic Nursing and a Certification in Conflict Resolution.

She was a Founder of the Women's Rape Crisis Center in New Bedford, MA which was a precursor of the Women's Center of New Bedford as it is known today. Originally a volunteer organization, it was established in the same year that Roe vs. Wade protected abortion rights. She was instrumental in the development of the Women's Health Clinic as one of the Center's premier programs and in 1983 was a vocal advocate for the Big Dan Rape victim traveling the country talking about what happened and what was needed to be done to protect women from abuse. Sadly, fifty years later the fight to prevent abuse is still being waged on a national level.

In 2001 she published a book "Peaceful Warrior Nurse". She reasoned that there were not "enough books written for nurses, by nurses and about nurses that enlighten, empower and encourage them to celebrate the diversity and spirit of nursing". She wrote the book is about "living, loving, learning and leaving a nursing legacy."

Around the same time, she established her consulting firm "Wealth in Diversity Consulting" of which she was the Founder and President. She developed "A model for Creating and Sustaining Positive Change which acts as a framework for guiding organizational change as a vital resource leading to increased creativity, innovation and enhanced leader and team effectiveness."

www.marionmuseum.org. Suggested \$10.00 donation to the museum is much appreciated.

"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.

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guests will enjoy two cherished signature experiences:

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-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

OBITUARIES

Her life was dedicated to developing a deep understanding about the strength of differences and an appreciation of shared humanness.

She will always be remembered by her family as a person who lived her dreams, cared for her grandmother and mother in their later years and encouraged her nephews to "live their dreams".

Priscilla should be remembered not only for her love and dedication to nursing but also her love of animals and supporting animal rights groups.

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Joan E. (Grassetti) Lagunowich, 79, of Mattapoisett, formerly of Longmeadow, MA died November 29, 2025 peacefully at St. Luke's Hospital surrounded by her loving family.

She was the beloved wife of Paul G. Lagunowich, with whom she shared 57 years of marriage. Born in Springfield, MA, daughter of the late Venicio and Shirley (Green) Grassetti. She raised her family in Longmeadow, MA before moving to Mattapoisett thirteen years ago.

She was known by many names-Joan, Joannie, Mom, Grammie, and Auntie Joan. The oldest of Venicio and Shirley's ten children, she grew up on Bartels Street in a house always filled with laughter, love, and delicious food.

Joan and Paul met in junior high school, where he was determined to win her heart. They married in 1968 and lived in Longmeadow for 40 years.

Joan graduated from Springfield Hospital School of Nursing, now Baystate Medical Center. She spent the majority of her nursing career working in Labor and Delivery. Joan cherished helping families welcome their babies into the world and was deeply honored whenever friends or relatives asked her to assist when their own little ones were due.

Family and especially her grandchildren were the center of Joan's life. Some of her fondest memories came

from large holiday gatherings at Woodlawn Place, where the house overflowed with joy, warmth, and laughter. Ogunquit Beach was her favorite place to relax with family and friends. She loved soaking up the sun and walking the Marginal Way at the "Beautiful Place by the Sea."

Though Joan's passing leaves an ache in the hearts of those she loved, her warmth, generosity, kindness and unwavering love will continue to guide her family. Her legacy lives on in our hearts.

Joan is survived by her husband Paul; daughter Kate Butler and her husband Todd of Mattapoisett; a son, Nick Lagunowich and his wife Elena of Chatham, NJ; her sister-in-law Jane Grassetti (Joseph Grassetti deceased) of Ludlow and 8 siblings, James Grassetti and his wife Debra of East Longmeadow, Jeffrey Grassetti and his wife Mary of Hampden, John Grassetti and his wife Gail of Mashpee, Jerry Grassetti and his wife Cheryl of East Longmeadow, Jack Vincent Grassetti and his wife Sheila of Longmeadow, Judy LaValle and her husband Gary, of East Longmeadow, Christopher Grassetti and his wife Lisa of Agawam and Charles Grassetti and his wife Ann of Gloucester; and her six grandchildren, Mary Clare, Sally and John Butler, Luke, John and Nicholas Lagunowich; and numerous beloved nieces and nephews. Joan will also miss the company of her brother-in-law John and sister-in-law Ellen Lagunowich, especially enjoying their favorite "Treasure Chest Lobster."

Her Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, December 6th at 11:30 am in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. Her family will receive guests on Saturday from 9:30-11:30 am prior to her service. For directions and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in memory of Joan Lagunowich may be made to My Brother's Keeper, P.O. Box 70273, Dartmouth, MA 02747.

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

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Thursday December 4, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
8:30 AM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Edwin Pina
9:30 AM Mattapoisett Woman's Club Speaker Series - Jack Matthews
10:30 AM Rochester Historical Society - Cemeteries, Genealogy, & the Revolutionary War
12:30 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
8:00 PM Teach Your Home Energy Costs! With David Green
9:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - The Early Life of Humpback Whales
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Friday December 5, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
9:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US
9:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
10:00 AM Southcoast Matters
11:30 AM Fall Family Fun Day
12:30 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 - Edwin Pina
5:00 PM Tri-Town Veterans Day Events
7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
8:30 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
9:00 PM A Conversation With...
9:30 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
10:00 PM Putnam Murdock Concert at the Marion Art Center
10:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Saturday December 6, 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 Show
2:30 PM The Human Truth - with Chuck McIntyre
3:00 PM The Collective Chat
3:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Edwin Pina
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - 100 Years of the H12 with Halsey Herreshoff
6:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Sea Turtles in Massachusetts
7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
8:30 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
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 December 7, 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
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 on Europe
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 8, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
9:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US
9:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
10:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Shift on Europe
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 Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
3:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
4:30 PM The Human Truth
5:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Power and Glory
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 Fund
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Tuesday December 9, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
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 10, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Cape Conversations
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road

10:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
10:30 AM Paltrowitz 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

MARION GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
8:00 AM Marion Planning Board
9:00 AM Marion Marine Resources Commission
10:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission
12:00 PM Marion Water and Sewer
2:00 PM Marion Board of Health
3:00 PM Marion Finance Committee
3:30 PM Marion Special Town Meeting
5:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
7:00 PM Marion School Committee
7:30 PM ORR School Committee
9:30 PM Marion Special Town Meeting
11:30 PM Marion Water and Sewer

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7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
8:00 AM Rochester Planning Board
9:30 AM Rochester Zoning Board

of Appeals
10:30 AM Rochester School Committee
12:30 PM Rochester Public Safety Facility Building Committee
1:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
3:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee
4:30 PM ORR District School Committee
6:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
7:30 PM Rochester Planning Board
9:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
10:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
11:30 PM Rochester Public Safety Facility Building Committee

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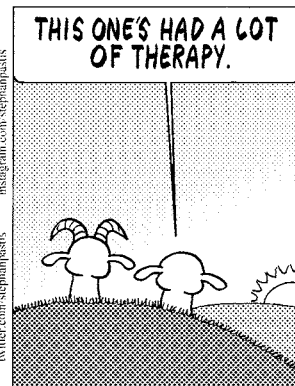
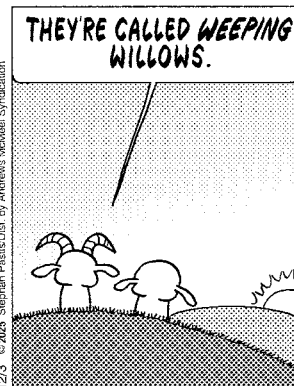
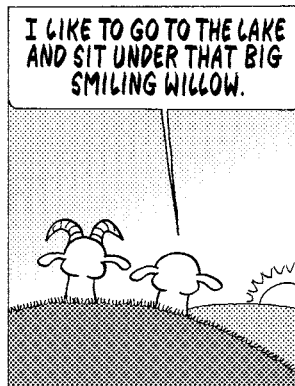
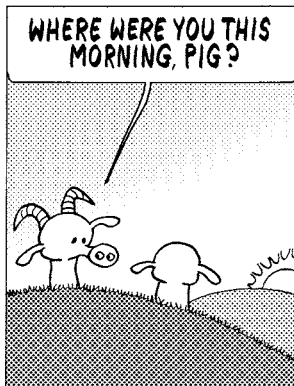
7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM Bulldog Sports
8:00 AM OHS 6th Grade Promotion Ceremony
9:30 AM Sippican Spring Concert
10:30 AM Sippican School Block
11:00 AM Old Colony National Honor Society Ceremony
11:30 AM ORR/JHS Guppy Tank
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM Bulldog Sports
1:30 PM ORR Unified Basketball vs Bourne
2:30 PM ORR Homecoming Pep Rally
3:30 PM Boys Soccer vs Lynnfield
5:00 PM ORR Unified Basketball vs Police
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs Fairhaven
8:00 PM ORR Football vs Dartmouth
10:00 PM ORR Football vs Somerset Berkley
11:30 PM ORR Boys Soccer vs Lynnfield

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MOVIE REVIEW

Three for Three

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Wake Up Dead Man. Starring Daniel Craig and Josh O'Connor. Directed by Rian Johnson. Running time: 144 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. Now playing in select theaters; coming to Netflix December 12.

Rian Johnson has a knack for writing and directing tip-top murder mysteries that speak in some way to the moment of their release, even if by coincidence. Johnson has now given us three mysteries featuring master detective Benoit Blanc (Daniel Craig, having a sinful good time tucking these movies into his shirt pocket): *Knives Out* (2019), *Glass Onion* (2022), and now *Wake Up Dead Man*. The new film is a bit gloomier in tone than its predecessors, and takes a while to get going (Benoit doesn't make his first official appearance until better than 30 minutes in), but it pays off as all the pieces — and the thematic elements — click together. Ultimately it's a story about forgiving yourself for hatred as long as you can exorcise it.

Exorcism is relevant here, because the mystery unfolds in a New York church headed by Monsignor Jefferson Wicks (Josh Brolin), a ranter and condemner whose fiery sermons thin out the crowd in the pews except for a few faithful. These folk aren't faithful to the Church, though; they're faithful to Wicks, for different reasons mostly having to do with what he has done or claims to be able to do for them. A new priest, Father Jud (Josh O'Connor), is sent to serve at Wicks' church and soon runs afoul of him and his flock. Father Jud used to be a boxer, a rough boy from the streets, who turned to Christ after a boxing match that went bad. His view is that people deserve forgiveness, which makes him oddly unpopular in this supposed Christian setting; oddly, that is, until we remember Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde and the cold reception her message of compassion and mercy got at the post-inauguration prayer service in January.

Yes, and Johnson was working on the script for *Wake Up Dead Man* a couple of years before any of that. Like I said, he seems able to read the room before the room is built and furnished. Anyway, Father Jud becomes the prime suspect in Wicks' murder, though pretty much everyone in Wicks' congregation has a motive. The local police chief (Mila Kunis) likes Father Jud for the murder; Benoit seems to intuit that it's not that simple and never is. If it were, would Benoit have such a glowing rep



as the man who can solve any crime? But even he is momentarily bested by this case, perhaps because of the one thing everyone but him has in common, an emotion he himself doesn't seem to possess.

I wouldn't dream of spoiling the fun. So I'll just say that *Wake Up Dead Man* follows this series' tradition of a cracking ensemble cast — church assistant Glenn Close, shifty doctor Jeremy Renner, disabled musician Cailee Spaeny, lawyer Kerry Washington, groundskeeper Thomas Haden Church. (Invaluable Jeffrey Wright turns up at the beginning and end as a bishop and gets laughs each time.) Until Kenneth Branagh re-animated Hercule Poirot as a feature-film hero in 2017's *Murder on the Orient Express*, we perhaps hadn't realized how much we'd missed this sort of amiable mystery in which a big-shot detective holds forth in a room full of guest stars listening nervously. Rian Johnson must've seen the movie and said "Hold my beer," giving us the instant fan favorite Benoit Blanc.

We learn some tiny, tantalizing bits about Benoit — his indifference to religion may stem in part from his logical brain and in part from being a gay man who grew up in, I'm *guessing*, the South. (Nobody's really sure where specifically he's from, and I think Johnson and Craig would rather we didn't know. It's equally plausible that he renamed himself and put on a demonstrative accent just so he can "play" a great detective.) At this point, Craig's legacy deserves to rest at least as much on Benoit as on James Bond, possibly more so. Certainly he was never this much fun to watch as Bond, and he seems delighted with the post-Bond gift of Benoit (only three more films and Benoit will outrun Craig's Bond). Some of the other Bond guys didn't do their best work until they'd left 007 in the rearview. When the next Bond starts getting sick of the franchise two or three movies in, he may want to remind himself of Connery, Brosnan, and Craig.

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 Sunny-nook 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.

North Rochester Congregational Church Lessons & Carols

The North Rochester Congregational Church, 247 North Avenue in Rochester, will be having its Lessons &

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.

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 tic-tac-toes and a new item, fleece vests.

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).

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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Nov 23 – Nov 29

- 195 East – MV collision
- Front St – Follow up investigation
- Gifford's Corner Rd – General service
- County Rd – EMS/medical
- Gifford's Corner Rd – MV collision
- Village Dr - Transport
- Point Rd – Health/welfare
- Point Rd – Suspicious activity
- Bell Guzzle Ln – Suspicious activity
- Point Rd - Transport
- Bayview Rd – Animal complaint
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Field Stone Ln – Animal control
- Cove Cir – Wildlife services
- Mill St – MV collision
- State St – EMS/medical
- River Rd – Parking enforcement
- Converse Rd – Suspicious person
- 195 East – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Animal complaint
- Converse Rd – General service
- Point Rd – General service
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Cove Cir – Wildlife services
- Cottage St - Disturbance
- Spring St - Disturbance
- Mill St - Medical
- Mill St – Lost property
- Marconi Ln – Officer wanted

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Nov 23 – Nov 29

- Brant Beach Ave – Animal control
- Split Rock Ln – MV crash
- Bowman Rd – Suspicious MV
- Barstow St – General service
- Pearl St – General service
- Crestfield St – 911 call
- Meadowbrook Ln – Animal control
- Wildwood Ter – Ambulance request
- Meadowbrook Ln - Notification
- Marion Rd – Suspicious persons
- Harbor Nk Rd - Transport
- Uncas Way – Restraining order
- Fairhaven Rd – Medical assist
- Angelica Ave – MV violations
- Main St – Medical assist
- Barstow St – 911 call
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- I195 West – MV crash
- North St – Follow up investigation
- Crystal Spring Rd – Assist citizen
- Acushnet Rd – General service
- Acushnet Rd – Health/welfare
- Wolf Island Rd – Lost property
- Park Pl – 911 call
- Water St – Suspicious MV
- Cove St – Medical assist
- Aucoot Rd – MV violations
- Fairhaven Rd – Medical assist
- North St – MV violations

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Nov 23 – Nov 29

- Dexter Ln – Firearms licensing
- Dexter Ln – 911 call
- Marion Rd – MV collision
- Dexter Ln – Transport
- Alley Rd – Animal control
- Marion Rd – Chimney fire
- Rounseville Rd – MV collision
- Pine St – House lockout
- Marion Rd – MV stop/citation
- Walnut Plain Rd – General service
- Snipatuit Rd – Follow up
- Hartley Rd – General services
- North Ave – MV stop/citation
- Neck Rd – Animal control
- Forbes Rd – Animal control
- Vaughn Hill Rd – Suspicious activity
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV collision
- High St – 911 call
- Walnut Plain Rd - Animal control
- Walnut Plain Rd – Suspicious activity
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Hartley Rd – Outside smoke
- County Rd - Medical
- High St – MV collision
- Hartley Rd – Suspicious activity
- Marion Rd – Animal control
- Snipatuit Rd – Follow up
- Rounseville Rd – 911 call
- Kings Hwy – Well-being check

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



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Dec 8: Maple bacon chicken thigh, butternut squash, green peas, Hawaiian roll, banana
Tuesday, Dec 9: Creamy Cajun salmon, whole grain pasta, green beans & red peppers, wheat bread, peach cup
Wednesday, Dec 10: Beef chili w/ cheese, buttermilk biscuit, mixed root vegetables, vanilla pudding, diet: fruit
Thursday, Dec 11: BBQ chicken strips, baked beans, broccoli, cornbread loaf, chocolate chip cookie
Friday, Dec 12: Meatloaf w/gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, carrots, wheat roll, pear

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Dec 8: Meatball sub, oven baked potato wedges, savory green beans
Tuesday, Dec 9: Chicken nuggets, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll
Wednesday, Dec 10: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup,

tater tots, cheese stick

Thursday, Dec 11: Creamy mac & cheese, carrots, applesauce cup
Friday, Dec 12: Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Dec 8: Meatball sub, oven baked potato wedges, savory green beans
Tuesday, Dec 9: Chicken nuggets, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll
Wednesday, Dec 10: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tater tots, cheese stick
Thursday, Dec 11: Creamy mac & cheese, carrots, applesauce cup
Friday, Dec 12: Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Dec 8: Meatball sub, oven baked potato wedges, savory green beans

Tuesday, Dec 9: Chicken nuggets, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll
Wednesday, Dec 10: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tater tots, cheese stick
Thursday, Dec 11: Creamy mac & cheese, carrots, applesauce cup
Friday, Dec 12: Hot buffalo chicken dip served with whole grain tortilla chips, fresh veggie sticks

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

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SIPPICAN SCHOOL

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OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Dec 8: Build a bowl
Tuesday, Dec 9: Italian sub, corn & fries
Wednesday, Dec 10: Spaghetti & meatballs, green beans & garlic bread
Thursday, Dec 11: Build a baked potato, steamed broccoli
Friday, Dec 12: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

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.

Good Shepherd's Christmas Fair

The Church of the Good Shepherd will be holding 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.

Church of the Good Shepherd Weekly Meal

The Good Shepherd's Table at the Church of the Good Shepherd on 74 High St. in Wareham serves a



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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.

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.

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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Sunrise near Molly's Cove. Photo by Nicole Balthazar



Marino Carreiro has once again illuminated Acushnet Road with his impressive winter lights display. Having worked for the last few months, the Carreiros flipped the switch and turned the lights on last Saturday. The spectacle, along with hot chocolate and treats, is visible now through the holiday season. Photos by Sam Bishop



Advent wreath-building at Mattapoisett Congregational Church Saturday afternoon included hot cocoa for kids of all ages. Photo by Jennifer Shepley

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

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.

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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



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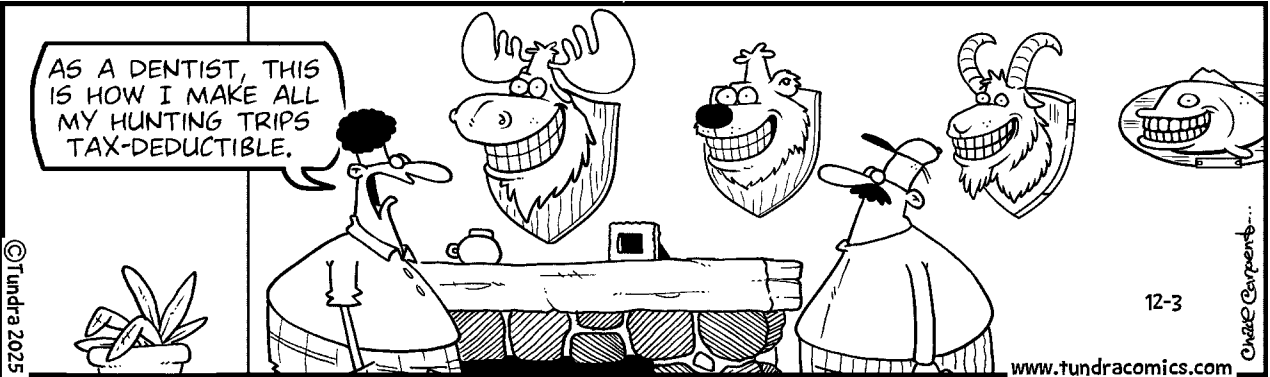
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Come, bring your friends, and enjoy.

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 mattconchurch@gmail.com.

Hear Our Voice

The Hear Our Voice concert will be presented at 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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5 Witty remark
11 Pinnacles
16 Inaccurate
19 Sailing
20 Ablaze
21 Pinnacles
22 Money for the senior yrs.
23 Start of a riddle
26 Guided
27 Redeemers
28 Tally
29 Forest growth
30 Comics cry
31 Omitted, as a syllable
35 Used a scull
37 USN VIP
39 Riddle, part 2
41 Riddle, part 3
47 "Mayday!"
48 Take to the road
49 Neighbor of Georgia
50 Aroma detector
52 Stain-fighting toothpaste, e.g.
54 "Year One" director
55 Gun, in slang
56 Asian "way"
58 "Three's Company" co-star
Suzanne

- 59 Aversion
62 User's guide
64 Celtic language
65 Riddle, part 4
69 Je ne — quoi
73 Incendiary felonies
74 Most frequently
79 Golf legend
Palmer
81 Picnic pest
82 Lifelong pal, informally
84 Tiny hairlike structures
85 Not crying
87 Currency of Latvia
89 Gives the means
91 "— dabba doo!"
92 Lick like a cat
94 Riddle, part 5
96 End of the riddle
99 Part of ROY G. BIV
100 A stage past embryonic
101 Protested unpeacefully
102 Gp. checking baggage
104 Actresses
Jillian and Blyth
105 Joan — (French saint)

- 108 Elliott of the New England Patriots
112 Permit to
113 Riddle's answer
118 Maui garland
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121 Prefix with byte or ton
122 Org. on a toothpaste box
123 Pre-Soviet rulers
124 Sneeze catcher
125 "You, over there ..."

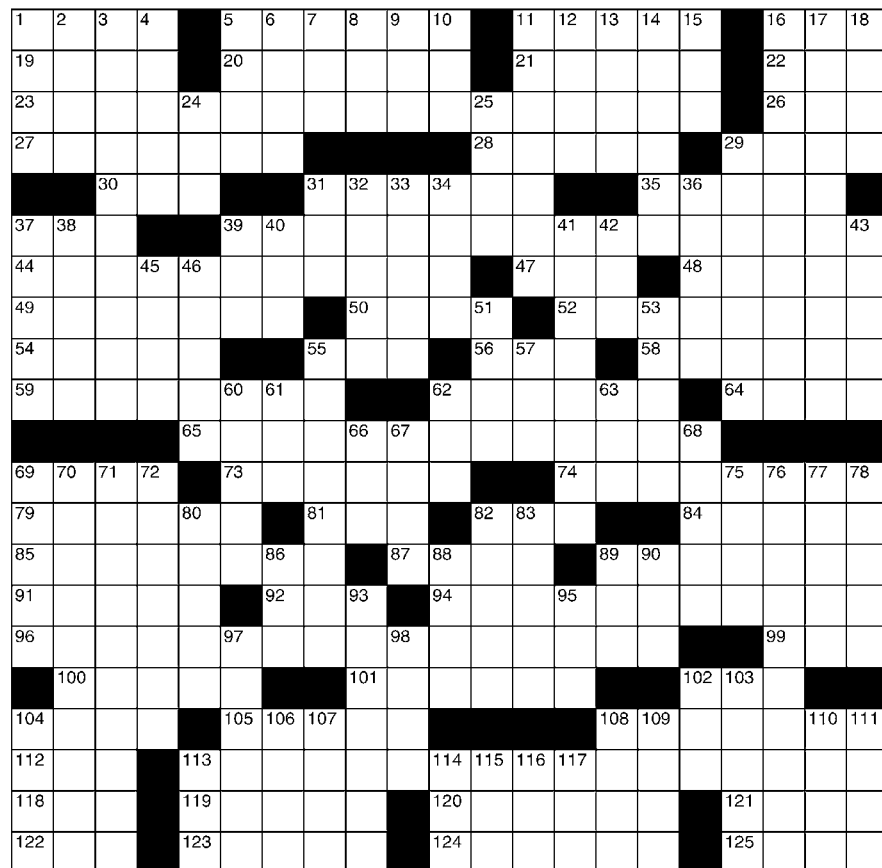
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- 1 Skull parts
2 Worker welfare org.
3 Rodent-built channel blockers
4 "Vexations" composer
Erik
5 Churlish sort
6 Difficult task
7 Gridiron gp.
8 Prefix with term or week
9 Eye, to poets
10 Casual shirt
11 Tiered temples
12 Pale tan

- 13 "Preach it!"
14 "Sleeper" co-star
Diane
15 Old fast jet, for short
16 Worker purifying petroleum
17 Breath-holding reef explorers, e.g.
18 Lose color
24 Bowl-shaped frying pan
25 Brand of PCs and tablets
29 Warship with three banks of rowers
31 Letters after els
32 Hotelier
Helmsley
33 Otherwise
34 Huskies, e.g.
36 Expand on
37 Swiss — (beet variety)
38 — Lama
39 Math game with matchsticks
40 "I'm — loss"
41 Resign from
42 Hearth waste
43 Succinct
45 Just slightly
46 Rips into

- 51 Coup d'— (rebellion)
53 Dot of land in the ocean
55 Is given the chance to chime in
57 Darth Vader, as a boy
60 Hue
61 Roadwork goo
62 Eds. mark them up
63 '80s sitcom
66 Took the gold
67 Poker stake
68 Deteriorate
69 Man-goat of myth
70 Where aid is urgently required
71 While not physically attending
72 Ice cream alternatives
75 Pen tips
76 "Phantom Lady" co-star
77 Prolonged attack
78 Zapped with a stunning weapon
80 Camel cousin
82 "DMZ" actor
Benjamin

- 83 "— is an Englishman" ("H.M.S. Pinafore" lyric)
86 Kind of 35mm camera
88 High coif
89 Furniture wood option
90 Bridal bio word
93 Avian mimics
95 Rock guitarist
Barrett
97 Luau hellos
98 Ward for preemies
102 Decimal base
103 Be too thrifty
104 Spaghetti — bolognese
106 Goat cheese
107 Miles away
108 Jacob's twin, in the Bible
109 Region
110 Nest fillers
111 Exam for an atty.-to-be
113 Vietnamese New Year
114 Deteriorate
115 Anna of fashion
116 Non-earthlings, for short
117 "— longa, vita brevis"



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your curiosity might not be appreciated by everyone. Expect some resistance when getting the answers to your questions. But stay with it. You need facts in order to make important decisions.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Some of the mystery surrounding your recent fiscal situation will soon be dispelled with a clear explanation. Use this new knowledge to help you chart a fresh financial course.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Start your Christmas and Chanukah gift-buying now. This will help avoid problems caused by possible mid-December delays. Meanwhile, a family member has important information.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Use a little more sense in how you plan to spend your end-of-the-year holiday dollars. Meanwhile, you continue to gain support for your stand on a workplace issue.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Wearing that big, loving Lion's heart of yours on your sleeve leaves it unprotected. Let things develop a little more before you allow your emotions to spill over.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might feel like you're not ready to patch up an unraveled relationship. But the longer you wait, the more difficult it will be for all parties to take the first healing step.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your end-of-the-year holiday plans could be disrupted by something out of your control, but stay the course. Ultimately, things will settle back into a normal pace.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your honest approach to a workplace project earns you both respect and credit from those in charge. Meanwhile, a personal problem still needs to be dealt with.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Money could be a little tight this month. This means that the usually bargain-oblivious Sagittarian should look for ways to save on end-of-the-year holidays.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Examine the facts, and you might find that it's a wiser move to shift gears and redirect some of your goals before the end of the year. In addition, someone close to you offers good advice.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Be careful that your generosity is not abused. Find out more about both of the special favors that you might be asked to grant -- and who exactly is asking for them.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You've come through a recent rough time in great shape. Congratulations! Now go out and enjoy your well-earned rewards. More good news comes in mid-December.

BORN THIS WEEK: You aim for the truth, and you usually find it. Your honesty earns you the friendship and respect of others.

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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.

The money raised will go towards funding the club's college scholarship fund, ongoing community beautification projects, monthly garden therapy program at the Council on Aging, educational horticultural programs and so much more. The club meets on the second Thursday of each month, with the exception of January, February, July and August.

For membership information send an email with your interest to warehamgardenclubma@gmail.com.

Friends Of The Mattapoissett Library Jewelry Sale

The Friends of the Mattapoissett Library will host their annual Jewelry and Accessory sale at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow Street, next month. This wildly popular event kicks off with a Friends

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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 Mattapoiet Library membership to take part in their preview sale.

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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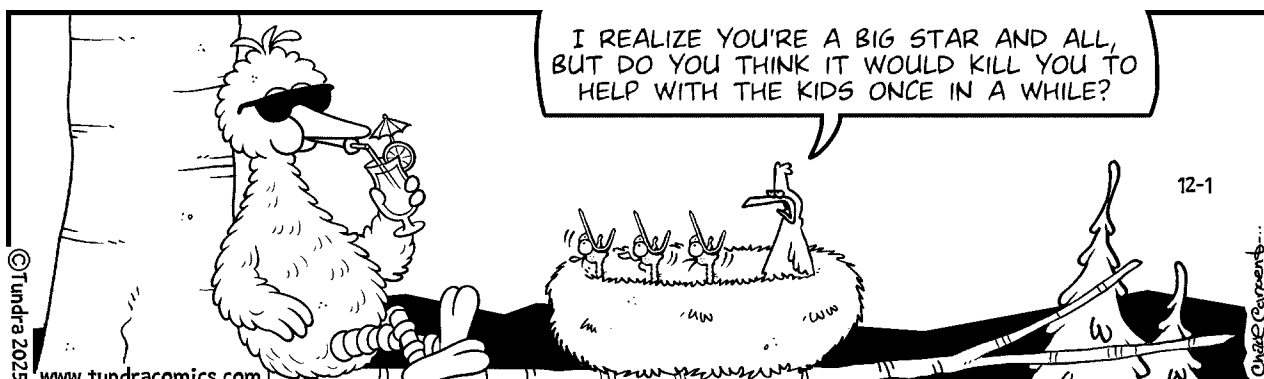
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For questions or more information, please contact the BPAA Grants Committee via the website.

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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 Mattapoissett 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.

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available on a first-come, first-served basis. This program 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.

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.

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.

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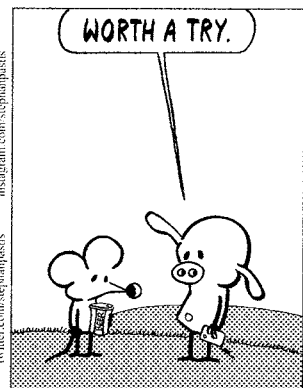
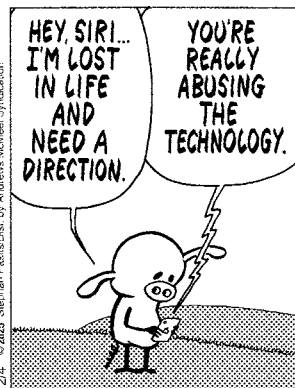
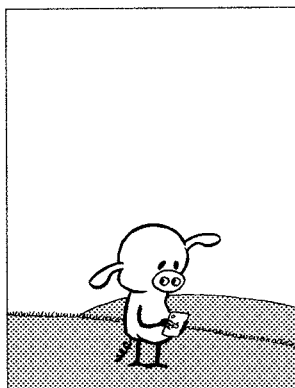
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



Committee. The MSC is comprised of seven members who meet 4-to-5 times per year to publicize, solicit student applications, determine the qualifications, and award scholarships to Mattapoissett residents. There are two Scholarships: Mattapoissett Graduating Senior Award and Mattapoissett Continuing Education Scholarship. These scholarships are funded by residents who submit funds in accordance with Excise tax collection.

Please submit your interest and any helpful information by email to: Christine Richards, crichards@mattapoissett.net; and Paul Criscuolo (Chair), paulcriscuolo@gmail.com at your earliest convenience. It is our plan to determine the outcome by **December 15**.

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, Mattapoissett.

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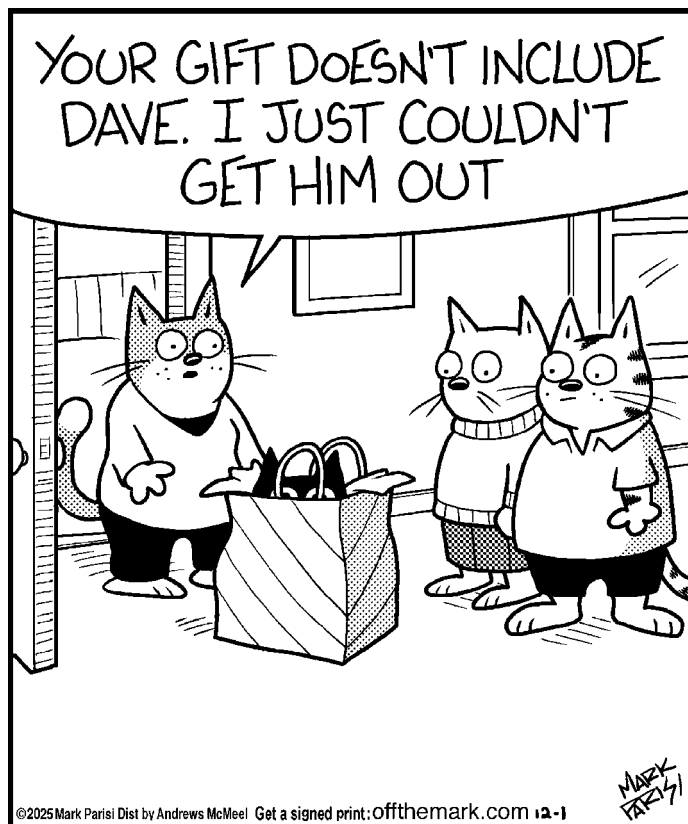
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There will be refreshments as well, filling the hall with festive aromas. Refreshments will include: malasadas and coffee, "Friendship soup" (recipe to be provided), popcorn, hot chocolate bar, and more. There will even be a special appearance from 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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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
Monday	December 15	4:29	4:49	10:51	10:17
Tuesday	December 16	5:18	5:37	11:26	10:55
Wednesday	December 17	6:01	6:19		12:02
Thursday	December 18	6:40	6:57	12:05	12:41
Friday	December 19	7:16	7:35	12:16	1:22
Saturday	December 20	7:52	8:12	12:58	2:03
Sunday	December 21	8:28	8:50	1:40	2:42
Phases of the Moon		Full Moon		December 4th	
		Last Quarter		December 11th	
		New Moon		December 19th	
		First Quarter		December 27th	

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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!

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In the November 27, 2025 edition the Aardvark was on page 21

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SCRAMBLERS

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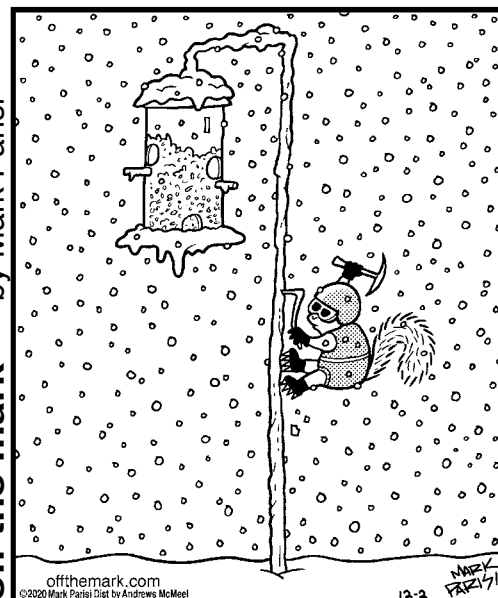
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3. Enemy; 4. Blonde

Today's Word
LEMON

Sudoku Answer

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

off the mark by Mark Parisi



GROCERY, DAIRY & FROZEN

64 oz. 100%
Food Club
Apple Juice
2/\$4



13.5-16 oz. Selected Variety
Post
Great Grains Cereal

2/\$7

7.25 oz. Original
Kraft
Mac & Cheese

\$1.59

24 oz. 6 pk. Selected Variety
Mott's
Applesauce

2/\$6

17.6 oz. Selected Variety
Morton
Salt

\$3.19

18 oz. Double Chocolate
Ghirardelli
Brownie Mix

\$3.79

4 lb. Pure Cane
Food Club
Granulated Sugar

\$3.39

48 oz. Selected Variety
STÖK
Cold Brew
\$5.99



8 oz.
Diamond of California
Chopped Walnuts

\$5.29

24 ct. 10 Inch
Simply Done
Paper Plates

\$3.19

16 oz. Selected Variety
Food Club
Butter Quarters

\$3.99

32 oz. Selected Variety
Gifford's
Ice Cream

\$4.99

9-14 oz. Sorbet. Selected Variety Mini Bars, or
Häagen-Dazs
Ice Cream

\$4.79

BAKERY

12 oz. Pkg.
Superior on Main
Brownie Bites

\$5.49

6 oz. Pkg. Take and Bake
Ditsch
Pretzel Bites

\$3.99

WINE

Mumm - 750 ml. California
Sparkling Wines

\$19.99
Reg. - \$22.99

Chateau Langlet - 750 ml. France
Red Bordeaux

\$19.99
Reg. - \$22.99

CHEF PREPARED

With Blue Cheese Dressing

Game Day Wings!

\$10.99
lb

16 oz. Pkg. With Roasted Vegetables & Feta Cheese

Orzo Salad

\$9.99

Fresh

Potato Skins

\$5.99
ea

Homemade
Savory Pies to Go!

Chicken Pot Pie

\$13.99
ea

Shepherd's Pie

\$12.99
ea

\$19.99
ea

\$19.99
ea

MEAT, DELI, PREPARED FOODS & CHEESE

Fresh
Allen's
Chicken
Tenders
\$2.99
lb



Deli Sliced, Sweet B's
Honey BBQ Glaze
Boar's Head
Chicken Breast
\$11.99
lb



Deli Sliced
Boar's Head
Muenster Cheese
\$6.99
lb



Deli Fresh
Friends'
Store Made
Tuna Salad
\$12.99
lb



7.5 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety

Al Fresco

Breakfast Chicken Sausage

\$3.99

7 oz. Pkg. Sharp

Truly Grass Fed
Cheddar Cheese

\$6.99

8 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety

Cedar's

Hommus

\$2.99

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BLOCKBUSTER SAVINGS!

14.1-14.5 oz. Selected Variety

**Amy's
Soup
\$3⁷⁹**



Certified Black Angus
**Friends' Premium
Strip Sirloin Steak**

**\$20⁹⁹
lb**



6.7-7.33 oz. Selected Variety

**Stacy's
Bagel or
Pita Chips
\$3⁴⁹**



9.6 oz. Selected Variety
**Newman's Own
Microwave
Popcorn**

2/\$6



8 oz. Selected Variety Bars or
**Food Club
Shredded
Cheese**

2/\$5



12 oz. Selected Variety
**Food Club
Frozen
Vegetables**

\$1¹⁹



QUALITY PRODUCE



16 oz. Pkg.
Blueberries

2/\$7

6 oz. Pkg.
**Driscoll's
Blackberries & Raspberries**

2/\$7

California
Navel Oranges

**\$1⁴⁹
lb**

Fresh
Honeycrisp Apples

**\$1⁹⁹
lb**

Fresh
Broccoli Crowns

**\$1⁹⁹
lb**

Fresh
Green Peppers

**\$1⁶⁹
lb**



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