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24th Marion to Bermuda Race

By Sam Bishop

The 2025 Marion to Bermuda race kicked off just after noon on Saturday, June 20. The ships practiced back and forth across Buzzards Bay until they began their multi-day journey. Coming across Penikese Island and making their way around the Elizabethan Islands, the ship *Redwood* with skipper Pike Severance (Oyster Bay, New York) took the lead, which it would maintain for nearly the entirety of the journey. This year there were 21 boats competing.

The ships rocketed out of the bay, which had fairly choppy conditions and heavy winds. There were sustained winds of over 30 knots (35~ mph) and 5-foot swells. Skies were clear and blue, however.

Three yacht clubs organize the event, The Beverly Yacht Club (BYC) of Marion, The Blue Water Sailing Club (BWSC) of Boston, and The Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club (RHADC) of Bermuda. The entry fee for competitors sits between \$1,700 and \$3,000 depending on size of yacht and time of entry.

The Marion to Bermuda Race is nearing its 50th anniversary, with the first being held in 1977. The race is notorious for its difficulty and unpredictability, with weather and conditions on the Atlantic frequently turning fast. This has often led to dismastings and DNFs. The race is typically held on the off year of the biannual Newport to Bermuda Race, itself beginning in 1906 and having completed its 53rd race last year.

Skippers from the Tri-Town in this year's bout include R. Davis Webb of Marion on the *Ardent*, Ronald Wisner of Marion on the *Hotspur II*, Mark Lindquist of Marion on the *Raptor*, and Michael Malone of Marion on the *Rossaveal*.

Following the 645 nautical mile race, an award ceremony/gala is scheduled for Saturday, June 28 at The Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club's Boat House in Hamilton.

On the Cover: *The Meridian*, a Tartan 4600 48-foot sloop, skippered by Murray Beach of Boston, seen sailing past Bird Island Lighthouse. At time of writing, the *Meridian* is currently winning Class B and is expected to finish sometime in the later part of Wednesday. Photo by Fran Grenon and courtesy of Marion Bermuda Race

Juneteenth Celebration at Ned's

Tri-Towns Against Racism

By Marilou Newell

Juneteenth 2025 found celebrants enjoying the gift of being in community with like-minded people and exchanging greetings and joy through the recognition of this special day.

Guest speaker to the celebration was Marcus Coward, Human Rights Commissioner, host of Wake Up New Bedford, and a candidate for the New Bedford School Committee, speaking on his message of the importance of positivity and diversity in all communities.

"I'm a politician and an activist in New Bedford leading the next generation by spreading positive messages of civic engagement." He said he wants to lead by example and be a role model for all ages.

Coward said that inspiring the youth is his mission, "...to help youth in being creative and productive with their time."

Coward's message was held in front of the Tri-

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Coalition Safeguards Water Supply

By Sam Bishop

This past May, the Buzzards Bay Coalition acquired 33 acres of land in the Mattapoisett River Valley. The plot at 84 New Bedford Road, Rochester sits off the intersection of Cushman Road and Perry Hill Road and stretches inland near Branch Brook and is neighbor to the Mattapoisett Land Trust's Mattapoisett River Wildlife Management Area. According to Buzzards Bay Coalition Communications Director Scott Lajoie, this land is near several town wells, including 3,000 feet from Marion Town Well #5.

Not far south of the acquired land is another Marion well, located on Tinkham Lane. On June 12, the Town of Marion put out a warning stating, "On 06/11/2025, we were notified by the Town of Fairhaven that a fecal indicator (E. coli) was detected in a raw water (untreated) sample collected on 06/10/2025 from the Tinkham lane Well." Following this, five extra samples were tested with none containing E. Coli. bacteria. The town added, "This is not an emergency; you do not need



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to boil your water or take other corrective actions."

Though there is no emergency, it does highlight the fragility of Marion, Mattapoissett and Rochester's water supplies.

Following the purchase of the New Bedford Road plot, the coalition assisted in the approval of a state grant for \$350,000, allowing Marion to purchase a Conservation Restriction on the land. This prevents development of the land, disturbing and endangering the water supply of surrounding aquifers.

Buzzards Bay Coalition recently acquired 436 acres in Dartmouth's Paskamansett River Valley for similar initiatives. In the past weeks, it has also finalized the purchase of 1,652 acres on the border of Rochester and Middleboro for natural conservation.

For an interactive and detailed map of all registered wells in the state of Massachusetts, you can view the Massachusetts Well Location Viewer by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection at: www.arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index.html?webmap=660e5b4cb7af4f4e932c9d5a7b7e82f2.

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The Heatwave Is Subsiding By Sam Bishop

Summer has begun and with it, a blast of warm air. The daytime temperature reached 89 last Thursday and kept the onslaught up throughout the first summer weekend. On Tuesday, the temperature was around 96 degrees with a "real feel" breaking 100. The National Weather Service in Boston released an Extreme Heat Warning over the weekend and into the beginning of the week. Over 170 million Americans and Canadians are under a similar advisory, from Montreal, Quebec to Springfield, Missouri. Many excitedly flocked to the beach, though some heeded the warnings and participated in indoor activities or stayed home,

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Summer officially started this past Friday on the solstice and has already smashed many heat records. Remember to drink water regularly, stay in the shade,

if possible, wear sunscreen, and put off activities in the sweltering heat until it is a bit more manageable outside.

As someone who lived in Florida in my youth, even I can't seem to tolerate it all that well! Stay safe and stay cool.

A Glorious Summer

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

'Now is the springtime of our discontent, made glorious summer' by a hot dry spell. Pardon the Shakespeare quip but it occurred to me that a "glorious summer" would be a fine thing about now. What are the chances of that happening?

If you haven't been keeping count, we just had the 13th rainy Saturday... a record-breaker. (1943 and 1970 logged 12 straight wet Saturdays.) Needless to say, for those of us who work all week, this trend is downright disheartening. My penchant for positivity wonders if Mother Nature might offer a sunny disposition for the summer season.

I'm hoping that by discussing it here, it will change... It's no secret that Mother Nature's been a bit off this spring - to put it lightly. I have implored Alexa (my personal assistant from Amazon) more frequently lately for the weather forecast, hoping to hear something different. But the answer is much the same from her as it is on my weather app. It goes something like... "sunshine

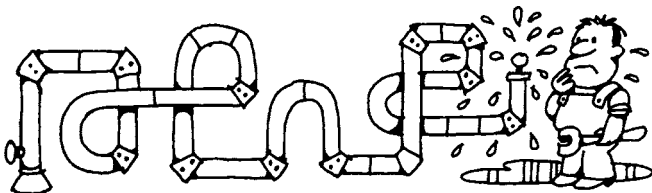
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will give way to rain” or words like “chance of showers.”

That’s been the refrain for spring and the repetition is pushing us to the super saturation point. “April showers turned into May showers and June showers too,” said my witty colleague, Matthew Rodriguez. He, along with all New Englanders, take it in stride. What else can you do?

We have gloried in a few moments of sunshine this spring but found it sadly short-lived. More often I played around with the thermostat to regain my warm-bloodedness. Or packed a sweater just in case. I actually did a double-take the other day as to what time of year it is and recalling how it was in days of old. Midsummer equals placid temps and dry warm air. So, what gives?

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So as not to overreact, I ponder how other cultures deal with inclement weather. In England, where my



husband is from (and particularly the north of England where blue sky is a rarity) fog and drizzle are the norm. You hang the washing out on the line and it's wetter when you collect it. It can seem gloomy and cold to those of us who are used to a regular dose of sunshine, but the English never get discouraged.

"After a week of sun, the newspapers say there's a drought", laughs my husband Kevin. When the weather

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forecasts call for “bright periods and sunny spells “ he quips “Is that for two minutes or five?” Yes, but the English are accustomed to their weather - it’s a normal part of life and they manage to thrive in spite of it. It all goes back to what you’re used to.

I have been weighing the minuses and pluses of the situation. Right now, I’m sick of the squishy lawn, the preponderous number of large weeds and the deprivation in general of warm sunshine. We can expect to see an increase in aphids, slugs, snails and fungal disease, not to mention the water damage to plants, especially root rot on daylilies and hydrangeas. I noted the leaf spotting of my spinach and annuals and will fully expect to deal with black spot on my roses. Landscaping which is

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And yet there are positives. For one, the phenomenal tree growth. Aquifers filling up. The yard is greener than ever and the scents of all the flowers of spring combined with the bird song are even more vibrant when it's wet outside. In fact, the color is denser whereas the sun has a tendency to bleach out the detail.

The gray drizzly day gives us an opportunity to slow down the pace. Painting projects will halt and so will baseball practice (sometime). It gives us pause to rediscover the process of life, growth and renewal and to embrace the world outside in a softer, gentler light.

When Kevin returned home from England last summer, he didn't talk about the drizzle or the gray skies that England is notorious for, but rather the more rare and glorious occurrences of sun. That is a lesson we can learn from the sun-deprived: Celebrate the positives or at the least learn to live with it. "You just go out and work. You can't wait," says Kevin. "They cut the grass and cut their hedge if it's raining or not. They'd even do it in a sou'wester. There really isn't much to stop them."

So, I'll stop pestering Alexa and go clean the attic. That is bound to bring the sun out!

"It's raining... raining in my heart." Buddy Holly.

Cats, Bees and Politics

Thoughts on...

By Dick Morgado

Once upon a time, our quiet little hamlet ran smoothly. Most citizens didn't know or care about what transpired in the Town Hall's halls. Registering to vote and attending the Town Meeting, which was held upstairs in the auditorium, was about the only time they entered the place. Elected officials, most part-time, went about their business with ne'er a mention of controversy.

Unlike today, nobody assumed elected officials were corrupt, up to no good, scoundrels, or were scheming to feather their nest. I can promise you that when I was an elected official, I was not a crook. It appears that is not the case anymore ... er, not me, I am

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There is a buzz around town that a new controversy is brewing in our seat of government, a regular bee-gate so to speak. It may be a sign of the times but according to published reports one local political party committee has a bee in their bonnet because one town official allegedly utilized the fire department to remove a bee's nest from high up on a tree on their own property.

Back when the town was that quiet little hamlet, this would not have sparked a hornet's nest of debate. The political party committee has suggested that this action was "a misuse and abuse of public funds and resources," and is illegal according to the state's "Standards of Conduct" statute.

I wonder if the furry animal were a pussy cat, would there be any uproar. Just recently a resident reported on our local social-network page that their pretty kitty had climbed a tall tree and refused to come down. They called the fire department. Alas, the fuzzball was too high to be rescued. Presumably it climbed down on its own.

Just where does a bee stand on the hierarchy



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of the animal kingdom. Is a bee not worthy of the same consideration of a cat? Bees provide valuable service to mankind. They pollinate our plants. Where would we be without bees? What does a cat do? Nothing. They just lay around and pose for all those cat videos on YouTube. As a friend pointed out to me, a dog, for example, has a master, a cat has staff. Where does a bee stand?

If your precious feline climbed a tree and wouldn't come down, who would you call? Ghostbusters won't come. Cat removal from trees has traditionally been a service of the fire department because they have long ladders. According to firedeptfamily.com, some departments carry pet oxygen masks in case the tree is on fire, which I expect is rare. Should bees not get the same

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I know what you are thinking. I should buzz off. It is none of my beeswax!

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

Fluoride in the Water - Good or Bad?

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

In April, Robert Kenedy Jr ordered the CDC to stop recommending fluoridation of the public water supply, contrary to the recommendation of the American Dental Association and most public health experts.

Why the controversy? Is fluoridation a Communist plot to weaken our society as General Jack D Ripper thundered in Dr. Strangelove?

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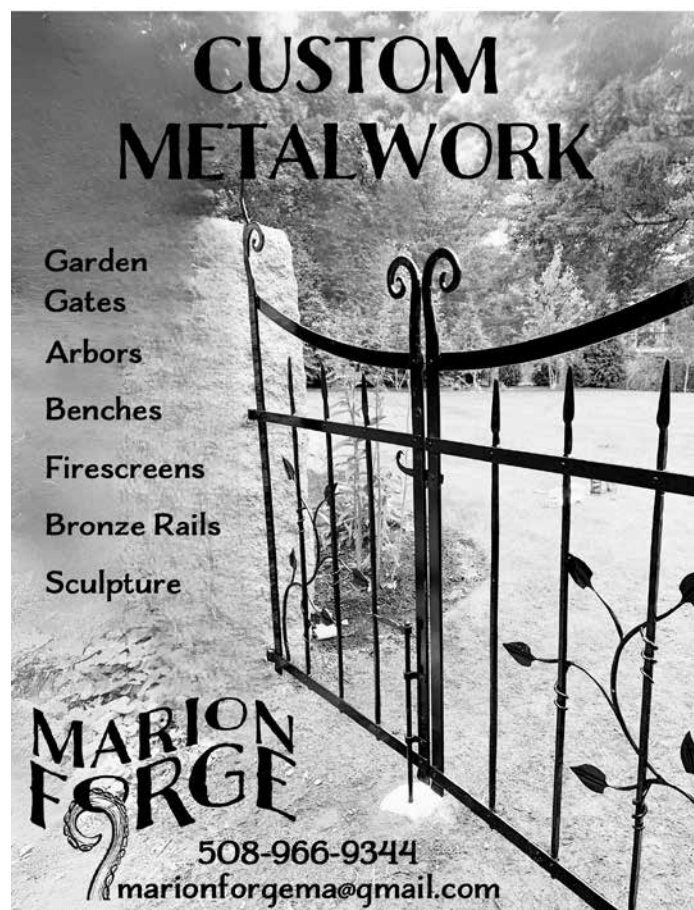
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Tutorial On the Codification Committee

Marion Select Board Special Meeting

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Select Board held a special meeting on Saturday, June 14 for various discussions regarding the Codification Committee. In attendance were Vice Chair John Hoagland, Member Norm Hills, and Chair of the Planning Board Andrew Daniel. Executive Assistant Dinna Hemphill was also present.

Hills explained the Codification Committee was formed in 2017. Said committee is Select Board-appointed and tasked with codifying new bylaws as a response to changing local, state, and federal ordinances. Beginning to go through the list of approved changes, Daniel explained the changes are normally "minor in scope" with Hills adding "when we have a meeting we don't necessarily address all of these; the next time we meet we'll go through 'em all and talk about them." The meeting would serve as prep for Hoagland, being guided by Daniel and Hills on the committee's practices behind the scenes of typical meetings.

Hoagland would say "I'm learning!" He said at one point, "Is there a game plan to get some - younger, fresher people?" Daniel interjected, stating "I don't know if I'm considered one of the young ones anymore." He explained the difficulty the working class has at committing to meetings on top of their careers. "That's very difficult for anyone that's not retired."

Following the discussion of various issues put before the table, Hoagland would say "thank you very much Norm for the education."

Competition for Island Wharf Parking

Marion Select Board

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

The Marion Marine Resources Commission (MRC), at its own public meeting last week, discussed how there is not enough parking for boaters at Island Wharf and the adjacent open space property. Some who attended the June 17 public meeting of the Marion Select Board complained of the opposite: not enough parking for non-boaters in the village area around Island Wharf.

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A Point Road resident wrote a letter to the Select Board and spoke about the issue. She mentioned that many non-boaters, including those who attend concerts in the summer for the Marion Concert Band, are obstructed by boat trailers.

Select Board Chair Randy Parker spoke about the issue to MRC Chairman Vincent Malkoski. Parker said he wants the MRC, which met around the same time last week, to discuss that issue.

At its June 18 meeting, the MRC was mostly in agreement that there is not enough parking for boaters. Members of the commission also mentioned that the adjacent grassland is open space and technically not supposed to be used for parking, posing a possible

legal issue. Harbormaster Adam Murphy said there are technically only 80 official parking spaces for 1,200 boat moorings.

"The MRC is in agreement that we need to address this, and everyone is in agreement it will take more than the MRC," Malkoski told the Select Board on June 17. "We don't have that authority, and the authority rests on the (Select) board."

The Select Board met one day before the MRC. Parker said he wanted the MRC to further discuss the issue. Acknowledging both sides of the issue, Parker proposed forming a committee to address the issue.

"Boating in Marion is pretty popular," he said, noting that the influx of concert-goers and events in town are positive trends. "We should be accommodating to those events. We want them here in Marion – no doubt about it."

In other business, Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson Cynthia Callow updated the board on two major projects.

She mentioned that the state land court did not side with the ZBA this spring when it rejected a variance to allow the construction of 57 single-family dwelling units on 17 acres off Route 6 near the Wareham town line. Heron Cove Estates LLC, an affordable-housing proposal, was approved for 120 units but now seeks to limit that number due to rising development costs.

The ZBA cited sewer disposal and stormwater management as among the reasons for the denial, but the land court called the decision "arbitrary and capricious."

Callow said the ZBA will rehear the case.

Citing research, Callow said she is still concerned about running a sewer line to the property. She said there's a water line at the intersection of Point Road and Route 6. That line was readjusted with a cement sleeve just before World War II. Callow said she could not uncover the reason but speculated it had to do with protecting American intelligence from enemies overseas.

Addressing another residential project, Callow said the ZBA conducted research on Sippican Holdings LLC at 14 Barnabas Road. The developer is seeking a variance that would allow for the conversion of an



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existing commercial building in a Limited Industrial District into a multi-family dwelling with no more than 50 units.

The surrounding area is commercial zoning and is part of the larger former Lockheed Martin site.

Callow said the ZBA had concerns about reusing the building, which is old and had never been used in a residential capacity. The developer cited a financial hardship if the building were to be demolished.

Callow told the Select Board that legal counsel looked into similar cases, including the proposed repurposing of a dilapidated mansion in Boston. Unlike that case, the Sippican Holdings building is not in structural disrepair, and it would not represent a safety



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issue if the project moved forward.

The Select Board at its special June 18 meeting also approved annual appointments to boards and committees.

The board is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, July 1, at 6:00 pm at the Police Station conference room.

Recreation Director Candidate Selected

Mattapoissett Select Board

By Marilou Newell

The June 24 meeting of the Mattapoissett Select Board included the board members meeting with the two finalists, Marissa Hughes and Sandra Soutter, who were vying for the soon-to-be-vacated position of Recreation Director. Each candidate was given the opportunity to share their professional and relevant backgrounds as well as asking the board any questions that might be lingering in their minds.

Hughes' background includes her current position as a teacher at Center School. She pointed to her years working as a soccer coach for the Mariner organization as well as organizing Rochester Youth Baseball, and Old Rochester Regional lacrosse.

The board asked how she would handle conflict resolution with Hughes saying she would listen to the grievous party with an open mind.

The candidates pointed to a lack of dedicated Recreation Department space as a possible hinderance to

the growth of programing.

Candidate Soutter was given equal time with responses that landed favorably but, in the end, Hughes came out as the candidate of choice.

In other business, Ray Hanks came before the board requesting that the title of the advisory committee in which he chairs be changed. He said a name change, from Cemetery and Monuments to Advisory Committee for Town Cemeteries, Memorials and Veteran Recognition gave clarity to the committee's charge. The board agreed.

The next meeting of the Select Board was not announced at adjournment.

Continued Opposition to Solar Array

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Planning Board began its meeting Tuesday with a project favored by Highway Surveyor and Tree Warden Jeffrey Eldridge.

The panel granted a Special Permit for Eversource's work to clear and prune street trees to improve electrical service and accommodate upgraded wires on a scenic highway on property along Rounsville, Cushman, Robinson, and Braley Hill Road as Eldridge attended the hearing to lend his support. Eversource engineering representative Kyle Barry explained the company needs to be prune trees and cut down decaying trees around new utility wires. Eldridge said the cutting includes neighbors themselves requesting that trees be cut. Next, upon the petitioner's request, the board extended to July 31 the Special Permit and Site Plan Review hearing for the proposal from Logging Swamp Solar dba ReWild Renewables to install a solar panel array on 49 acres in the area of 600 Snipatuit Road, located within a Residential-Agricultural District and partially within a Groundwater Protection District.

Board Chair Arnold Johnson noted this date extends beyond its next two meetings and the hearing will probably be extended again.

The board then approved the Site Plan Review application to build a 20,000 square-foot commercial building for ten contractor bays with associated

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access drives, parking areas, utilities and storm water management system on the west side of Cranberry Highway. The project's engineering consultant Bob Rogers noted the Conservation Commission granted the project a positive Order of Conditions last week and asked for a positive decision on the project from the Planning Board. Permit approval was granted without further discussion.

Following this vote, the board advanced the Definitive Subdivision and Common Driveway Special Permit application for 34 Dr. Braley Road by motioning to craft a "draft decision" that will be reviewed by Town Counsel in time for approval at the board's next meeting. The plan here is to create two house lots, one with a single-family home and another for a single-family home and agricultural building, specifically for cranberry farming, on a 14.4-acre parcel at 34 Dr. Braley Road. Preceding this vote, Johnson led the panel in approving the waivers the applicant Dawn Allen was requesting. Allen received approval to waive the requirement that such a road have underground electrical utilities because there are already overhead utilities and a waiver to the requirement the road be wider because it is an existing road. The board, however, also placed the condition that should this road be paved, the applicant would need to return to the panel for a permit modification.

Lastly, the Special Permit and Site Plan Review

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application hearing for the construction of a floating and ground-mounted solar array with associated battery energy storage system at 53 Dexter Lane drew the most attention and time before ultimately being continued to the board's July 22 meeting.

The plan here is for three floating solar panels on bog lakes and three panels on upland that are all part of an existing cranberry farm known as "Great Bear Farm." Project representative Stacey H. Minihane reported Tuesday that the three floating panels are on a "human-made" reservoir in the northern part of the 200-acre property. These will be bottom-anchored in the reservoir and all the panels will be fenced in. Planning panel member Ben Bailey repeated his objection from last week's Conservation Commission meeting (of which he is a member). The DEP allows floating solar arrays only on man-made water, and the northern reservoir is an extension of a brook there. "Your plan is a violation of state law," he said.

Even stronger objections came from direct abutter Lena Finch of 70 Parlowtown Road, who read a letter stating her and her husband Robert's opposition to the plan and their request to the board to deny the permit. She detailed their concerns about the project's impact on their property values, the disruptive visual impact, including solar panel glare, the noise and construction disruption, and the environmental disruption. "This is not just a nuisance," she said, reading from her letter. "It will

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She later read aloud, "It's a disruption to the ecological function of a sensitive and irreplaceable landscape... I respectfully urge the Planning Board to deny this proposal in its current form."

Johnson responded that the board cannot outright deny such a permit because solar projects are protected by state law. He then set required homework for the developer before the next hearing date. He said he wants to see stakes in the ground as tall as the height of the panels. He wants site lines to be measured from the project property to the abutters. He wants to see better aerial pictures of the site. Board member John DiMaggio said the developer should produce a landscape plan with screening rather than request a waiver of the landscaping plan requirement.

In related action previous to the hearing, the board approved the contract for field engineering to start the project's peer review.

Rochester Planning Board's next meeting will be Tuesday, July 8 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Ten Successful Harbor Rescues This Month

Marion Marine Resource Commission

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

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10 successful harbor rescues in the month of June alone, according to Harbormaster Adam Murphy.

"Last week we pulled three people out of the water and three people out of the boats," Murphy said at the June 17 meeting." He added, "There have been a lot of people who have found themselves stranded out there."

He emphasized all missions were successful, including three jet ski-goers who sunk.

Murphy said that the Marine Resources staff have also been undergoing more rescue training lately.

The staff conducted a training session with the Buzzards Bay Task Force, which included simulated United States Coast Guard vessels getting people off boats.

Staff also conducted training with the Coast guard as well.

The Marine Resources Commission also talked about parking issues at harbor boat yard, which is adjacent to the Marion Village.

Murphy said that on weekends, 80-percent of the vehicles parked in the boating parking lot do not have boat parking decals. There are 1,200 moorings, creating parking issues for boaters.

He said many people are attending weddings at the nearby music hall or simply using the shops.

Commissioners said they have been to the Select Board in the past about the issue and need a tangible plan in place.



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Commissioners said there is an open space area there, but it cannot be used for parking. They mentioned that perhaps the open space in that area could be used for marine parking. Commissioners mentioned that nearby Mattapoisett built a golf course on land marked as open space.

Murphy and commissioners also discussed how many boaters have not been removing the winter boating sticks and there are not enough inspectors to enforce the issues.

Murphy said that he is losing one employee to the police force, which will make enforcement and other issues more difficult. "We need more mooring inspectors outside of the (private) boat house inspectors," Murphy said.

They also discussed how the harbor has been overfilled with moorings and there are only 25 boat moorings available.

One commissioner proposed working with nearby Tabor Academy toward creating more parking for boaters.



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The next meeting of the Marion Marine Resource Commission was not scheduled at meeting adjournment.

Applicants Plan Waterfront Improvements

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

It's a seaside community, and with the beauty comes the issues associated with coastal erosion. The June 23 meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission found the commissioners exploring the technicalities of waterfront modifications along oceanfront and barrier-beach locations.

Coming before the commission was Dave Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone Inc., representing property owners for four properties on Good Speed Island and 1 Wendell Road in the Crescent Beach area.

Both Notice of Intent filings were requests to make significant improvement along oceanfront areas to repair damages from storm and wave action that has severely damaged beaches and sea walls.

At the Wendell Avenue location lots listed as 142, 152, 153, 157, and 999, there are plans to have a continuous sea wall replacing the badly damaged and crumbling remains of earlier repairs.

At the Good Speed Island site, "cor-logs" (made of recycled coconut fibers) will be buried along the high-water mark to assist in limiting ongoing beach erosion. The barrier beach at Good Speed Island will also have a fence installed in the effort to limit wave action and erosion due to storms. Both projects received orders of conditions with grass planting at Good Speed and careful use of equipment and fuel storage at Wendell Street.

A substantial amount of time was spent with a Notice of Intent filing by Eversource for the substation expansion planned for the Crystal Spring solar array. Representatives from Burns and McDonald, the engineering firm working on behalf of Eversource, detailed the mitigation plans required due to both permanent and temporary disturbances created by the expansion. It was noted that Massachusetts Natural Heritage identified the Eastern Box Turtle as species in the



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The project encompasses parcels located in Acushnet. The project has yet to be reviewed by that town's conservation commission. The Mattapoisett ConCom hearing was continued to July 14.

In other business, George Luber, 3 Waterman Street, received conditioning for the installation of septic tie-in with the municipal system. It was explained that this will allow for the removal of fill originally used to build up the earlier system.

A request for Determination of Applicability was granted to the Pothier Family Trust, 7 North Street, for the construction of a utility shed on the edge of a mapped flood zone.

Another Request for Determination of Applicability filed by James Bradshaw, 20 Tara Road, for a new septic system received a negative decision, and an Order of Conditions was approved for 39 Mattapoisett Neck Road for a revised plan for tree removal. The project received a commission site visit and sign-off on clearing activities taken by Bradshaw.

Robert Field of Field Engineering, representing himself for property located at 100R Mattapoisett Neck Road, filed a Determination of Applicability and received a Negative Determination for the digging of a test observation trench for a possible agricultural pond in the future. The trench will allow the monitoring of water levels for suitability as a pond.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is planned for Monday, July 14, at 6:30 pm at Town Hall, 16 Main Street.

Hartley Receives Acclaim, Appreciation

ORR Joint School Committee

By Sam Bishop

The Old Rochester Regional Joint School Committee met on June 12 for a public meeting between Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester elected committee members and ORR Administration. Following the recent end of the academic year, the air was positive, and attendees were excited for a deserved break and prep-time for the coming school year.

ORR School Committee Chair Michelle Smith and Massachusetts Superintendents Union #55 Chair Nichole Daniel held their respective roll calls for the meeting, and Smith added a note of sadness while acknowledging the retirement of Mattapoisett member Rose Bowman, this being her final meeting. Superintendent Michael S. Nelson then spoke, thanking those in attendance as well as teachers and other staff members for their hard work and a congratulations for successfully completing another school year.

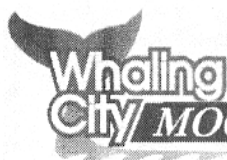
Smith then read a thank you to former longtime Rochester and Union-side member Sharon Hartley for her over 20 years of service to students, the school districts, and school committees. "I will truly miss you and I thank you for; I feel like you mentored me through, and I appreciate that and I miss you," she concluded. Hartley was in attendance and was gifted a copy of *The Mystery of the Haunted Dance Hall* by Charis Cotter, with a thank you note within from the ORR Joint School Committee.

Hartley thanked the committee and other coworkers and expressed the importance of the joint committee. She spoke of her desire for the committee to continue to use their time together effectively to help one another and work together, saying "this is our time for communication and our time to help each other."

Following recognitions, the committee moved on to discuss the upcoming 2025-2026 school year, with the first day of school being Wednesday, August 27

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(Kindergarten begins on August 29). Superintendent Nelson also began discussions on the "Vision 2028 Strategic Plan," being the district's general plan for the next few years. "We have five objectives; the superintendent's goals, your school improvement plan goals, the administrator's goals, teachers, et cetera." The committee spoke of goals for students as they climb through their academic careers, as well as the importance they place in assessments and the addition of midterms to their assessment calendar.

The committee expressed satisfaction with progress made during the previous year, while also voicing intentions to revisit certain initiatives in upcoming fall meeting. They also emphasized community and parent involvement, with administrators and the superintendent encouraging parents to remain active in the planning school policy.

The next meeting of the ORR Joint School Committee will be held in September, following the beginning of the next school year.

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Creek Road Water Main Project

The Marion Department of Public Works, through the Contractor Primetime Development, Inc., will begin construction of the Creek Road Water Main project on Monday, June 23, 2025. The duration of construction (including installation of temporary pavement) is approximately four weeks. Installation of permanent pavement will occur in the fall of 2025. Please note the Contractor will not work the week of June 30 to July 4.

The extent of the project spans the length of Creek Road. Although limited public access to the roadway will be maintained, motorists can expect delays while traveling through the construction area and should seek alternate routes. Every effort will be made to minimize

inconvenience to motorists.

Please note that in addition to limited access to Creek Road, the Creek Road bike path will be closed to the public starting Monday, June 23 and will reopen at the completion of construction. Please be advised that public access to the construction area, materials, and equipment is prohibited.

Advanced notice of planned water main/water service shutdowns will be provided to residents/businesses in the area. However, unannounced disruptions in water service due to the construction activities may occur. Therefore, it is not uncommon to experience low water pressure or discolored water during construction. If you experience discolored water, please run the cold water tap until it clears. The Water Department will make a best effort to restore water service as soon as possible.

Your patience and cooperation are greatly appreciated. Please contact the Department of Public Works should you have any questions: 508-748-3540.

Coastline Elderly Nutrition Program

Monday, June 30: Cheese lasagna w/ turkey Bolognese, brussels sprouts, Hawaiian roll, applesauce.

Tuesday, July 1: Stewed tomato chicken, mashed potatoes, carrots, oatmeal roll, pudding, diet: fruit.

Wednesday, July 2: Teriyaki salmon, white rice, corn & peppers, wheat bread, orange.

Thursday, July 3: BBQ chicken sandwich, potato wedges, zucchini squash, wheat bun, red velvet cake, diet: fruit.

Friday, July 4: Holiday - no meals served.

Academic Achievements

Katherine Solowey of Mattapoisett received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hamilton College on Sunday, May 25. Solowey, an economics major, graduated with departmental honors in economics.

Vermont State University is proud to congratulate **Noah Lapointe** of Rochester for being named to the Dean's List for the spring 2025 semester.

Emily Kilpatrick of Marion has earned a place on the President's List for the Spring 2025 semester at Dean College. Students named to the President's List have demonstrated a serious commitment to their studies while at Dean College.

Buzzards Bay Musicfest Open Rehearsal

The musicians for the Buzzards Bay Musicfest come from around the country and, indeed, around the world. They perform in the finest concert halls, opera houses, and ballet theaters while continuing to collaborate with world-class artists that make their experiences unique and profound. They have played in ensembles that range from the Chicago Symphony Orchestra to the New York Philharmonic and from the Dallas Symphony

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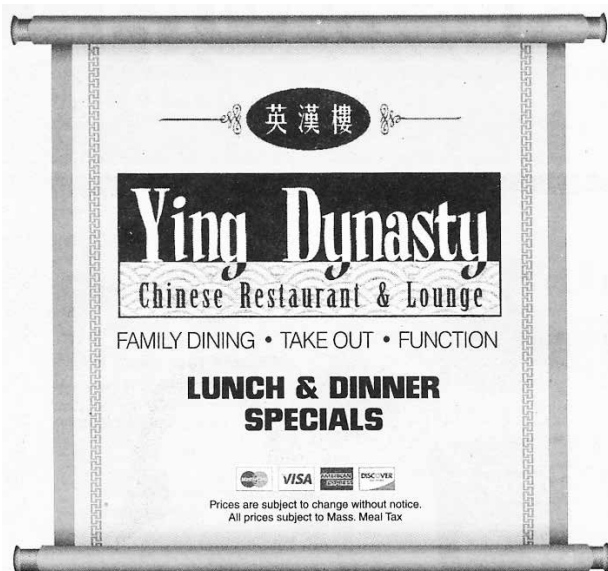
On Wednesday, **July 9** at 2:00 pm, there will be an open rehearsal. This will be a unique and rare opportunity to observe professional musicians in rehearsal as they prepare for the evening performance. This is a musical event you will not want to miss. The open rehearsal is free for any and all to attend. Music lovers of ALL ages are encouraged to be a part of this

special event. All concerts for the Buzzards Bay Musicfest will be held in the Fireman Performing Arts Center on the campus of Tabor Academy, 245 Front Street, Marion. For more detailed information, please visit: www.buzzardsbaymusicfest.com.

Mattapoisett Museum

The Mattapoisett Museum at 5 Church Street is open for the 2025 summer season. Please drop by on Friday and Saturday afternoons from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. You can also visit by appointment (contact info@mattapoisettmuseum.org) from now to September 27.

Currently on display is "Wanderer100: The Legacy and Afterlife of Mattapoisett's Last Whaler"



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- an exploration of the last century that has seen the Wanderer grow from a shipwreck to an unofficial town mascot for Mattapoisett. Also on display is a new mini-exhibit display, "This Just In: Recent Acquisitions of the Mattapoisett Museum," featuring a selection of artifacts and documents donated over the last year or two that have not yet been shared with the public. Among the artifacts are local property deeds, letters postmarked in Mattapoisett, Troop 53 memorabilia, a 19th century oil painting portrait, and much more.

Later in the summer, the Museum will proudly unveil a new, permanent exhibit about the Wampanoag, who inhabited Mattapoisett for thousands of years before the arrival of Europeans. Consultant Linda Coombs is the primary curator and writer of this new exhibit. She is an author of books illustrating Native American culture from a Native American perspective, and a historian from the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah). This exhibit is expected to open in mid-July. Details will be forthcoming.

Shakespeare for Scaredy Cats

Shakespeare isn't as scary as you may think, so say the folks who attend the Shakespeare for Scaredy Cats sessions Dr. Karrie Szatek leads on Thursdays at the Mattapoisett COA. This Thursday, however, the group gathered instead at the Shipyard Inn because the COA was closed for the Juneteenth holiday. While socializing, these attendees, many of whom have been coming to explore Shakespeare for two years, read and chatted about the bard's *The Winter's Tale*. These budding Shakespearians have formed a wonderful community that also extends beyond the COA and the Inn. In the past and again this summer they will be audience members at the Cape Cod Shakespeare Festival in Chatham, MA. Seniors interested



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Leslye (Shurtleff) Ribeiro passed away peacefully on June 15, 2025, surrounded by the love of her family. She leaves behind her devoted husband of 56 years, Carl Ribeiro, along with their son Mark, his wife Catherine, and her loving and much-adored grandchildren, Crosby and Graham. Leslye was predeceased by her parents, Edward B. Shurtleff and Elinor (Terzian) Weaver, and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Leslye was born on August 17, 1946, in Fairhaven, MA. A proud graduate of Fairhaven High School, Class of 1964, she went on to earn her bachelor's degree in education from Bridgewater State College. Leslye's passion for education led her to become a kindergarten teacher at Rogers School in Fairhaven, where she inspired young minds and developed lifelong friendships with her coworkers. After starting her family, she devoted herself full-time to being a loving mother. In later years, she returned to teaching at Fairhaven Preschool and The Loft School of Marion, where her kindness and dedication continued to touch the lives of many.

Leslye continued her interest in education by serving on VASE (Volunteers at Sippican Elementary) and on the Parent's Committee at Tabor Academy.

Leslye was a lifelong athlete. In her high school years, she participated in basketball, volleyball and softball, notably scoring 53 points in a FHS women's varsity basketball game. Her love of sports continued into adulthood. She cherished the game of tennis and the friendships it brought, playing twice a week year-round, staying active and engaged with a close-knit group of tennis friends.

She always had a love of music, beginning in her high school band and orchestra and continuing throughout her life. She especially enjoyed playing the ukulele for her grandchildren. She had a song for every moment—say any word, and she'd effortlessly sing a tune with something fitting.

Leslye loved traveling with Carl, both for business and for family adventures. She took great joy in her home and loved spending time outside in her yard. After retirement, she and Carl spent ten wonderful years visiting their home on Spring Island in Okatie, South Carolina, where she embraced her love of nature.

Leslye is survived by her loving sister, Donna DeBalsi, and brother-in-law, Bob DeBalsi, as well as her beloved nieces, Kristin Laquale (husband Anthony and daughter Sophia) and Bethany Kirk (husband Shane), along with many cherished cousins and dear friends.

Leslye and her family would like to express their gratitude for the loving care she received by so many at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Brigham and Women's Hospital, SouthCoast Health, SouthCoast Health Cancer Center, SouthCoast Health Hospice and two very special at-home caregivers.

Her Funeral Service will be held Saturday, June 28, 2025 at 10 am in the First Congregational Church of Marion, 144 Front St., Marion. Burial will be private. Visiting hours will be Friday, June 27th from 4-7 pm in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. In lieu of flowers, donations in Leslye's memory may be made to SouthCoast Health at Home, 200 Mill Rd., Fairhaven, MA 02719 or SouthCoast Community Foundation, 350 Union St., New Bedford, MA 02740. For directions and guestbook, visit www.saudersdwyer.com.



After a long life of service to her community, church and family, **Margaret (Peg) Olney** of Mattapoisett passed away on June 15, 2025, following a brief cancer-related illness. She recently celebrated her 90th birthday. For 57 years, Peg was the beloved spouse of David Olney, who died in 2015.

Born in Bridgeport, CT, Peg was the oldest child of John M. Leask, Jr., and Margaret H. (Harris) Leask. She was raised in Fairfield, CT. After graduating from Roger Ludlowe High School in 1953, Peg attended Bates College in Lewiston, ME, receiving her B.S. degree in Biology in 1957. It was at Bates where she met Dave, when they were both working in the dining hall dish room. It was the match of a lifetime. Peg and Dave married in 1958, and first settled in New Rochelle, NY, where their three children were born. The family moved to Waltham, MA in 1973, in part to be closer to their Mattapoisett summer home that overlooks the scenic beauty of Buzzards Bay. Upon their retirement in 1995, Peg and Dave chose Mattapoisett as their year-round home.

Peg was a stay-at-home mom for many years but returned to the work force when the children reached college age. She worked in the financial services department at the Sodexo North America headquarters in Waltham.

In 2005, the New Bedford Standard-Times named Peg as Mattapoisett's Women of the Year. The headline states that "Her civic contributions seem never-ending". Indeed, that was always the case. When her children were young, Peg was a Cub Scout and Brownie troop leader, and was involved with the PTA. In retirement, Peg provided countless hours of her time in support of the Mattapoisett Women's Club, Friends of the Mattapoisett Library, the Mattapoisett Museum, and the Council on Aging.

Peg and Dave found their spiritual home at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Peg served as church treasurer and was involved in numerous church activities. Peg and Dave shared a love for music, and for years both sang in the church choir and the Sippican Choral Society.

At home, Peg loved gardening and through the

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in giving Shakespeare one more chance, you may contact the Mattapoisett COA at 508-758-4110. All are welcome to become part of this little community as well as join us at Gould Park in Chatham to see The Taming of the Shrew and Othello.

St. Philip's Summer Season

St. Philip's Episcopal Church, next to the Town Beach in Mattapoisett, hosts visiting clergy each week through the summer concluding on August 31. All are welcome to attend the 8:00 am and 10 am services which use the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. Service dates include:

June 29 The Rev. Jay James, Assisting Rector, The Church of the Advent, Boston, MA.

July 6 The Rev. Robert Malm, Interim Rector, St. Peter's on the Canal, Buzzards Bay, MA.

July 13 The Rev. John Kennedy, Associate Rector, St. Mark's Church, New Cannon, CT.

July 20 The Rev. Marc Eames, Priest-in-Charge, St. John's Church, Vernon, CT.

July 27 The Rev. Nathan Humphrey, Rector, St. Thomas's Church, Toronto, Canada.



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Women's Club Garden Group, maintained plantings at sites all around Mattapoisett. She also was an accomplished cook. Every year her pies were best sellers at Harbor Days. Peg was an avid reader who participated in several book groups. She was a devoted watcher of Jeopardy!

Survivors include her three children, Douglas of Brooklyn, NY, Jonathan of Tiverton, RI and Katherine and her husband David Kleinschmidt of Acton, MA. Peg's four beloved grandchildren are Maggie Olney, Caroline Olney with fiancé Christopher Steinley, T.J. Olney, and Nathan Kleinschmidt. Peg is survived by her sister, Mary Lou Carlson of Redding, CT. Her brother David Leask preceded her in death. Her extended family includes several cousins and twenty-one nephews and nieces along with their spouses and children. She will be missed by them all.

Gifts in Peg's memory may be made to the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, or to the Mattapoisett Women's Club Scholarship Fund.

Visiting hours will take place from 4 to 7 pm on Monday, June 23 at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals in Mattapoisett. A Celebration of Life memorial service will be held at 11 am on Saturday, July 26 at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Burial at Cushing Cemetery in Mattapoisett will be private. For directions and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Andrew J. Revell, 51, of Rochester, Massachusetts passed away Thursday, June 19, 2025, after a brief illness. He was the husband of Susan M. (Brenneke) Hunter Revell.

Born in Independence, Missouri, to Roger and Kathy Revell, Andrew spent his early years in Missouri and Texas. His academic journey later took him across the country, culminating in a PhD in Human Development and Family Studies from Pennsylvania State University in 2004. Andrew moved to Massachusetts in 2007 to begin his academic career as a psychology professor at UMass Dartmouth, where he worked until his death.

Andrew had many passions and was never limited by his disability. An accomplished musician in his youth, he played timpani in orchestras during his undergraduate years. After settling in Massachusetts, he embraced adaptive sports, including skiing, golfing, sailing, and tennis. He especially loved riding his recumbent trike around town with his sons and later relished the freedom of an all-terrain mobility vehicle that allowed him to join family outings to the beach and hiking trails.

His love for the arts and community was also profound. Andrew sang bass with the Sippican Choral Society and was an avid photographer. He participated for several years in the Pan-Mass Challenge, raising funds for the Da-

na-Farber Cancer Institute, and continued to serve the organization as a photographer and crew leader for volunteers at the Wellesley site. He was committed to local service, holding leadership roles such as President of the Board of Directors for Coastline Elderly Services in New Bedford, a board member of the Rochester Council on Aging, and Senior Warden at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Marion.

Andrew's adventurous spirit was matched by the unwavering support of his wife, Susan, and their sons, Galen and Toby. Together, they shared countless experiences that embodied his belief in living life fully. His resilience shaped his children, instilling a lifelong compassion and courage inspired by their father's example.

Andrew is survived by his beloved wife, Susan M. (Brenneke) Hunter Revell; his cherished sons, Galen and Toby Revell; his parents, Roger and Kathy Revell of Wauke, Iowa; his sister, Amy Elizabeth Revell Teas, and her husband Andy Teas of West Des Moines, Iowa; his nephew Max and niece Ellie; and a host of family and friends whose lives were touched by his kindness, strength, and passion for learning.

The family will receive visitors on Sunday, June 29, 2025, from 4 to 7 pm at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road (Route 6), Mattapoisett. The funeral liturgy will be held on Monday, June 30, 2025 at 11 am in St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, 124 Front Street, Marion. A private inurnment will occur later.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Pan-Mass Challenge or Adaptive Sports Partners in honor of Andrew's enduring commitment to community, resilience, and the power of inclusion. For online guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com



Ruth-Ann (Kirby) Flynn, 83, of Wilton, CT, passed away peacefully, surrounded by loving family, on June 17, 2025, at The Greens at Cannondale.

Born in New Bedford, MA, and raised in nearby Rochester, Ruth-Ann was the daughter of the late George Arthur Kirby II and Ruth Sylvia Hartley. She attended Rochester's Waterman School and New Bedford High School, and received a B.A. in Government from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, where she was a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority.

After graduation, Ruth-Ann moved to Washington, D.C., where she was employed by the Republican National Committee. It was there that she met her husband-to-be, Charles P. Flynn (Charlie). The couple would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this August.

From Washington, Ruth-Ann moved to New York City, where she worked as a legal assistant at a Wall Street law firm until her 1965 wedding, at which time she moved to Wilton, CT. It has been her home ever since.

August 3 The Rev. Marc Eames.

August 10 The Rev. Robert Malm.

August 17 The Rev. Michael Pearson, Assisting Priest, St. Stephen's Church, Providence, RI.

August 24 The Rev. Jeffrey Paull Cave, Retired, Diocese of Atlanta, GA.

August 31 The Rev. Jeffrey Paull Cave.

August 31 Hymn Sing Evening.

Mattapoisett Town Band

The Mattapoisett Town Band will kick off its 125th season of weekly band concerts on **July 2**. The concert season runs for eight weeks from July 2 through August 20. All concerts begin at 7:00 pm at Shipyard Park in Mattapoisett.

The July 2 concert will be in celebration of July 4. The concert program will include: Marches by John Philip Sousa, E.E. Bagley, Jimmie Dodd & Eric Osterling. Other selections will consist of rock and roll favorites from the 50s and 60s, songs from the American Revolution, and other Americana standards.

Mattapoisett Yacht Club Race Results

Tuesday Night Ensign Series June 17 - The battle for first place continues between Brou ha ha and Odyssey in the June series. And as it has been the last few weeks, Brou ha ha continues to break the tie breaker for the nightly win by winning the last race. Black Ice gets third for the night followed by Brass Monkey and Uncle Fester.

Next week will determine who takes the June Series.

Wednesday Night PHRF June 18 - Fog, fog, and more fog made for a tough night of sailing as boats tried to navigate around the racecourse. Unfortunately, in A Fleet there was a collision between Surprise and Wicked and Wicked had to retire from the race. A protest has been filed so the final position of those two boats will be determined next week. Winning the night in A Fleet was Restless with No Quarter Given second and Coconuts third.

In B Fleet Kinsail pulled off a 2 second victory over Chickadee for their first win of the young season. Fir Na Tine finished third and Lindisfarne did not finish. With 1 point separating the top three boats, it's still a battle for first place in the June Series finale.

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At the time the Flynns moved to Connecticut, the state was experiencing a teacher shortage and had implemented a program offering teaching permits to liberal arts graduates who completed a summer training course. Ruth-Ann jumped at the opportunity, marking the beginning of what would become a 48-year-long career in education. She later earned a Master's degree in Education from Fairfield University, further deepening her commitment to teaching and learning.

Known to generations of students as "Mrs. Flynn," Ruth-Ann taught both second grade and kindergarten at Ridgebury and Scotland Elementary Schools in Ridgefield. She was active in the Ridgebury and Connecticut Education Associations and participated in contract negotiations for the teachers' union. She was also a member of the Ridgefield Teachers Association, where she was involved at both the state and national levels. Her legacy continues through an annual college scholarship she established for Ridgefield High School students.

Ruth-Ann loved downhill skiing, whitewater and sea kayaking, and, more recently, pickleball. She was a member of the Wilton Garden Club and the Wilton Congregational Church, where she served as an usher and was active on the Mission and Service Committee.

A lifelong dog lover, Ruth-Ann and Charlie shared their home with a series of beloved bloodhounds, and in more recent years, with a basset hound named Maxi.

Though Connecticut was her home, Ruth-Ann maintained lasting ties to friends and family in Massachusetts. She

and Charlie traveled north frequently for family gatherings, especially at Christmas and on Memorial Day, to cheer on relatives in Rochester's annual river boat race. She remained a proud promoter of the family business, the George Kirby Jr. Paint Company in New Bedford. Even in later years, she rarely missed her cherished summer visit to Snows Pond, where she swam, paddled, and sang around the campfire with her nieces and nephews.

Ruth-Ann will be remembered for her kindness, her quick wit, and her sweet spirit.

She is survived by her husband, Charlie; her sister, Meryden Kirby; nephews Mark Hartley, Matthew Hartley, George Kirby IV, and Adam Kirby; nieces Kathy Brady, Shawn Ann Schaffer, Dana-Lyn Hartley, and Michelle Kirby; as well as many great-nieces and -nephews, and several great-greats. She was predeceased by her parents and her brother, George A. Kirby III.

A graveside service will be held for Ruth-Ann on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at 1:00 pm at the Sherman Cemetery, Pine Street, Rochester, MA. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall of the First Congregational Church, 11 Constitution Way, Rochester. A Celebration of Life will take place at the Wilton Congregational Church on Saturday, July 26, at 2:00 pm at Pilgrim Hall.

To offer online condolences, please visit www.boutonfuneralhome.com.

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.

Both nights were highlighted by an After Race Party at the MY tent. Racers also enjoyed a sneaky peak of the new clubhouse which is coming along nicely.

Marion Concert Band to Begin Season

Continuing a tradition it established in 1878, the Marion Concert Band will present weekly concerts in July and August.

On Friday, **July 4**, the Marion Concert Band will open its 2025 concert season with a program of patriotic music in celebration of Independence Day. The program is as follows:

National Emblem March - E. E. Bagley
Star Spangled Spectacular - G. M. Cohan
American Pageant - T. Knox
God Bless America - I. Berlin
Our Glorious Land - J. Olivadoti
Battle Hymn of the Republic - arr. Peter

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The Stars and Stripes Forever - J. P. Sousa

The concert, under the direction of guest conductor Philip Sanborn, will be held at the Robert O. Broomhead Bandstand at Island Wharf and will start at 7:00 pm.

The Marion Concert Band's Friday evening concert series will include concerts every Friday evening in July and August. All concerts are free and open to the public. "Like" us on Facebook at "Marion Town Band" for

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Marion Art Center

Artists Lisa Goren and Heather Stivison are featured in a new exhibition opening on **July 11** with a reception from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The artists, who are long-time friends, bring to life an appreciation of the natural world, and the need to protect our fragile home. The luminous quality of the work reflects a fascination with water, with ice, and with observed patterns on earth. The MAC will be hosting a gallery talk on Saturday, August 2 at 11:00 am with both artists.

Heather Stivison is a visual artist whose work has been exhibited in museums, universities, and galleries across the United States and in juried shows in Europe and Asia.



Influenced by her mother, who was an art teacher, and her father, who was a research scientist, much of Stivison's work stands at the intersection of the two fields of art and science. She frequently translates philosophical or scientific concepts into color, line, and form.

Lisa Goren was born in California and raised in NYC. And yet she has dreamed of Polar landscapes since she was in her teens. Her first trip to Antarctica inspired her to capture this world. Travels to Iceland and

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Alaska followed. Her watercolors examine this unfamiliar landscape and create questions about the nature of abstraction and our planet with her representations of unfamiliar, threatened terrains.

The exhibition is open through August 15. The MAC Galleries are located at 80 Pleasant St., Marion. Gallery hours through July 25 are Wed-Fri 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Saturdays 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The MAC is closed to visitors on Sundays and Mondays. Regular gallery hours resume on July 31, Thurs-Sat 10:00 am to 2:00 pm daily. For more information visit www.marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit.

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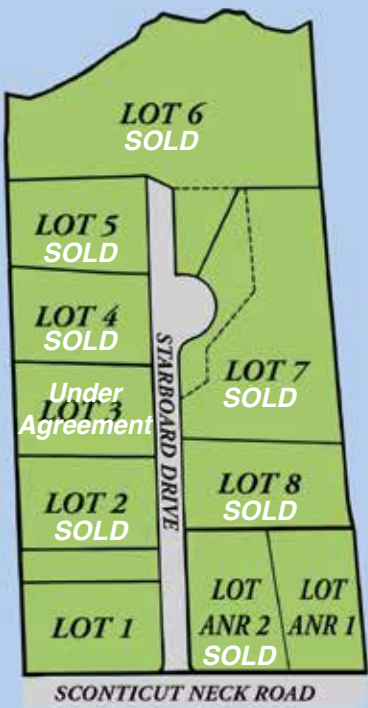
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Thursday June 26, 2025

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 - Jennifer Francis
9:30 AM Sippican Historical Society - Wampanoag Art of the Ages
10:30 AM Marion Natural History Museum - From Submarine Vents to Life on Other Ocean Worlds!
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
3:00 PM Sippican Choral Society
4:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band: Jazz Through the Decades
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 Tri-Town Memorial Day Events
9:00 PM ORR Graduation
10:00 PM Old Colony Graduation
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Friday June 27, 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 Volunteering - Walts Mobile Closet
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?

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6:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - From Submarine Vents to Life on Other Ocean Worlds!
7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
8:30 PM Paltrocass with Darren Paltrowitz
9:00 PM A Conversation With...
9:30 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
10:00 PM For Your Health
10:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Saturday June 28, 2025

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:30 AM Tri-Town Memorial Day Events
10:30 AM Volunteering - Walts Mobile Closet
11:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
1:30 PM The Human Truth - with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Jennifer Francis
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Wampanoag Art for the Ages
6:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - From Submarine Vents to Life on Other Ocean Worlds!
7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
8:30 PM Paltrocass - 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 June 29, 2025

6:00 AM Health Source
6:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church
11:00 AM Volunteering - Walts Mobile Closet
11:30 AM For Your Health
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
3:30 PM ORR/JHS 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony
5:30 PM ORR Graduation
7:00 PM Old Colony Graduation
10:00 PM Old Colony Senior Awards Night
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday June 30, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
10:30 AM A Conversation With...
11:00 AM Volunteering - Walts Mobile Closet
11:30 AM Pete on the Street
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM In the Toy Box
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters
2:30 PM The Collective Chat
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global

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4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Shift
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Hurricane
6:00 PM Four Deep Sports
6:30 PM Old Colony Graduation
7:30 PM ORR Graduation
9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:30 PM Building the Future
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Tuesday July 1, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM For Your Health: Nicotine Pouches
8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM 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 Volunteering - Walts Mobile Closet
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 Marion Natural History Museum - Submarine Vents to Life
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 July 2, 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 Tri-Town Memorial Day Events
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 Old Colony Graduation
4:30 PM ORR Graduation
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 Sippican Historical Speaker Series - Notre Dame
8:30 PM Evening Conversation with Senator Mike Rodrigues
9:30 PM The Old Colony Band Concert
11:00 PM Sippican Spring Concert

**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 Conservation Commission
11:00 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
11:30 AM Marion School Committee
1:00 PM Marion Finance Committee
3:00 PM Marion Opening Space Acquisition
3:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
4:30 PM Marion Board of Health
5:30 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission
7:00 PM ORR School Committee
9:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee

**ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
8:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
8:30 AM Rochester Planning Board
10:00 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
11:00 AM Rochester School Committee
1:00 PM Rochester Annual Town Meeting
2:30 PM Rochester School Committee
4:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
5:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
6:00 PM Rochester Planning Board
7:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
8:30 PM Rochester School Committee
10:30 PM Rochester Annual Town Meeting

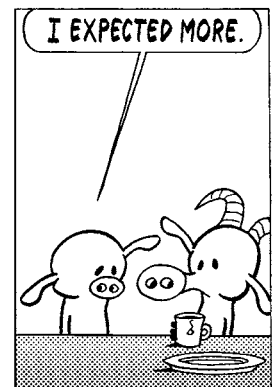
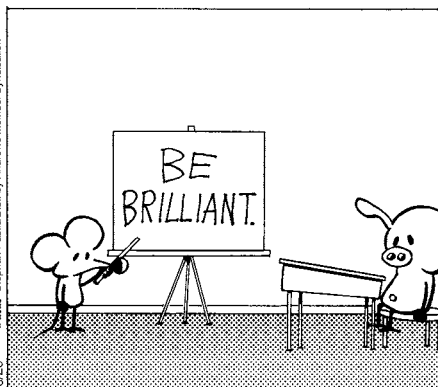
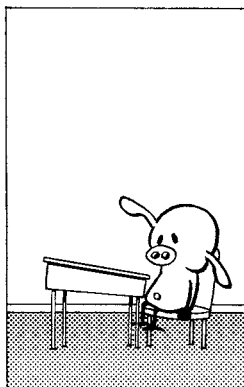
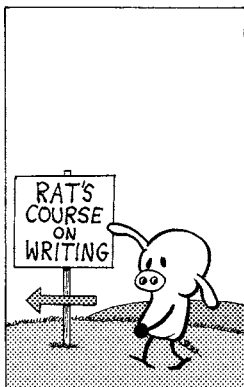
EDUCATION CHANNEL

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7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
8:00 AM Old Hammondtown Spring Concert
9:00 AM RMS 4th Grade Band Concert
10:00 AM Sippican Talent Show
11:30 AM Old Colony 8th Grade Exploratory/8
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM ORR Theater Class
2025
2:00 PM ORR Graduation
3:30 PM Old Colony Graduation
4:30 PM ORR Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs Bishop Stang
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
7:00 PM ORR Spring Concert
8:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Bourne
10:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Somerset Berkley
11:00 PM ORR/Fairhaven Hockey vs Bishop Stang

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Timeless Tunes, Tales and Tributes

An evening of Timeless Tunes, Tales and Tributes highlight The Irving Berlin Revue, opening **September 5 & 6** at 7:30 pm and **September 7** at 4:00 pm. That's the weekend after Labor Day. Directed by Paul Sardinha, the musical revue features singers, musicians and local narrators plus the debut of the Truman Terrell grand piano. It is a benefit performance for the restoration of the historic clockworks in the tower of the First Congregational church. The fund-raising committee is grateful for much community support so far, but more is needed to reach the goal. The show highlights many of the Classic songs written by Russian immigrant, Irving Berlin, who truly lived the American Dream. His 101 years spanned 19 presidents, 2 World Wars, while creating the American Songbook including patriotic icons like "God Bless America," humorous novelty numbers, upbeat Broadway Show tunes and numerous movie scores and ballads. Stories and songs interspersed with audience sing-alongs promise a joyous, uplifting end of

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Donation Days

The Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library will be hosting "Donation Days" at the library at 8 Spring Street in Marion on Saturday, **July 12**, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm; Wednesday, **July 16**, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm; Saturday, **July 19**, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm; and Saturday, **July 26**, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

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MOVIE REVIEW

On the Road Again

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28 Years Later. Starring Alfie Williams and Jodie Comer. Directed by Danny Boyle. Running time: 115 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters.

They're back again, the rage-infected howlers and gnashers, doing their charming specialties of vomiting blood onto their victims and either turning them into fellow ragers or into meals. *28 Years Later* comes 18 years after the previous chapter in this franchise, *28 Weeks Later*, and 23 years after the inaugural effort, *28 Days Later*. Perhaps it's been too lengthy a pause for the new film to be *28 Months Later*, and not lengthy enough for *28 Decades Later*, though maybe director Danny Boyle and writer Alex Garland, who made the first film, are saving that last title for a future sequel.

I liked the second installment a little more than the first, but I wasn't quite eager for a third; I seem to be in the minority there, since *28 Years Later* made back its production budget on opening weekend. Still, aside from a couple details involving the post-rage culture and the possibility of the infection not being communicable to a fetus, there doesn't seem to be much of a new story here to tell. We follow Spike (young newcomer Alfie Williams, who does well) as he hunts the infected with his father (Aaron Taylor-Johnson) and then goes on a quest to find a dotty local doctor (Ralph Fiennes) to help his ailing mom (Jodie Comer). They're part of a society that's holed up on an island separate from the mainland, which they venture into from time to time for supplies and fuel.

The problem with these post-apocalyptic thrillers is that they're long on the sort of merciless action and gore-horror that we've been harrowed with before, and it becomes less harrowing in repetition. We get a little shred of what a survivor society might do with its time off — Dad regales the rest of the villagers with an amped-up, heroic version of his boy's first kill. It's a glimpse of what love might look like in a callous new world, where the elders hoot and cheer upon hearing that their young can kill. That glimpse is chilling yet warming too, because even if it's weird death-centered love it's still love. Maybe Boyle and Garland are getting soft in their dotage.



But then it's back to the sneaking around godforsaken abandoned buildings and running madly from screeching, blood-spattered monsters. Boyle and editor Jon Harris splinter the defense-and-retreat numbers into allusive shards that give an *impression* of violence rather than outright showing it (though we see a lot of gruesome stuff too, largely at the hands of an "alpha" infected gentleman named Samson who rips people's heads off along with a foot or two of spine). Fiennes seems to be brought in as a ringer, playing a sort of medicine-man Kurtz who lives in a temple made of bones. But the script doesn't give him much to work with, despite the anticipatory weight given his character. Jack O'Connell makes more of an imprint despite only having about a minute of screen time that sets up the next movie, to be called *28 Years Later: The Bone Temple*.

The predators here are often mistakenly called zombies (even in-universe), but they're not. They're not *dead*; they have a virus that reduces them to furious chaos. In that respect they have more to do with the infected anarchs in the comics series *Crossed* or the Taiwan film inspired by those comics, *The Sadness*, than with the many children of George A. Romero. It's entirely possible, however, that the success of *28 Days Later* led to a resurgence of zombie films, though it wasn't a zombie film itself. Post-9/11, I guess, we needed to confront our fears of faceless invaders massing against us. Whatever their motivations are, there's only one sane response to them: plug them in the head or the heart. It's a bleak worldview that appeals to 2A devotees and doomsday preppers. What these films so often lack is the sense of what's lost when humanity is lost — culture and stories and companionship. Again, there's a pinch of that in this stew. But only a pinch.



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In addition to the July "Donation Days," the Friends will accept donations on Thursday, August 7 and Friday, August 8 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Music Hall.

Please do not bring donations to the Elizabeth Taber Library outside of the Friends' hosted "Donation Days" as volunteers will not be available to accept and sort items.

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You feel ready to face a major change, although it might involve some risks. A once-dubious family member comes around and offers support and encouragement.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Move forward with your plans, despite discouraging words from those who underestimate the Bovine's strong will. Your keen instincts will guide you well.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A misunderstanding is easily cleared up. Then go ahead and enjoy some fun and games this week! Meanwhile, a LIBRA might have ideas that merit serious consideration for the future.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might feel as if you're in an emotional pressure cooker, but the situation is about to change in your favor. Take time out for some well-earned fun!

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A shift in your workplace responsibilities creates resentment among some co-workers. Deal with it before it becomes a threat to your success on the job. **VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Expect some surprises in what you thought was one of your typically well-planned schedules. Deal with them, then enjoy some lighthearted entertainment.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Be careful: What appears to be a solid financial opportunity might have some hidden risks attached. In addition, a hazy personal matter needs to be cleared up.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) It's a good time to strengthen ties with family and friends. In other news, you might feel unsure about a recent workplace decision, but time will prove that you did the right thing.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Just when you thought your relationship was comfortable and even predictable, your partner or spouse could spring a potentially life-changing surprise on you.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your usually generous self is overshadowed by your equally strong suspicious nature. You might be judging things too harshly. Keep an open mind.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Love and romance dominate the week.

Married Aquarians enjoy domestic harmony, while singles could soon be welcoming overtures from loving LEOS.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An old health problem recurs, but it is soon dealt with, leaving you eager to get back into the swing of things. Also, a favorable travel period starts this week.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have an independent spirit that resists being told what to do. But you're also wise enough to appreciate good advice when you receive it.

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members also trail their boats to regional and national Ensign regattas. The Mattapoisett Yacht Club has hosted both the Northeast Regional Ensign Championship and the Ensign National Championship which brought 2 dozen boats to town.

We are inviting all local Ensign owners to join us for low-key racing on July Tuesday at 6:00 pm. These would be non-spinnaker races on courses about a mile in length. They will take 20 to 40 minutes depending on the wind. We will use just 4 basic rules designed to avoid collisions. Experienced MYC racers from our PHRF fleet will be on hand in powerboats to offer coaching and tips while you are on the course. Friends and family can watch the races for Ned's Point. All you need is an Ensign, a

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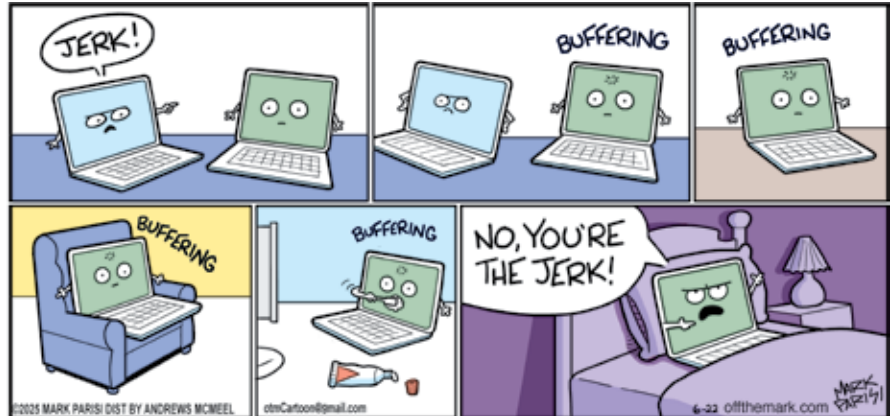
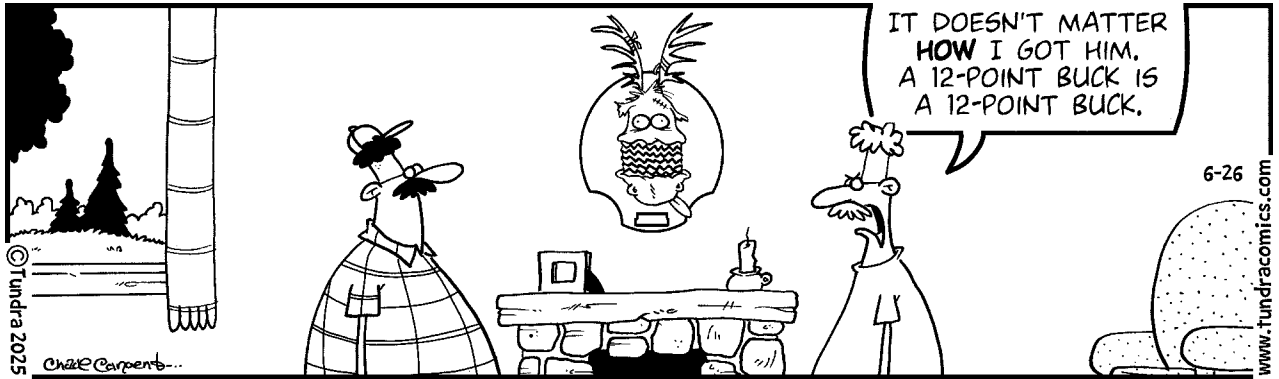
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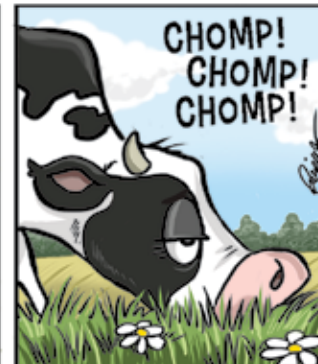
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by Dave T. Phipps



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If you find you enjoy racing, consider joining our regular fleet. If there is enough on-going interest in the low-key fleet, we will set up a regular Tuesday evening series for August. Contact Race Committee members Mike Dahill (mjdahill@verizon.net) or Ed Normand (ednormand@verizon.net) for more information. We hope to see you on the water.

These races will start on **July 8** at 6:00 pm. Make sure to check in with Ed or Mike at the RC boat on VHF channel #71 before the race.

Mattapoissett Yacht Club

Cruise with us! Join the Mattapoissett Yacht Club Cruising Group today. Sail and Power Boaters are welcome. No fees.

Each individual cruise has an assigned Cruise Captain who is responsible for disseminating information to those who have signed up on our website cruising page at www.mattapoissettyc.org/cruising.html.

If you are not a MYC member, but are considering joining, we'll be happy to have you along. Just pass on your contact information to the Cruise Chairman.

For general questions about MYC Cruising contact the Cruise Chairman, Carlos DeSousa at CruisingChair@MattapoissettYC.org.

2025 MYC Cruising Events include:

Summer Shakedown Cruise JUNE 27 to 29, Bassett Island cruise at Redbrook Harbor leaving Friday afternoon and returning on Sunday.

July 4th Cruise July 3 to 4- Fourth of July Cruise to Marion, New Bedford and Edgartown. Join us for one night or two.

July Extended Maine Cruise July 18 to August 5, see cruise destinations on our website.

West Island Day Cruise August 23 - Social gathering on the beach with hors d'oeuvres and refreshments.

Labor Day Weekend Cruise August 29 to Sept 2. Social gathering and beach fire.

All information and sign-ups can be found on the Mattapoissett YC website.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

College and high school graduations that have filled our local news are now in the rearview mirror and schools have closed for summer vacation. The number of "grammar" schools in Rochester have fluctuated over many years, going from the district system to a

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PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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Laws Chapter 40, Section 15C and Chapter 87, Section 3-5, notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Planning Board and the Mattapoisett Tree Warden will hold a joint public hearing on Monday, July 7, 2025, at 7:00 pm at Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, Massachusetts and over zoom. Lynn Sylvia seeks a permit from the Tree Warden and consent of the Planning Board to cut and remove a White Pine Tree DBH 28". The tree is located within a designated scenic public way (North Street) and abutting land owned at 147 North Street. The Tree Warden seeks a permit from the Tree Warden and consent of the Planning Board to cut and remove three White Ash Trees, DBH 9" and 7". The trees are located within a designated scenic public way (North Street) and abutting land owned at 204 North Street. (Publication posted upon the Tree(s) requested to be removed). 6/19, 6/26

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

Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings are held at the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference Room, 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted). The start time is 6 pm.

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District R30 & RR30. It is recorded in the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book 40970, Page 50. The Variance Permit is to meet the requirements of the Massachusetts Food Code of the Board of Health. Michael and Elizabeth King, Wyandotte Farms, request to seek the variance for a Farm to Fork Stand and Farmers Market.

Continuance of CASE #1565 from the Board of Appeals meeting on May 15, 2025. Petition of: Charon Associates, Inc. 323 Neck Road, Rochester, MA 02770. Location of premises: 20 Cove Road, Property owner: James M. DePierre, 9 West Broadway, Unit 115, Boston, MA 02127. The applicant is requesting a Special Permit to construct a new house on a flood zone-compliant foundation, with connections to the town sewer and water. The property is further described as Plot 1, Lot 22 on the Assessor's Map. The lot is in the W30 Zoning District. It is recorded in Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book 23023, Page 193.

Joseph & Sandra Calabro, CASE #1567 12 Centre Drive Mattapoisett, MA, also known as Plot 4.0, Lots 60 & 70 on the Assessor's Map. Zoning District W30. Recorded in the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book CTF 123810. The owner wishes to add an enclosed entrance on the first floor and more living space on the second floor by expanding over the first-floor dining area and a portion of the adjacent, existing lower deck of the house, located on a legally pre-existing non-conforming lot.

Jeffrey Medeiros CASE #1568 12 Bayberry Lane Mattapoisett, MA, also known as Plot 20.0, Lot 76.0 on the Assessor's Map. Zoning District R80. Recorded in the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book 27870, Page 347. Mr. Medeiros is requesting a Special Permit to convert the first-floor

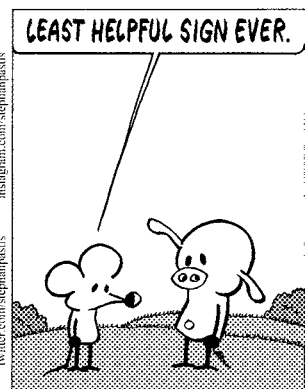
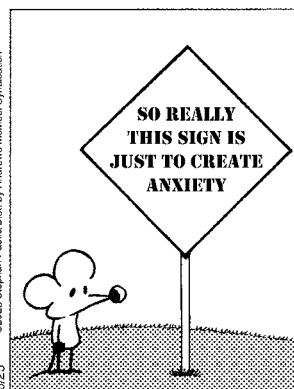
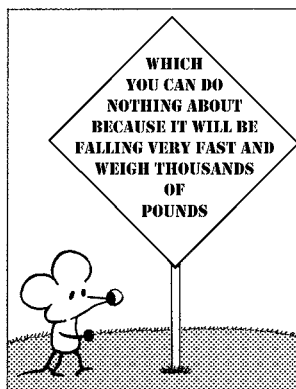
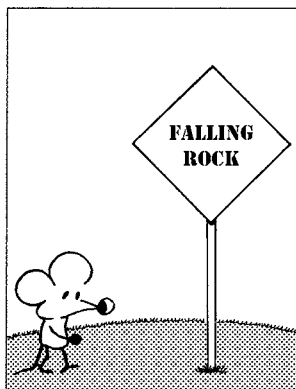
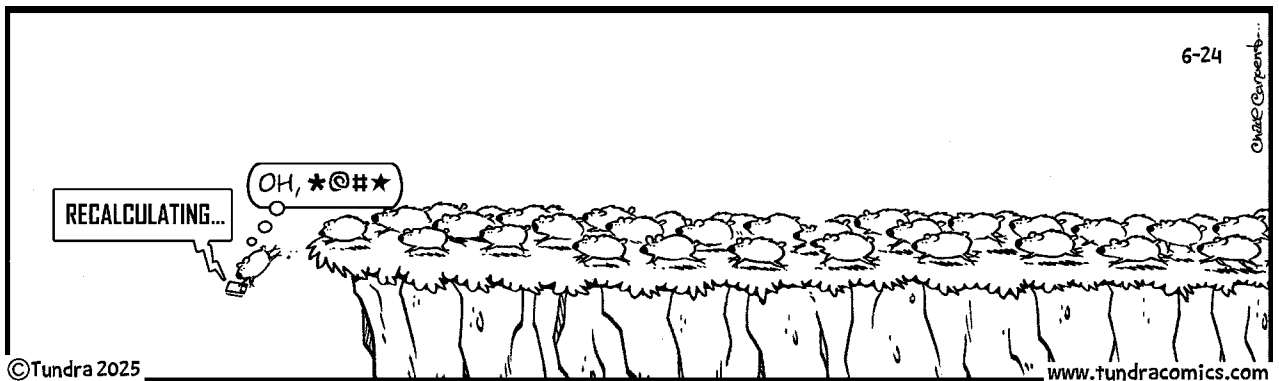
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Grammar school graduations were big events. Dave Watling donated the program for the 1926 Graduation Exercises of the Rochester Grammar Schools. A picture of the cover is shown with this article. The event was held at the Grange Hall at 8:00 pm on June 17, 1926. The program was extensive, beginning with the entrance of the class and an Invocation.



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GRANGE HALL
Thursday Evening, June 17, 1926

The music and essays were followed by a cast of students performing the "Trial Scene" from "The Merchant of Venice" and then the awarding of Reading Certificates and the presenting of diplomas. The evening ended with a Benediction.

We have a few other graduation programs in the museum collection. The 1934 program lists all the students (including my mother, Maude Sybil Hartley and Dave's mother, Louise Spenser Hartley) without referencing their school.

For many of these graduates, this would be the end of their schooling. Some would be going on to work

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- North St – Officer wanted
- Acushnet Rd – Medical assist
- River Rd – General service
- Fairhaven Rd – Domestic disturbance
- Railroad Ave – Parking complaint
- Seamarsh Way – Animal control
- Town wharf – Boat violation
- Randall Rd – Ambulance request
- Aucoot Rd – MV crash
- Acorn Ln- General service
- Acushent Rd – Medical assist
- Shaw St – MV violations
- Bridle Path – Serve warrant
- Railroad Ave – parking violation
- Water St – Parking violation
- Prospect Rd – Animal control
- North St - Threats
- Bay Club Dr – Ambulance request
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Prospect Dr – Animal control
- Holly Woods Rd – Medical assist
- Fairhaven Rd - Disturbance
- Depot St – Parking violation
- Prospect Dr – Animal control
- North St – Officer wanted
- Hammond St – Suspicious persons

- Vaughn Hill Rd – Animal control
- Perrys Ln - Fraud
- Wolf Island Rd – 911 call
- Cushman Rd – Message delivery
- Stevens Rd Disturbance/arrest
- Stevens Rd – Follow up
- Walnut Plain Rd – Well-being check
- Stevens Rd – General service
- Robinson Rd – Assist other agency
- Walnut Plain Rd – Animal control
- Neck Rd – Suspicious activity
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- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Boxberry Ln – Animal control
- High St – Suspicious activity
- Jasons Ln - Fraud
- Dexter Ln – General service
- Taber Ln - Arrest
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Stevens Rd – Follow up
- Kings Hwy – Suspicious activity
- Ryder Rd – Animal control
- High St – Noise complaint
- Alley Rd – Lost/recovered property
- Rounseville Rd - Medical
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious activity
- Cross Rd – General services
- Bates Rd – Animal control

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bedroom into office space and add bookshelves in the existing bedroom closet and remove closet doors. Add 2nd story master bedroom, closet, bathroom, and laundry room to the new proposed 2nd floor addition. This space doesn't require any excavation or change of the existing footprint or alteration of any setbacks.

Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours. 6/19, 6/26

TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1222

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Davis Sullivan, for property located at 6 Union Church Terrace, identified on Assessor's Map 29, Lot 43, who is seeking a Variance for the required 40-foot side setback on a proposed detached garage, pursuant to Chapter 20.40, Section E.2., of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws.

The public hearing will be on Thursday, July 10th, at 7:15 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA.
Donald Spirllet, Chairman. 6/19, 6/26

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Bid Packet with complete specifications may be obtained on the Town of Rochester's website at www.townofrochesterma.com/home/pages/bids-rfps or at the Selectmen's Office between the hours of 8:30 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Thursday, and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., excluding holidays. Bids shall be SEALED and MARKED appropriately and will be accepted at the Rochester Town Hall in the Selectmen's Office, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770 on or before JULY 11, 2025, at 12:00 pm The Bids shall be opened on Wednesday, July 11, 2025, at 12 pm at the Rochester Town Hall and will NOT be opened publicly but will be opened in the presence of one or more witnesses.

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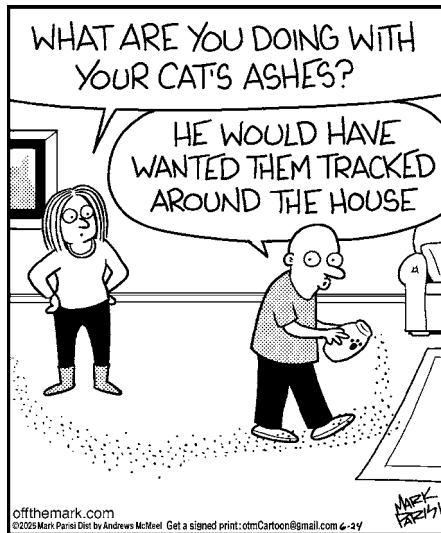
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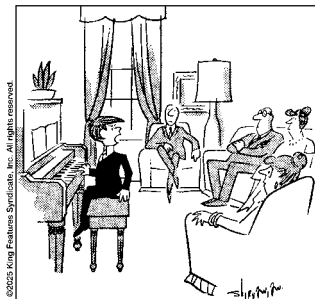
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or training for specific skills and some to family farms or businesses. Those going on to high school would do so outside of Rochester. According to research done by Dorothy Mac Gregor, as of 1901, Rochester students went to high school in Middleboro, Fall River or New Bedford. My grandfather born in 1891 attended Fairhaven High School.

Starting in 1924, Rochester students were transported to Wareham High and in later years went to New Bedford High. This continued until the opening of Old Rochester Regional High School in 1961.

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The annual yard sale will be on **August 2 & 3** with drop-off dates to be posted soon and available at event on July 12.

July Events at the Mattapoissett Library

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Join us on Thursday, **July 3**, at 11:00 am for an Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum presentation hosted by Bob Ainsworth, author of *DUPED*, a fictional account of the theft. In his library presentation, Bob will review the details of the real-life 1990 robbery at Boston's Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, the suspects, and the motives behind the world's most valuable art theft, totaling \$500 million. This program is recommended for ages 12 and up. Come by and see if you can solve this decades-old mystery. No registration required.

The library will be closed on Friday, **July 4**, in honor of Independence Day. We will reopen on Saturday, July 5, at 10:00 am.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Mattapoissett Library is scheduled for Wednesday, **July 9**, at 6:00 pm. All are welcome to attend. A Zoom link to the meeting is available upon request. If you have any questions, please contact the library at mfp@sailsinc.org. We can pass along your message to the Friends.



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Well-Read Wednesday meets on Wednesday, **July 23**, at 6:30 pm in the Marine room. The club will discuss *Autocracy, Inc. The Dictators Who Want to Rule the World*, by Anne Applebaum. Copies of the book are available for pickup at the library. New members are welcome.

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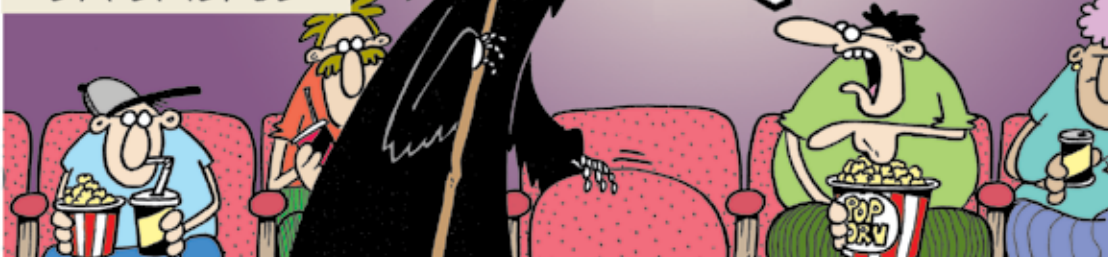
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Drop by the library on Tuesday, **July 29**, at 6:00 pm for the next Sippizine writing group. Meredith is stepping up to lead this summer's sessions in the Marine Room while Alanna Nelson is away. Bring your favorite writing accessories (e.g., paper, pen, computer) and get ready for the spark as ideas pop up in this creative writing session. No registration required.


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As always, library events and activities are free and open to all. Visit our website for more information and updates. If you have any questions, please email mfpl@sailsinc.org or call us at 508-758-4171.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

Starting on July 1 - we'll be offering weekly programs for kids grades 1-6. Kids entering first through third grade can join us for Book Explorers on Tuesdays at 11:00 am or Thursdays at 2 pm. Kids entering grades 4 through 6 can join us for Library Adventurers on Tuesdays at 2 pm or Thursdays at 11 am. We'll read together, explore library resources, and make incredible creations. No registration is necessary - pick the session time that works best for your child and get ready to Level Up at Your Library all July long.

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Join the library on Thursday **July 17** from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm for an evening with Ben Shattuck, author of *The History of Sound* (now a major motion picture) and *Six Walks*. Please call the library to register for this free program, there will be a limited number of books available to purchase starting July 7.

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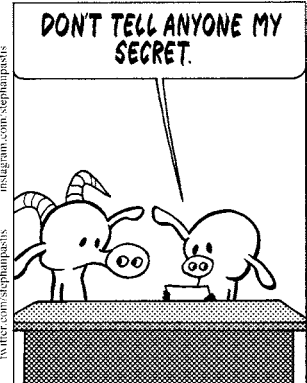
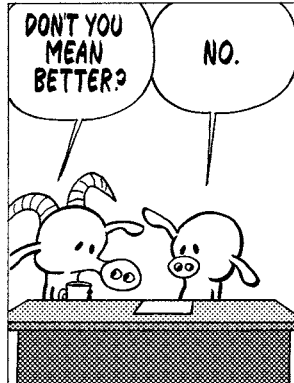
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



In the summer of 2020, our community lost a gifted young musical artist, Nolan Gibbons. To celebrate his love of music, theater, and the arts, The Nolan Gibbons Memorial Fund (NGMF) is hosting the 5th Annual NolanFest on **June 28** at Silvershell Beach in Marion from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Come enjoy live performances from across the country, delicious food from local food trucks, unique vendor booths, and more. This year, we're thrilled to welcome back to the main stage a cappella group, Hyannis Sound. Also joining us this year are saxophonist Marcus Monteiro, The Showstoppers, New Bedford Festival Theatre, Break a Leg Theatre, several of our scholarship recipients, and more.

The event's popular raffle is making a much-anticipated return along with the ukulele tent, and an expanded lineup of vendor tables. NolanFest is a free community event and serves as a fundraiser for The NGMF. Attendees are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets, and consider making a donation to support the fund's mission.

"Since our founding in 2022, NGMF has awarded over \$50,000 in grants and scholarships to young and emerging artists. We are so grateful to all of our donors and sponsors who make that possible and help to keep NolanFest a free event. This is how we keep Nolan with us and honor his memory by celebrating and supporting.

June in Bloom

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is hosting their biennial garden tour, "June in Bloom," on Saturday, **June 28**, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, rain or shine. Be inspired by unique and beautiful gardens while spending an unforgettable day with friends and nature. For security



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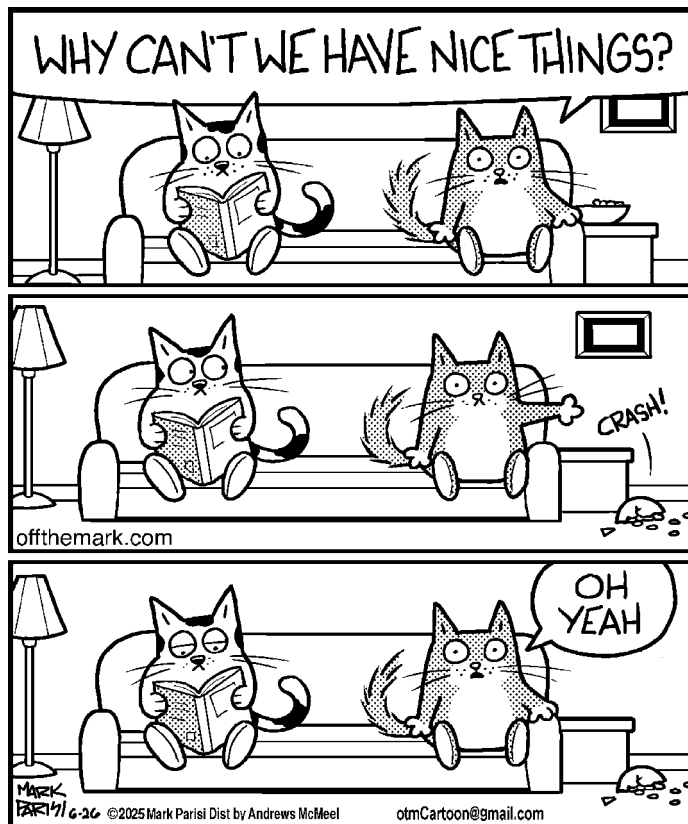
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On June 28, tickets will be available at the Mattapoisett Woman's Club tent in the parking lot next to Ying's Dynasty on Route 6 in Mattapoisett for \$40/each.

This fundraiser directly supports the scholarships, programs, and community outreach of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club.

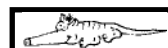
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		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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Friday	June 27	10:12	10:37	4:18	3:41
Saturday	June 28	11:03	11:27	4:57	4:31
Sunday	June 29	11:55		5:32	5:19
Monday	June 30	12:16	12:47	6:06	6:09
Tuesday	July 1	1:05	1:38	6:42	7:08
Wednesday	July 2	1:52	2:26	7:24	8:20
Thursday	July 3	2:37	3:13	8:12	9:33
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Saturday	July 5	4:18	4:57	9:54	11:22
Sunday	July 6	5:16	5:50	10:45	
Monday	July 7	6:11	6:37	12:06	12:05
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Wednesday	July 9	7:39	7:59	1:33	1:05
Thursday	July 10	8:20	8:38	2:18	1:50
Friday	July 11	9:02	9:18	3:00	2:35
Saturday	July 12	9:44	10:00	3:38	3:20
Sunday	July 13	10:28	10:45	4:11	4:04
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		Last Quarter	July 18th	New Moon	July 24th



I Found the Aardvark!

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

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

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In the June 19, 2025 edition the Aardvark was on page 31

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Tacit 2. Patch;
3. Caper; 4. Slough

Today's Word
PROTEST

Sudoku Answer

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

by Mark Parisi
off the mark

GROCERY, DAIRY & FROZEN

.5 Liter 24 Pack. Selected Variety Poland Spring Water	\$5⁹⁹
8 Pack 12 oz. Cans. Selected Variety LaCroix Sparkling Water	\$4⁹⁹
128 oz. Selected Variety AriZona Drinks	\$3⁹⁹
8.9-16.1 oz. Selected Variety Kellogg's Cereal	\$4⁹⁹
16 oz. Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing	\$5⁴⁹
30 oz. Hellmann's Mayonnaise	\$6⁹⁹
20 oz. Heinz Tomato Ketchup	\$2⁹⁹
20 oz. French's Mustard	\$2⁹⁹
10 oz. A.I. Steak Sauce	\$5⁹⁹
18 oz. Selected Variety Sweet Baby Ray's Sauce	2/\$5
16-32 oz. Selected Variety Vlasic Pickles	2/\$6

20 oz. Smucker's Caramel Sundae Syrup	\$3⁴⁹
11.75-12.25 oz. Selected Variety Smucker's Topping	\$2⁷⁹
6.7-7.33 oz. Selected Variety Stacy's Bagel or Pita Chips	2/\$7
16 oz. Selected Variety Planters Peanuts	2/\$7
59 oz. Selected Variety Newman's Own Beverages	2/\$6
16 oz. Selected Variety Land O Lakes Butter	\$4⁹⁹
12 oz. Selected Variety Heluva Good! Dip	2/\$5
8-10 oz. Selected Variety Cascadian Farm Organic Fruit or Berries	\$5⁴⁹
16 oz. Cape Cod Cafe Cheese Pizza	\$7⁴⁹
48 oz. Frozen Yogurt or Selected Variety Hood Ice Cream	\$3⁹⁹
16.5-18 oz. Selected Variety Outshine Frozen Fruit Bars	\$4⁹⁹

9.3 oz. Selected Variety.



\$6⁴⁹

12 oz.



2/\$4

14.4 oz. Selected Variety



\$3⁹⁹

WINE

Summer Whites from Around the World!

750 ml. Oregon Big Fire Pinot Gris	\$16⁹⁹
	Reg. Price - \$19.99
750 ml. French Le Hauts de Lagarde White Bordeaux	\$14⁹⁹
	Reg. Price - \$16.99
750 ml. Italy Bottega Vinaia Pinot Grigio	\$13⁹⁹
	Reg. Price - \$15.99
750 ml. New Zealand White Haven Sauvignon Blanc	\$16⁹⁹
	Reg. Price - \$19.99

CHEF PREPARED

Spicy Peanut Noodles	\$10⁹⁹ lb
16 oz. Pkg. Mexican Streetcorn Salad	\$9⁹⁹
With Roasted Vegetables & Feta Cheese	\$9⁹⁹
Orzo Salad 16 oz. Pkg.	\$6⁹⁹ ea
Garden Side Salad	\$9⁹⁹ ea
Mediterranean Chickpea Salad	\$8⁹⁹ - \$10⁹⁹ ea
Various Styles	
Take And Bake Pizza	\$19⁹⁹ ea
Shepherd's Pie Large Size	\$19⁹⁹ ea
Small Size - \$12.99 ea	
Chicken Pot Pie Large Size	\$19⁹⁹ ea
Small Size - \$13.99 ea	

MEAT, DELI, PREPARED FOODS & CHEESE

Fresh
Bell & Evans Chicken Drumsticks
\$2⁹⁹ lb



Deli Sliced, White
Land O Lakes American Cheese
\$7⁹⁹ lb



10 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety Amylu Chicken Meatballs	\$6⁹⁹
Deli Sliced, Blazin Buffalo® Style Boar's Head Chicken Breast	\$11⁹⁹ lb
Deli Fresh, Bell & Evans Chicken Store Made Chicken Salad	\$11⁹⁹ lb
Deli Fresh Store Packaged Red Bliss Potato Salad	\$6⁹⁹ lb
Deli Fresh Store Packaged Cole Slaw	\$5⁷⁹ lb
6 oz. Pkg. Point Reyes Blue Cheese Wedge	\$10⁹⁹
10 oz. Selected Variety Boar's Head Hummus	2/\$7

BAKERY

24 oz. Pkg. 8 Inch Cherry, Blueberry, or Apple Pie	\$6⁹⁹
16.09 oz. Pkg. St. Pierre Brioche Slider Rolls	\$8⁹⁹

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BLOCKBUSTER SAVINGS!

Fresh
Bell & Evans
Chicken
Thighs
\$3⁹⁹
lb



Certified Black Angus
Premium, Top Round
Friends'
Steak for
London Broil
\$7⁹⁹
lb



12 oz. 8 pk. Selected Variety
Poland Spring
Sparkling Water
3/\$12
+Dep



6-8 oz. Selected Variety Shredded or
Cabot
Cheese Bars
2/\$6



5.3 oz. Selected Variety
Chobani
Yogurt
4/\$5



16 oz. Selected Variety
Ben & Jerry's
Ice Cream
\$4⁹⁹



13.7-13.8 oz. Club or
Kellogg's
Town House
Crackers **\$4⁴⁹**

QUALITY PRODUCE



Washington State
Cherries **\$3⁹⁹**
lb

1 lb. Pkg.
Sweet Strawberries **\$3⁹⁹**

1 lb. Pkg.
Blueberries **\$3⁹⁹**



Tropical
Mangos **2/\$3**

Plump & Juicy
Cluster Tomatoes **\$1²⁹**
lb

Georgia Sweet
Vidalia Onions **\$1²⁹**
lb

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