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Rochester Library: Just Plumb Special

By Ann Marie Dunn

The Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library held a week of festivities to celebrate its 50th anniversary. Events ranged from playing with bubbles on Tuesday, August 18, with Mr. Vinny the Bubble Guy, to playing with antique cars on Thursday, August 20, with auto expert and resident Richard Cutler. A special ceremony took place on Saturday, August 22.

Forty-two people attended the Saturday event. Seventy people came for Mr. Vinny's Bubbles, and 15 attended a Car Show and Tell, according to Library Director Kristen Cardoso.

"The anniversary has special meaning to me both as the current director who loves this library and as a librarian who is proud to be in the field and in a state with a vibrant and long history of public library service," Cardoso said. "I started planning for it back in 2025 because I wanted to make it as big and memorable as possible."

Cardoso noted that the library launched special, limited-edition library cards featuring a pen drawing of Plumb Library in April. In April 1976, Dorothy Plumb's gift of the library and the land it would be built on was accepted at Town Meeting. Cardoso began posting stories and photos from the Plumb archives in April, posting one every Thursday until this week of festivities.

"I did this to generate excitement for the big celebration and to highlight all the amazing people who have made Plumb Library the thriving community center that it has been over the years and still is today," she said. "We also chose August 22 because it honors both the dedication of the Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library on August 18, 1976, and the dedication of the Rochester Free Public Library on August 19, 1876."

The Saturday, August 22, event included citations and congratulations from a host of dignitaries, as well as a

plaque dedication presented by Connie Eshbach on behalf of the Rochester Historic Commission.

Joseph H. Plumb, an avid reader and published author, dreamed of opening a free public library in Rochester. After he passed, his wife Dorothy donated money for a new library, which had been housed in a small office at the town hall.

With over 19,000 books, DVDs, other resources, and items on display, the library "may be small but there's so much to love," Cardoso said.

Debby Conrad from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners said that libraries are used

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On the Cover: Senator Michael Rodrigues, State Rep. Mark Sylvia and Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library Director Kristen Cardoso are all smiles at a Saturday, August 22, dedication ceremony honoring the 50th anniversary of the library, which opened on August 18, 1976. The event also recognizes 150 years since the founding of the Rochester Free Public Library on August 19, 1876. Photo by Ann Marie Dunn

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more now than in the past because they offer digital and modern services that make information easily accessible. As Andrew Carnegie said, "A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people."

Conrad praised Rochester for having residents who understand this truth and have worked to establish and expand library services for their town.

State Senator Michael Rodrigues said the library is the "heart and soul of every community." He has helped support the library by creating a new space for a Teen Room.

State Representative Mark Sylvia stated the library is an "important piece of fabric for the town, and like the COA, it has the same good vibe."

Town Administrator Cameron Duran shared how much he adores working with the library, as it is a very special place because of the people who make it up.

"Only three people with limited resources make magic happen every day," Duran said.

Those three, besides the director, are Jen Frasier, who wears many hats, including circulation and technical services librarian, catalog, desk, and book club, and Fuchsia Haskell, youth services librarian.

"That's one of the things I love about the library: how it brings people of all ages together to learn from each other," said Cardoso. "I feel that, overall, our 50th anniversary celebrations were a resounding success, and I can't wait to see what the community comes together to do at the library in the next 50 years."

Thoughts on...

Chicken Soup for a Tummy Ache

By Dick Morgado

When I was a boy and had a tummy ache, my mommy would reach for a can of Campbell's chicken

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noodle soup, always a trusty remedy for my upset stomach. Truthfully, mom wasn't much of a cook, so the convenience of spending a minute and a half instead of one to two hours making it from scratch was right up her alley.

Today, my bride makes her own chicken soup from her own recipe, which takes much longer than opening a can of Campbell's, and she uses real ingredients, not all those artificial flavors whose names I can't pronounce. Still, there was a distinctive taste that I enjoyed that has stayed with me all these years. (Maybe it was just a lifelong aftertaste? But I digress.)

Recently, I spotted the favorite soup of my youth on the grocery store shelf and thought I should buy a

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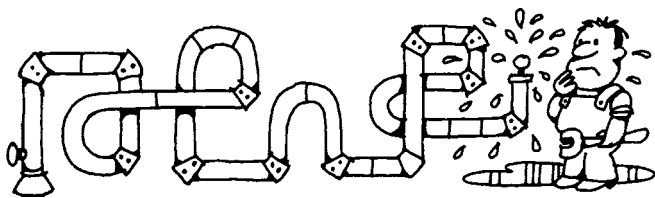


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couple of cans to keep in the pantry just in case I might need a quick remedy. Well, wouldn't you know, it was just a few days later I did. To my disappointment, it didn't taste the same as I remembered. Did they change the recipe? I wondered.

A quick visit to Google proved that they did. Eleven years ago! My memory of fine dining was destroyed forever. To satisfy consumers who were looking for more natural foods, Campbell's removed 10 artificial ingredients and additives. They included maltodextrin, disodium guanylate, disodium inosinate and ... forget it. Suffice to say, they weren't part of any chicken I have ever met. They also axed vegetable oil and celery. Can you believe that?

They even changed the name of the company from Campbell's Soup to just Campbell's. (Their version of the Witness Protection Program lest the company executives get harassed by irate customers whose memories and taste buds were offended like mine.) To add insult to injury, the soup is made in ... wait for it ... China! Campbell's just licenses the name. According to the *Wall Street Journal*, Campbell's stock has continued to tank. Wonder why?

Campbell's isn't the only staple of my youth to change. According to Reddit, the online social media platform, Pepsi Cola changed its recipe three years ago to reduce sugar and add artificial sweeteners. (What? Campbell's is reducing artificial ingredients and Pepsi is adding them!) When I was a kid, Pepsi had a unique taste to distinguish itself from Coca-Cola. I remember sticking my hand into the ice-cold water of a cooler and plucking out a tasty glass bottle. (The Pepsi, not the bottle.) Now I limit my Pepsi input to Sunday pizza night.

Coke changed its formula back in 1903 to eliminate a trace of cocaine. Since then, the iconic cola has adhered to its original formula, except when they introduced "New Coke," which failed badly. Other foods that have changed include Kraft Macaroni and Cheese, which was once banned in Norway and Austria. Oreo cookies, Heinz ketchup and Doritos aren't what they used to be, either.

Calvin of the Calvin and Hobbes cartoon said, "Day by day, nothing seems to change, but pretty soon everything is different."

So true, and it is enough to give me a tummy ache.

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

Where Gardens and Memories Meet

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

Roll back those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer! As always, just when I'm finally getting into the gardening groove, the season is winding down.

Nevertheless, it has been — and continues to



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be — a wonderfully busy summer, with as much time outdoors as possible. It's important not to feel too tethered to the garden, so when adventures beyond the garden beckon, I'm always willing to go.

It wouldn't be summer without a visit to Martha's Vineyard, an island filled with dear memories of our former sailing expeditions — and, I hope, many more to come. Last week, my friend Cecile and I took the fast ferry over to revisit some of our favorite haunts. We discovered a charming little bookshop in Edgartown and came away with a few new additions for the shelves.

But I'm equally drawn to the island's topography and, of course, its gardens — especially the summer gardens of the Methodist Campground in Oak Bluffs.

Set in the heart of the island's most touristed town, the Campground offers the traveling gardener a wonderful place to pause, look around and dream.

This world apart has a magnetic pull on me whenever we make landfall. Partly, it's the unique "gingerbread" cottages that make up this historic enclave, and the colorful gardens that surround them. But even more, it's the peace, quiet and nostalgia it evokes. The Campground makes for a lovely, traffic-free walk and a chance to create your own pace, away from busy Circuit Avenue with its steady stream of day-trippers and summer shoppers.

I first came here on a bicycle trip with the Girl Scouts in 1971, the same year Derek and the Dominos

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air as we biked
our way across
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it’s still my
favorite song.

My
recollection of
the Campground
from that time is
a blur, but I do
remember fixing a
flat tire in Tisbury
and enduring a
frightful thunder
and lightning
storm on

Nantucket, where water ripped through our tent in some
remote woods.

The fact that this place would become a refuge of
sorts a lifetime later just proves how our lives sometimes
run in circular paths. The Camp Meeting has served many
in a spiritual way since the first gathering was held here
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attend, housed in tents arranged in a semicircle around
Trinity Park. In the late 1800s, the tents were replaced by
the Victorian-style cottages that remain today — some 300
of the original 500 are still standing.

Today, the association is interdenominational,
and the programs held in the giant central Tabernacle
are ecumenical in spirit. Many of the cottages have
been owned by the same families for generations, and
Campground residents have a keen appreciation for its
special traditions.

As we walked through on an oppressively hot
day, we were drawn into Trinity Church, where we heard
music. We were the only audience members, absorbing



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the chorale from Beethoven's Ninth Symphony as the pianist practiced, sunlight streaming through the stained-glass windows. The music and the coolness did us good — even if only for a brief spell. We made a donation and stepped back into the summer heat.

We strolled unencumbered by noise, responsibilities and laundry lists. It's like entering another dimension. And while I photographed a tree backlit by the afternoon sun, I thought of all the summers I have been so lucky to have on the island.

There are countless memories of my children when they were young, including our youngest — now 32 and recently engaged — at 5 years old, wielding a fishnet we had just bought him at the local Five and Dime. There are memories of relatives and friends sharing the walk, or riding bicycles and all the requisite snapshots, and the pleasure found in the simple, uneventful act of strolling.

Not too long ago, we went to Illumination Night — always the third Wednesday of August — and although it was crowded, it was magical.

I appreciate the different palettes of color used to embellish the charming architecture, as well as the equally charming gardens, where hydrangeas and other New England cottage-garden favorites predominate. I like to imagine the lives of the people who inhabit these homes, looking for clues: a bicycle stationed outside, an errant garden hose, an unfinished crossword puzzle, or perhaps a few neighbors chatting on the front porch as

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the world goes by.

We stopped for lemonade at a delightful stand run by a young entrepreneur. Somehow, that made the day all the sweeter.

Naturally, I'm thrilled to see any actual gardening going on as well. I'm inspired to rethink my own deck garden, currently overgrown with fennel, and to borrow some of the ideas for color and texture that appear around every corner here.

It's a pleasure to be part of the scene, even if only for a brief hour or less — to breathe in the summer, wander through its gardens and, ultimately, find a little lasting contentment.

"Gardens are a form of autobiography." — Sydney
Eddison

Risk Levels Elevated for West Nile Virus, EEE

Message from Marion Board of Health

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) announced the first human case of West Nile Virus (WNV) in Massachusetts this year in a man in his 90s from Middlesex County. Because of this case and continued WNV detection in mosquitoes statewide, DPH raised WNV risk levels to moderate in 70 communities in Barnstable, Berkshire, Bristol, Essex, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth and Worcester counties.

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"West Nile Virus can be a devastating disease, especially for those who are older or have compromised immune systems. This first case in Massachusetts should remind people across the state that risk remains high," said Public Health Commissioner Robbie Goldstein, MD, PhD. "The end of August is frequently a time for people to enjoy being outside before the start of the school year and the arrival of fall, but I want to remind everyone of the importance of taking steps to prevent mosquito bites. While most people exposed to WNV will not develop serious illness, some may develop very severe illness requiring hospitalization. In some cases, the disease can be fatal."

Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project accepts adult mosquito control requests from residents. Spraying occurs between 2:00 am and sunrise, Monday through Friday. Residents may call up to eight times per season for spraying, unless restrictions apply.

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The Battle of Long Island

This Week in Revolutionary War History

By Sam Bishop

This week in Revolutionary War history, let's check up on what was going on 250 years ago in the Thirteen Colonies. Last week, Washington scrambled for last-minute supplies and manpower, as tens of thousands of British troops eagerly awaited storming New York. Skirmishes on the Hudson are ongoing, as the Royal Navy has wholly secured any sea passage into the city.

On the early morning of August 22, 1776, the British under Generals Henry Clinton and Charles Cornwallis departed Staten Island and land at Gravesend Bay on the tip of Long Island. Dozens of ships moved in to block the bay, as around 4,000 British and Hessian troops made landfall around 8:00 am. The Pennsylvanians defending the shore pulled back without firing, and by noon, nearly 15,000 men had filed onto Long Island. Washington, misinformed and thinking only around half that number had made the landing, assumed this was a feint attack with the real target being Manhattan. With that, the general sent only 1,500 to bolster the 4,500 Continental Army forces present on the island.

On August 23, in his General Orders, Washington confirms the dreaded day was nearly upon them, writing, "The enemy have now landed on Long Island, and the hour is fast approaching, on which the honor and success of this army, and the safety of our bleeding country depend. Remember officers and soldiers, that you are freemen, fighting for the blessings of liberty."

Still fearing the army's lack of discipline, he

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adds, "It is the General's express orders that if any man attempt to skulk, lay down, or retreat without orders he be instantly shot down as an example." He also ordered five days of bread be baked in anticipation of needed provisions.

The British had moved miles inland and had set up their camp in the town of Flatbush. By August 24, another 5,000 Hessians brought the total number of British-allied troops on Long Island to 20,000. This was what the British did best: line infantry battles, which were typically fought across Europe. The Americans showed some guerrilla tactics here, as marksmen — equipped with long-range rifles, the fathers of modern snipers — picked off what they could from the assembling lines.

Washington's General Orders focus on final preparations, emphasizing, "Their honor and safety will much depend upon their avoiding any confusion in manning the lines."

He also notes the obstruction of the bay and the East River, as escape routes quickly close. Washington hastily writes to Governor of Connecticut Jonathan

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Trumbull, requesting 1,000 Connecticut militiamen to cross the Sound and aid in the fight. Too little, too late. Washington would write, "I have thrown what force I can over, without leaving myself too much exposed here; for our whole numbers, if the intelligence we get from deserters be true, falls short of that of the enemy."

On August 26, per orders from General William Howe, Henry Clinton's men moved out at 9:00 pm. A column of 10,000 men stretching for two miles snaked its way up Jamaica Pass through the highlands. The British left supply crates and lit campfires to their rear to deceive the American forces.

After capturing some American soldiers without a shot fired, the British had made their way through

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the undefended pass. By the morning of August 27, the assault was underway, having totally bypassed American defensive lines. There were no General Orders that day, with Colonel Ephraim Martin of New Jersey noting, "This being the day of the attack on Long Island, the orders were all verbal."

The following battle was the largest of the war, with around 30,000 total troops taking part. Within a couple of hours, 300 Americans would be killed to 64 British/Hessian. Over 1,000 men were injured and over 1,000 more would later be captured. Similar to Howe's other ventures, he would not press his advantage and would halt the attack as the Americans broke and retreated. Testifying to Parliament years later, he would say, "The most essential duty I had to observe was not wantonly to commit his majesty's troops, where the object was inadequate."

Time would tell, but Washington and the army rushed toward the coast at Brooklyn Heights as the British slowly closed in. Washington would order over 1,000 troops from Manhattan, some from John Glover's regiment of Marblehead, Massachusetts, to bolster his defense. On August 28, the weather turned, and harsh, blinding rain pelted the armies. Washington and his men put up a hasty defense throughout the day as their artillery continuously fired toward the British lines.

On the night of August 29, Washington held a Council of War with officers present to devise a plan

of escape. Men from Marblehead, led by Colonel John Glover, would begin to ferry men back to Manhattan. The evacuation was slow and proceeded into the following morning. Though hope began to wane, the post-storm air brought in a blanket of fog that hid the evacuation of 9,000 Americans, none of whom were killed or captured.

Washington now struggled to build back the defense of Manhattan.

ORR Cleared of Title IX Violation in Bathroom Complaint

By Jeanne Hopkins

An independent Title IX investigation stemming from a May bathroom incident involving two 9-year-old students at Rochester Memorial School has concluded that school staff and district administrators acted in compliance with the law and found that no violation of a student's Title IX rights had occurred.

The Old Rochester Regional School District announced the finding August 21, saying the investigation is now closed.

The district also disclosed that educators and administrators received numerous angry and threatening communications during the controversy, most of which officials believe came from outside the Tri-Town and Massachusetts. The district will increase police presence as the new school year begins.

The complaint was filed May 4 by Rochester parent Luis Rivera, who said his daughter's privacy was violated when another 9-year-old student opened an unlocked bathroom stall she was using. Rivera alleged in his Title IX complaint that his daughter was the victim of sexual harassment.

The incident became the subject of a larger public debate over the district's bathroom policies for transgender students.

At a packed June 3 Rochester School Committee meeting, residents were divided over the district's response. Rivera asked the committee to take disciplinary action and consider policy changes. Other speakers questioned the district's handling of the incident, while several residents defended the school and expressed

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concern that a private matter involving elementary school children had become the subject of a public controversy.

In announcing the investigation's conclusion, Superintendent Michael S. Nelson described the original incident as one student opening an unlocked bathroom stall being used by another student.

"The review found that school building staff and the district administrators acted in compliance with the law, and the investigation found no violation of a student's Title IX rights had occurred," Nelson wrote in an email to the ORR community.

The district has maintained that it is required to follow Massachusetts nondiscrimination law and Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

guidance regarding gender identity.

That position was reinforced in an August 21 letter from the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, which said state law prohibits discrimination in public schools based on gender identity and gives students the right to use restrooms corresponding with their gender identity.

"Permitting a student to access the restroom in accordance with that student's gender identity is required under Massachusetts law and consistent with current federal law," the Attorney General's Office wrote.

The Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents and Massachusetts Association of School Committees also issued a joint statement August 19

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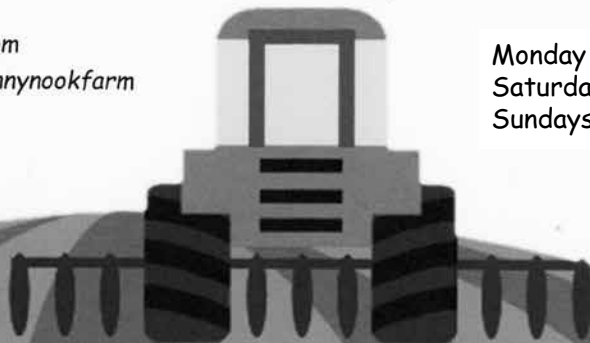
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supporting Nelson and the district. The organizations said district officials had operated in compliance with state law and DESE guidance.

The organizations also addressed the broader political environment surrounding such disputes, saying national “culture wars fueled by partisan politics” should not distract schools from their responsibility to educate and protect students.

The district said the controversy brought significant outside attention to Rochester.

Nelson said educators and administrators were subjected to “innumerable explicit, angry, and threatening communications” directly and through social media. The district believes almost all of those communications came

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from people with no connection to Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester or nearby Massachusetts communities.

The district has been in contact with local police chiefs and said there will be an increased police presence when the new school year begins.

“Let us not forget that the matter in question involves two 9-year-old children,” Nelson wrote.

Citing the educational privacy rights of the children, the district said it will have no further comment on the matter.

Marion Golf Club Case Resolved

Marion Select Board

By Zakary Sarkarati

The full Marion Select Board met on Tuesday, August 21, at 6:00 pm, accompanied by Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman and Finance Director Heather O'Brien, to discuss the Bike Path, town roads, new roles and a lawsuit settlement with the Marion Golf Club.

The board unanimously approved altered layouts to Washburn Lane and Spring Street for the Bike Trail, which was previously authorized by the Department of Transportation. The affected areas will be in a section running behind Brew Fish Bar & Eatery into Spring Street, the intersection of Spring Street and Front Street, and the end of Washburn Lane. Once a construction partner is found, the project is estimated to take 5.2 years, and cost



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Chair John Hoagland informed the public that charges in the case of Marion Golf Club vs. Marion had been dismissed following two executive sessions in the past week. The institutions would evenly split the \$19,000 cost of services from Attorney Mathew Rickman. Charges in the 2022 case alleged that members of the town's Conservation Commission had trespassed on the Golf Club's property to investigate a wetland area.

A \$10,024 donation to the town from Norman Hills, open space acquisition commission chair, was unanimously accepted by the board. Hill requested that the donation be used to purchase new dog bag stations across town, such as at Goldavitz Bog, Pina Park, DaPina

Landing and Grassi Bog. Tabor Academy also donated \$50,000 to the Town, requesting it be used to pave a portion of Spring Street the school is on. The board also unanimously approved \$3,727.07 in Water/Sewer commitments for final readings, along with reconnection and processing fees.

The board collectively voted for the permanent appointment of Police Sgt. Sommer Cardoso and Officer Kayla Duarte, along with Michael Considine, to the Energy Management Committee for a three-year term, all effective immediately. Kelly Koska was introduced as the town's new director of assessing, previously working as Acushnet's principal assessor and clerk. It was also announced that Andrew Bonney had resigned from the



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The Town Administrator expressed future plans for the town website to have applications of interest in speed hump placements, and that the town may use speed humps — which are typically longer than the current speed bumps. He added that these will be seasonal installations and will all be removed in November due to winter plowing.

Camper Request Raises Zoning Questions

Mattapoisett Select Board

By Jeanne Hopkins

A request to place a camper on a Cove Street property led to an extended discussion Tuesday night as Select Board members questioned how the town's zoning bylaw applies to the site and ultimately held off on acting on the permit.

Michael King sought permission to place a camper at 0 Cove Street for a total of 14 days during September and October. King told the board the property had previously been permitted by the Conservation Commission as a campsite and said he wanted flexibility to use the camper for several shorter periods depending on weather.

King argued that requiring fixed dates made little sense on a barrier beach during hurricane season, saying he would be willing to notify the town when the camper

was brought onto and removed from the property.

The discussion became contentious at times as board members tried to determine what the town's zoning bylaw allows and whether King qualifies as an owner or occupant of the property for purposes of the permit.

Questions were also raised about whether the 2022 Conservation Commission approval of the campsite extended to the use of a camper. The board noted that the Conservation Commission approval covered the resource-area aspects of the site, while the Select Board has separate authority over trailers and mobile homes.

Several nearby residents raised concerns about the property, including fire safety, sanitation and the movement of a camper along narrow Cove Street. One resident described seeing large campfires near brush and the marsh.

King said the camper has self-contained tanks for black and gray water that would be emptied at an appropriate facility after the camper leaves the property.

As questions accumulated about the bylaw, the applicant's status and the proposed dates, board members said they were not prepared to vote without additional information.

"There are too many questions that are unanswered to have a reasonable and educated conversation moving forward," one board member said.

The matter will return to a future Select Board agenda after the town receives additional information.

The board also spent part of its work session discussing housing, where members discovered that Mattapoisett is further along than they initially believed.

During discussions with the Massachusetts Housing Partnership about establishing an affordable housing trust, town officials learned that Town Meeting had already voted to create the Mattapoisett Housing Trust on May 9, 2011.

"We are much further along than we had thought," a board member said.

The board is now considering how to revive that effort as part of a broader housing strategy aimed at helping young families, seniors, town employees and others remain in Mattapoisett.

The town currently has about 2.4% of its housing counted toward the state's 10% subsidized housing threshold, according to the discussion. Board members said developing a local housing strategy and updated Housing Production Plan could give Mattapoisett greater control over what future housing development looks like.

Among the possibilities discussed were working with the Massachusetts Housing Partnership, updating the town's Housing Production Plan, examining inclusionary zoning and considering different types of housing projects.

The town has also received a \$1,500 proposal from Barrett Planning Group for a housing workshop for town



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officials and the public. No vote was taken Tuesday on the proposal. Residents interested in serving on a revived housing trust or in an advisory capacity were encouraged to contact the town.

Earlier in the meeting, the board discussed complaints about seaweed accumulation and maintenance at Aucoot Beach and Town Beach.

Highway Surveyor Garrett Bauer said the department can remove major accumulations but that providing a higher level of routine beach maintenance would require better equipment. The department currently relies on a loader and backhoe.

A specialized beach groomer has previously been proposed but was not made a capital priority. An older estimate placed the equipment at roughly \$52,000, with Bauer saying the labor and equipment cost of regularly cleaning the beaches could be comparable.

Bauer said seaweed conditions vary significantly from year to year and that Goodspeed Island has historically not been maintained by the Highway



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The board took no action but may revisit the issue during capital and budget planning.

In other business, the Select Board voted to refer the proposed Cottage Community Development Bylaw to the Planning Board for the required public hearing.

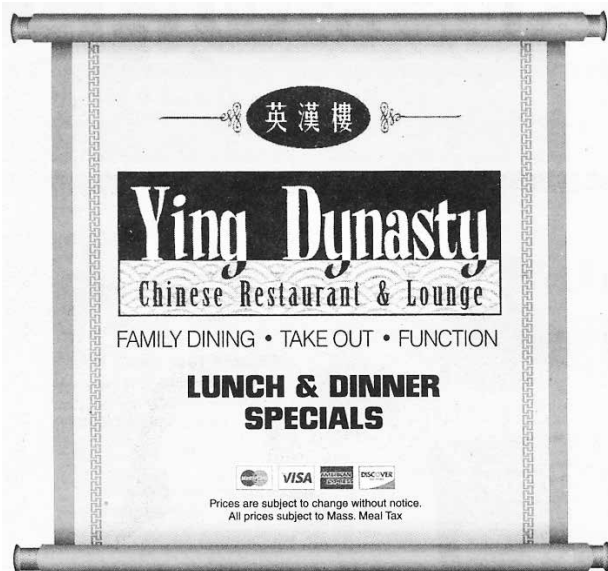
The board also approved Employee Appreciation Day for the afternoon of Friday, September 11, with the Town Hall scheduled to close at noon.

ZBA Approves Addition to Tobey Lane Home

Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals

By Jeanne Hopkins

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Lane home means making room for her family to return to Mattapoisett full time.

The Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously approved a special permit on Thursday, August 20, allowing Westgate, who is also known as Rachel Briggs, to construct an addition to her single-family home at 12 Tobey Lane.

Westgate told the board that her family's connection to Mattapoisett stretches back generations.

"I have a long history in this town, like way back to the whaling days," she said, noting that her great-great-grandfather was a whaler here.

Westgate purchased the house in 2017 when she was single. She has since married and now has a



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stepdaughter and two dogs. Although she moved away, she said she always intended to return and has continued spending summers in Mattapoisett.

"Now we're all moving here full time, and so we just need more space to accommodate my growing family," she said.

The house, built in 1952, is already considered a pre-existing nonconforming structure because it does not meet the Village Residential District's current front setback requirement. The proposed addition would extend toward the rear of the property, leaving a 25-foot rear setback where a 30-foot setback is required.

Attorney James W. Walsh, representing Westgate, said the 5-foot difference would not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood. The addition would remain within the home's existing side building lines, and existing fencing and mature vegetation provide screening.

The project would add an upstairs bedroom and a downstairs kitchen and family room, along with a basement.

One board member noted that although the project had been described as a "modest addition," it would significantly increase the footprint of the existing small house.

Neighbors who spoke during the hearing supported the project, and Westgate said she had spoken with surrounding neighbors beforehand.

"Good move to talk to neighbors ahead of time,"



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a board member told her following the vote.

"It always is," another replied.

The board approved the special permit without opposition.

Moorings and More

Marion Marine Resources Commission

By Zakary Sarkarati

The Marion Marine Resources Commission met with full attendance on Wednesday, August 19, at 6:00 pm to discuss recent operations, financial planning, and shortening the town waitlist for mooring boats — which is estimated at 10 to 20 years, according to a 2022 *Wanderer* article.

Chair Vincent Malkoski Jr. expressed interest in surveying the Beverly Yacht Club and Tabor Academy's usage of moorings, claiming spaces assigned to both institutions had been empty for multiple years. The chair also stated that the Yacht Club and Tabor should be charged as commercial moorings instead of personal, which would increase the cost per space by \$135 annually.

Current rules allowing residents to hold empty mooring spaces for extended periods of time may be reworked in the future, according to Malkoski. If this happens, the chair said a public discussion would take place. However, there was no indication this would occur in the near future.

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plans to build a new kayak rack by the Harbormaster building, pending fire department approval. He added that unpermitted usage of racks had become an issue at Silvershell Beach, as permitted kayakers had left their spots empty. Current kayak racks hold nearly a dozen kayaks, each spot costing \$50 annually.

Wentworth also shared that the portable tank used to fuel town-owned boats had recently been contaminated by rust and water from an unknown source, which may have spread to all three town-owned boats. Cameron said their pump-out boat "had a bunch of problems" due to the contamination and "probably got the worst fuel put into it," as it operates the most frequently. All boats have since received fresh fuel filters.

The harbormaster announced that his office is searching for an administrative assistant after Rimma Sokolovska left at the beginning of the month. Cameron said, "We've been seeing how much she did for us," adding that he is "happy to see that she's moving on to something bigger and better for her, [but] sad to see her go."

As of August 23, the department is still accepting applications for the position.

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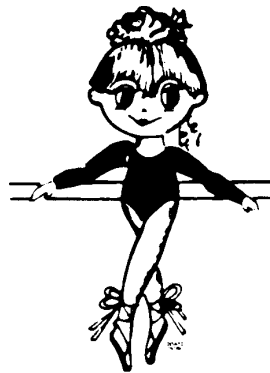
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Friday August 28, 2026

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 Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM Cape Conversations
11:00 AM Marion Art Center - Being Seen Exhibition
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Four Deep Sports Talk
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre

2:30 PM The Collective Chat
3:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
3:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Joan Thacher Tiffany
5:00 PM Marion 4th of July Parade
5:30 PM Marion 4th of July Concert
6:30 PM Marion 4th of July Fireworks
7:00 PM Rochester 4th of July Celebration
7:30 PM Mattapoisset Town Band - America's 250th Anniversary Concert
9:00 PM Mattapoisset Firefighter Memories - July 4th
10:00 PM For Your Health
10:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Saturday August 29, 2026

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
6:30 AM Mattapoisset Land Trust - Dexter Elm Rededication
10:30 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
11:00 AM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
2:30 PM The Human Truth
3:00 PM The Collective Chat
3:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:00 PM Marion Art Center Promo - The Constant Wife
4:30 PM Marion 4th of July Parade
5:00 PM Marion 4th of July Concert
6:05 PM Marion 4th of July Fireworks
6:30 PM Rochester 4th of July Celebration
7:00 PM Mattapoisset Town Band - America's 250th Anniversary Concert
8:25 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Asteroids, Meteors, and Cosmic Close Calls
9:30 PM Beacon Hill Report...
10:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday August 30, 2026

7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisset Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester

10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church
11:00 AM Mattapoisset 4th of July Road Race
11:30 AM New England Rodeo - Rochester
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
1:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
2:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road
4:00 PM Marion 4th of July Parade
4:30 PM Marion 4th of July Concert
5:35 PM Marion 4th of July Fireworks
6:00 PM Rochester 4th of July Celebration
6:30 PM Mattapoisset Town Band - America's 250th Anniversary Concert
8:00 PM Mattapoisset Firefighter Memories - July 4th
9:00 PM Nolan Fest 2026

Monday August 31, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US
9:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:30 AM Miss New Bedford
11:00 AM For Your Health
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters
2:30 PM Modernizing Funding for Public Access
3:00 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
3:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
4:30 PM The Human Truth
5:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
6:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
7:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
7:30 PM Sippican Historical Society

- Political Polarization
8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Understanding Salt Marsh Ecology
9:00 PM New England Rodeo - Rochester
9:30 PM The Collective Chat
10:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Tuesday September 1, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM For Your Health
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 Plymouth County Commissioners Meeting
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 Two Grannies on the Road
4:30 PM Marion 4th of July Parade
5:00 PM Marion 4th of July Concert
6:05 PM Marion 4th of July Fireworks
6:30 PM Rochester 4th of July Celebration
7:00 PM Mattapoisset Town Band - America's 250th Anniversary Concert
8:30 PM Mattapoisset Firefighter Memories - July 4th
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Wednesday September 2, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Cape Conversations
8:30 AM For Your Health

9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
10:30 AM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
11:00 AM Mattapoisset Congregational Church
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
1:30 PM Money Matters
2:00 PM A Conversation With...
2:30 PM Marion 4th of July Parade
3:00 PM Marion 4th of July Concert
4:05 PM Marion 4th of July Fireworks
4:30 PM Rochester 4th of July Celebration
5:00 PM Mattapoisset Town Band - America's 250th Anniversary Concert
6:30 PM Mattapoisset Firefighter Memories - July 4th
8:30 PM Teach your Home Energy Costs! With David Green
9:45 PM Mattapoisset Women's Club Speaker Series - Kathryn Tarleton
10:30 PM Classic Movies

MARION

GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
8:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission
10:00 AM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
11:00 AM Marion Planning Board
12:30 PM Marion Board of Health
2:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
3:00 PM Marion Marine Resources
5:00 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
6:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission
8:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
9:00 PM Marion Planning Board
10:30 PM Marion School Committee

ROCHESTER

GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
8:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
9:30 AM Rochester Board of Health
10:00 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
11:30 AM Rochester Planning Board
1:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
3:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
4:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
5:30 PM Rochester Planning Board Committee
7:00 PM Rochester School Committee
10:30 PM ORR School Committee

EDUCATION

CHANNEL

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
8:30 AM Bulldog Sports
9:00 AM ORR/JHS Promotion Ceremony
10:00 AM ORR Theater Class 2026
11:00 AM ORR Girls Lacrosse vs Somerset-Berkley
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
1:00 PM The Harvard Krokodiles at ORR
2:30 PM ORR Night of Jazz Concert
3:30 PM ORR/JHS Drama
5:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Auburn
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
7:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Case
8:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Somerset Berkley
9:00 PM ORR Senior Superlatives
10:00 PM ORR School Committee
10:30 PM ORR Homecoming Pep Rally
11:30 PM ORR Boys Soccer vs Somerset Berkley

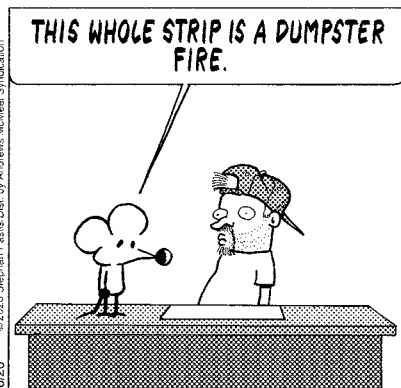
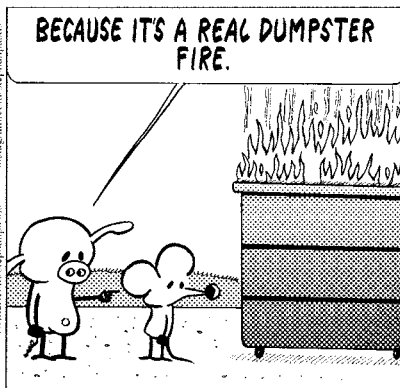
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Coastline Elderly Nutrition Program

Monday, August 31: Beef teriyaki bowl with scallions, lo mein noodles, corn with peppers, wheat roll, peach

Tuesday, September 1: BBQ chicken thigh, roasted sweet potato, Cali blend vegetables, dinner roll, lemon white chocolate cookie, diet: fruit

Wednesday, September 2: Hot dog, baked pinto beans, green beans and peppers, wheat hot dog bun, peach, ketchup

Thursday, September 3: Roast turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, wheat bread, vanilla pudding

Friday, September 4: Three bean chicken chili with shredded cheese, carrots, whole grain cornbread bowl, fresh orange

Old Colony Regional Menu

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Tuesday, September 1: Gyro chicken in pita bread and

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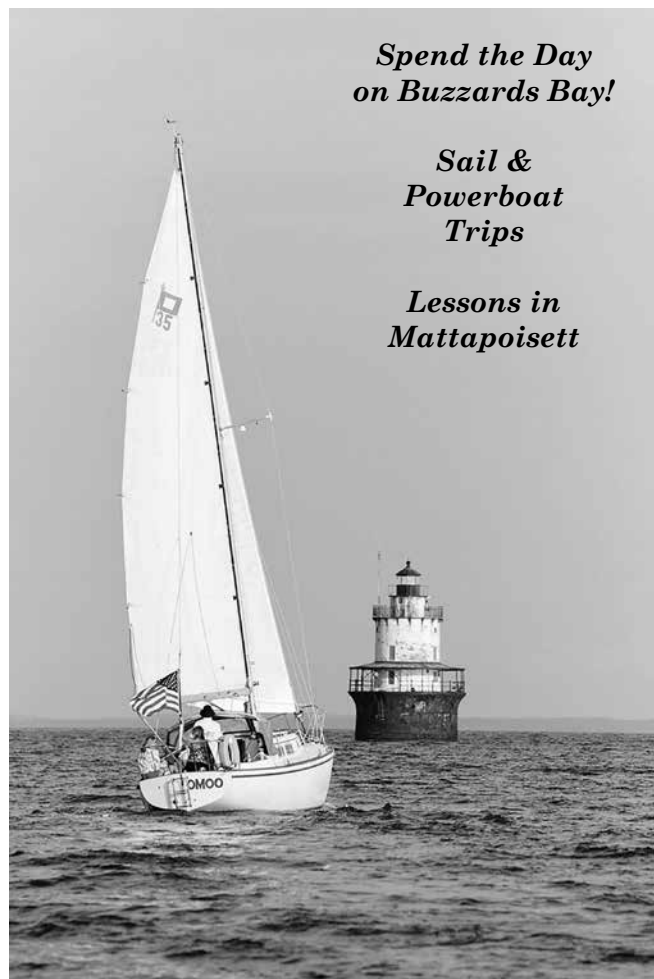


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MOVIE REVIEW

Slasher Love

By Rob Gonsalves
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***Teenage Sex and Death at Camp Miasma*. Starring Hannah Einbinder and Gillian Anderson. Directed by Jane Schoenbrun. Running time: 112 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters.**

Jane Schoenbrun's *Teenage Sex and Death at Camp Miasma* is an artsy meta-horror film about the impact that "bad" pop culture can have on the higher mind — influencing our fears and fantasies. It is also about ten times gorier than the old slasher films it celebrates, partly because this is a curiously lenient time for onscreen bloodletting and partly because the deaths we see all have the quotation marks of meta around them. The blood here stands in for other things — climax, crescendo, *le petit mort* (the killer here is literally called Little Death).

Schoenbrun, who has gathered a fanbase due to their earlier work *Let's All Go to the World's Fair* and *I Saw the TV Glow*, makes the sort of bloody, horny Dead Teenager film they might have wanted to see growing up. It is unapologetically queer as all get out, with a heaping dose of trans consciousness about desire and shame. It's mostly a two-hander. Hannah Einbinder plays Kris, a queer filmmaker who's pitching a reboot of the *Camp Miasma* franchise, an analogue of our *Friday the 13th* series, complete with a third movie in 3D. Kris travels to the camp where the first *Miasma* movie was filmed, and meets Billy Presley (Gillian Anderson), a now-grown woman who was in the original *Miasma*, who has taken up residence there.

Sliding into a leisurely Southern accent, Anderson is clearly the film's big "get," and Schoenbrun gives her many doting close-ups as Billy discusses the meaning of *Camp Miasma* in her life (she left acting after filming the role). Billy and Kris eventually build a bond based on mutual obsession with this one movie from both their pasts — Billy as "a 24-year-old playin' 17," Kris as a fan who first saw *Miasma* at the tender age of eight. Past a certain point, Schoenbrun's movie stops being horror and starts being about ... well, not even horror, but the ways art or entertainment can get inside us and change us. But it's about horror, too, the way that unrefined schlock



can get around our defenses easier than something more uncomplicatedly arty can.

For those who want horror, Schoenbrun delivers blood and guts, dealt by Little Death, a nonbinary psycho who carries a spear and wears boxy headgear with concentric squares recalling *Vertigo* crossed with the head coverings worn by John Merrick in *The Elephant Man* (some moments here are nothing if not Lynchian) and Jason in *Friday the 13th Part 2*, before he settled on the hockey mask. In Kris's increasingly fevered imagination, Little Death lives at the bottom of the camp's lake, a realm where the *Miasma* movies pass into our universe signalling the return of the killer. I think unless a viewer has a distaste for old-school gore, Schoenbrun's film shouldn't require fandom of its audience, though many Easter eggs are placed for those of us who grew up on these sordid yet oddly cleansing flicks.

Some of the horror takes place in the film within the film, and some takes place ... who knows? Ultimately, *Teenage Sex and Death at Camp Miasma* is more about formative experience with crud cinema (Patrick Fischler, playing a callback role to the first *Miasma*, has aged to look like Quentin Tarantino) than a statement on slasher films and their heteronormative "othering" of queerness (although it's that, too). It manages to talk a bit about how those formative experiences become unseemly as the years pass, especially if fed by meretricious sequel-oriented schlock. Schoenbrun doesn't go for kitsch; they take their themes very seriously, while serving up the "flesh and fluids" Billy says these films are about. Finally, the film is atmospheric and visually appealing while spinning its wheels a little. I found it more fun to think about later than to watch; maybe I was impatient for a sequel to tell me what happens next.

Greek fries

Wednesday, September 2: American chop suey, green beans and garlic bread

Thursday, September 3: Waffles and chicken sliders with tater tots

The Best of Broadway

On Friday, **August 28**, at 7:00 pm, the Marion Concert Band continues its Friday evening concert series with a program of music from the Broadway stage. The program, which will feature a vocalist and highlights from some of Broadway's most memorable shows, is as follows:

Bandology – E. Osterling

Lohengrin (Introduction to Act III) – R. Wagner

Broadway Show-Stoppers Overture – arr. W. Barker

Selections from Les Misérables – C-M. Schonberg

Over the Rainbow – H. Arlen

Emma Marshall, vocalist

Opening Night on Broadway – arr. M. Brown

Make Our Garden Grow (from Candide) – L. Bernstein

Sondheim. – arr. S. Bulla

I Dreamed a Dream – C-M. Schonberg

Emma Marshall, vocalist

Selections from My Fair Lady – F. Loewe

Them Bases – G. H. Huffine

Vocalist Emma Marshall is a middle school music teacher in Rhode Island, flute player and church musician at St. Joseph's Church, Jesus Savior Church and the Our Lady of Mercy Chapel at Salve Regina University — all in Newport, RI. She performs on flute with the Newport Community Band and the Our Lady of Light Symphonic Band of Fall River. She has previously performed with the American Band of Providence, and briefly with the Marion Band. Now you can find her sitting in the audience with her two future musicians cheering proudly for their father, who plays in the French horn section, and Grammy, who plays in the clarinet section: both longtime members of this wonderful band.

The concert will be held at the Robert Broomhead Bandstand, Island Wharf off Front Street in Marion. The program, under the direction of Tobias Monte, will begin

at 7:00 pm. All concerts are free and open to the public. "Like" us on Facebook at "Marion Town Band" for up-to-date announcements and rain cancellation notices.

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Mattapoisett Yacht Club Results

Tuesday Night Ensign Races: Another beautiful racing night with light winds. The battle for August heated up as Black Ice won the night with a first and second. Odyssey got a second and third. Hambugar placed third and first, putting them second for the night in a tiebreaker over Odyssey, placing third for the night. Odyssey holds a one-point lead over Black Ice for the



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August Series, with one more night left of racing.

Wednesday PHRF Races: The battle in Class B is just as tight as Lindisfarne and Fir Na Tine tied for first place on corrected time. This put Chickadee in third place, with Kinsail in fourth. Chickadee holds a very slight lead in the August Series with one race to go.

In Class A, there is no doubt as Kindred Spirits won again over Restless and has won the August series. Restless is locked in at second for the series. Dame came on to defeat Coconuts for third, and Oddball was fifth. This puts third place for the series up for grabs in the final race next week.

On August 29, Mattapoisett Yacht Club (MYC)

will hold the Fall Round The Bay Race. Boats from all over the Bay will compete in two divisions, spinnaker and non-spinnaker. Registration is on the MYC website on the racing page.

Commodores Night will be on August 28 at the MYC clubhouse. Sixteen Past Commodores of MYC will be there to celebrate the past, present and future of the yacht club. All MYC members are invited. (Appetizers are always welcome).

There are still many MYC events happening in August and September, so check our calendar.

Mark your calendars for October 17 for the Annual State of the Yacht Club meeting and Awards Dinner. All information is on the website.

FOML Annual Jewelry & Accessories Sale

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library (FOML) invite you to the Annual Jewelry & Accessories Sale. It is a wonderful opportunity to do some holiday shopping or treat yourself to a great selection of costume, upscale and vintage jewelry and accessories at very reasonable prices. We will also feature high-end pieces in our silent auction. Bidding will be open for the three days and will end on Saturday at 1:00 pm.

FOML Members-Only Preview Sale will take place on Thursday, **December 3**, from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm. The General Public Sale is Friday, **December 4**, from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm and Saturday, **December 5**, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at 7 Barstow Street.

If you are not yet a member, you can join the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library with a \$20 donation. To sign up, visit the library circulation desk or join at the door on the night of the Preview Sale.

We are also currently accepting donations of gently used jewelry and accessories. Please drop your donations off at the library circulation desk. All FOML fundraising efforts directly support library programs for children, teens and adults, including the purchase of all museum, zoo and park passes.

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OBITUARIES



Jason “Jake” Jacobsen, 56, of Daytona Beach, Florida, passed away peacefully at AdventHealth hospice in Altamonte Springs following a long illness.

Born to the late Reidun T. (Mannes) Jacobsen and Capt. Peder “Pete” U. Jacobsen, both originally of Karmøy, Norway, Jake grew up on Poverty Point in Fairhaven, Massachusetts. His early years

were highlighted by playing ball in “the field” behind his childhood home with fellow neighborhood kids, swimming at West Island Beach, spending time with Norwegian relatives, and working summers during high school in his family’s commercial fishing business.

Playing organized local sports, including football, basketball, and baseball, helped shape Jake into a gifted athlete. He played on the Fairhaven High School basketball team from 1984 to 1988. He emerged as a dominant center, joining the school’s 1,000-point club and helping lead the Blue Devils to an Eastern Massachusetts championship and a state title game appearance in 1987. His athletic and academic drive earned him a full Division II basketball scholarship to Stonehill College, where he graduated in 1992.

Drawn to sunshine and ocean air, Jake moved to Daytona Beach in 1993. A talented craftsman, he worked in commercial renovation and became especially skilled in plastering and other specialized trades. He loved being outdoors, biking, going to the beach, tending his garden, and fishing from local docks.

His Southern Baptist faith, which became an important part of his life later on, gave him strength, direction, and hope.

Jake faced significant health challenges throughout his life. Those close to him remember his sharp wit, biting sarcasm, and generous spirit, qualities that inspired loyal friendships. Although he made Daytona Beach his home for more than three decades, he remained a die-hard New England sports fan.

Jason is survived by his sister, Noelle Jacobsen, and brother-in-law, Vincent “Vince” L. Stellato, of Greater Orlando, Florida, along with extended family and friends throughout Massachusetts, Florida, and Norway.

Honoring the family’s preference to mourn privately, no public service will be held. Those who would like to remember Jake in a tangible way are invited to support the Volusia-Flagler County Coalition for the Homeless, Inc., P.O. Box 309, Daytona Beach, FL 32115-0309.



Chad Philip Jacobs, born September 3, 1969, in Waltham, Massachusetts, passed away unexpectedly in his sleep on July 26, 2026, in Mattapoisett, Massachusetts. He lived a life marked by quiet kindness, steady hard work, and deep devotion to the people and places he loved.

He was the loved son of Fr. Philip C. Jacobs III, OGS, and the late Phebe A. Jacobs. He was the cherished brother of Gerald A. Jacobs and his wife, Christine Fegan, and of Rachel K. Jacobs-Hodson and her husband, Jerald M. Hodson II. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews, as well as a wide circle of friends who will remember him with affection and gratitude. Family was central to Chad’s life, and he took quiet pride in the bonds he shared with them through the years.

A former resident of Lewiston, Maine, Chad remained connected to the communities that shaped him. He graduated from Fairhaven High School with the Class of 1989 and carried with him the values of dedication, responsibility, and quiet generosity that defined him throughout his life. Those who knew him recognized a man of steady spirit and warm heart.

Chad possessed a true gift for cooking and found meaningful work as a chef with the Salvation Army Corps, St. Luke’s Hospital, and New Bedford Hospital—where his grandmother had once served as a nurse. For him, work in the kitchen was never merely a job; it was an expression of care. He took pride in preparing meals that brought comfort, nourishment, and joy to others. He generously shared his talents by cooking for countless community events and fundraisers, where his skill, kindness, and good humor were always appreciated.

He was also known for his love of gardening and his natural talent for making the world around him more beautiful. Chad decorated for every season, bringing color, warmth, and a sense of celebration to his home and to all who were fortunate enough to experience his creative touch. His attention to detail and delight in simple seasonal traditions reflected the thoughtful, gentle nature so many admired in him.

Chad will be remembered as a devoted son, a loving brother, a caring uncle and great-uncle, and a loyal friend. His life was one of service, creativity, and generosity. He touched many lives through both his work and his everyday kindness. His memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him, and he will be deeply missed.



Bradford N. Eames

Brad Eames never did anything halfway.

Born in Attleboro, MA on August 6, 1943 to Newell Taft Eames and Margery Louise (Bessom) Eames, Brad was raised in his parents’ hometown of Mansfield. Soon after he was born, his father left to serve in Germany during WWII. At age 2 ¾ Brad was sent out to help with the family’s shopping for the first time: Hoodsie cups for him and his mother, a piece of gum for his aunt Janet, and bread. His mother noted at the time, “He took no note on this errand, got everything perfectly, and came back with change in his pocket.”

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St. Philip's Episcopal Church

The Rev. Michael Pearson, Assisting Priest at St. Stephen's Church, Providence, RI, will lead services on Sunday, **August 30**, at St. Philip's. The 1928 *Book of Common Prayer* is used at the 8:00 am and 10:00 am services. St. Philip's is located at 34 Water St., Mattapoisett, next to the Town Beach. All are welcome.

Marion Social Club Chicken Bake

The Marion Social Club is having a chicken bake on **September 20** at 44 Pumping Station Road in Marion. The price is \$18, and the meal includes a generous portion of chicken, potato salad, corn on the cob, cranberry sauce, rolls and ice cream for dessert. Please call Betsy Youngson at 508-295-8253 for tickets. The cutoff date is September 13. Doors open at noon for socializing, and dinner will be served at 1:00 pm.

'Bloom & Connect' at the WGC Open House

The Wareham Garden meetings will begin the 2026-2027 season on **September 10**, starting at 9:30 am at St. Patrick's Church Hall, 82 High St.

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. Meetings generally start at 9:00 am with breakfast, and the meeting begins at 9:30 am.

This year, committee information tables will be set up, and you can discover ways to get involved. Garden therapy, civic beautification, our annual "Holly

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For more information about the Garden Club, visit the club's website at warehamgardenclub.org

Historic Gravestone Workshop

The Marion Cemetery Commission is hosting a Historic Gravestone Workshop at Evergreen Cemetery (Route 6 and Converse Road) on **September 12**, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, with September 13 as a rain date.

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By 3 ½ he was walking his little sister to their grandmother's house, making sure he was holding her with his left hand. As he explained to his mother, "then Carolyn won't be on the side where the cars can bump her."

When he started school in Mansfield, there were three boxes teachers could check on report cards: good, fair, and poor. Brad's teacher handwrote and underlined "very" in front of "good," and checked that box.

Halfway through second grade, Brad and his family moved to Marion, a town he would serve for decades. He immediately showed there was a new athlete in town by winning the three-legged race at Marion's centennial celebration in 1952. By 1957 he was a strong junior tennis player, playing in the New England Junior Grass Court Championships, and was described by the local paper as "angling cross-court volleys with the precision of a tennis robot."

At the age of 11 he began working at Browne's Pharmacy in Marion, and later at Petersen's Ice cream, where one of his jobs was to use tweezers to select only the most perfect walnuts for Mr. Petersen's maple walnut ice cream. He kept bees for Mr. Hathaway of Marion's General Store, once betting a friend he could put a bee in his mouth without being stung. Skillfully selecting a male drone, knowing they could not sting, he won the bet.

Brad was an Elizabeth Taber Scholar at Tabor Academy and graduated as one of the top students in his class of 1961. Although an excellent tennis player, he chose to play baseball at Tabor, and is the only player for the school to play all nine positions in a season. He was inducted into Tabor's Hall of Fame as a member of their undefeated 1961 basketball team. He hit his first hole-in-one while at Tabor on his sister's birthday. For the rest of their lives, when he called her on her birthday, he wished her a happy anniversary of his hole-in-one.

At Bowdoin College, Brad played baseball and golf, competing on Bowdoin's golf team in the Maine College Championships his senior year. He was a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity where he served as treasurer, secretary, and vice president. He became lifelong friends with his roommates from the "Deek House," where a piano may or may not have been rolled off a balcony during their time there.

Also at Bowdoin, he was the top ROTC cadet in his class and named commanding officer of Bowdoin's company. He was a finalist in the Hiland Lockwood Fairbanks public speaking contest.

Brad was commissioned as a lieutenant in the US Army upon graduation. His company disembarked from California headed for Japan in the fall of 1966, but was re-routed to a new conflict that was brewing in Vietnam. Upon arrival, Brad was sent on a reconnaissance mission and became the first American soldier to cross into North Vietnam.

He received two bronze stars while in Vietnam. The first was for heroic service, saving American lives. His company was under heavy mortar fire. To defend their position,

Brad calculated the precise trajectory and direction for the American howitzers, then sprinted up an unprotected hill, mortar fire falling around him. He would yell out the coordinates, dive back into a bunker to calculate for the next gun, and then charge back out. He executed this time and again, each calculation perfect, his communication clear, until the enemy guns stopped.

His second bronze star was for meritorious service for the incredible accuracy of his A Battery, 1st Battalion, 40th Field Artillery. They fired over 20,000 rounds for a year without an error. He was proud that marine units fighting in the field specifically requested his company for support. Upon learning of his death, his captain Luis Lopez, who Brad held in the highest regard, called him his brother in arms, and a "soldier's soldier."

In 2022, Brad was honored for his service in Vietnam with a Quilt of Valor by the national Quilt of Valor Foundation through its local chapter in Ft. Myers, FL, the Seven Lakes Piecemakers.

Returning to Marion after the war, he now could serve his community. He volunteered as the scout master for Marion's Boy Scouts Troop 32, mentoring several boys to become Eagle Scouts. He coached baseball, served on several local bank boards, marched in the town's Fourth of July parades, was a deacon at the Congregational Church, and was a founding board member of the Wareham YMCA. When the Y first opened, he shot 100 basketball free throws daily and within months he was shooting the 80% he did in high school. When he retired after 41 years as an assessor for the town of Marion, he was the longest continuously elected official in Massachusetts.

He was the owner of Eames Insurance, where he prioritized finding fair prices for policies that matched his clients' needs. He raised money for Tabor Academy, engaging the highest percentage of his classmates of any class for many years. He taught classes at Tabor about his time in Vietnam, sharing his experience with a new generation.

He served in every possible volunteer role at the Kittansett Club, including president. He hit a few more holes-in-one (totalling 5 in his lifetime), won several tournaments, represented Kittansett at tournaments at other clubs, played in parent-child tournaments with his children, was named Golf Digest Magazine's most improved golfer in Massachusetts twice, and in 2025 was honored with the club's first Stackpole Award for exemplary and longstanding lifetime service, the club's highest honor.

He taught his two children how to throw a baseball, dig quahogs with their feet, and why compound interest was important. He loved watching his children's and grandchildren's sports, rarely missing a game.

A true patriot, he erected a flagpole at each house his family lived in, and taught his children how to properly raise and lower a flag. When the Vietnam Veterans Memorial first opened in Washington DC, he took his family to see it. Following his wedding in December of 1971, he took his new

The workshop will teach gravestone construction, conservation, cleaning and basic repair. All are welcome, and no experience is necessary. This workshop is free to the public.

Mattapoissett Cultural Council

The Mattapoissett Cultural Council invites grant proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities and science programs beginning on **September 1 and ending on October 15** at massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-council-program/application-process/. Grants are available to support cultural projects and activities in and around Mattapoissett. These include exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies, performances in schools, workshops and lectures. These programs promote access to rich cultural experiences for Mattapoissett and other South Coast residents.

Eligible applicants include individuals, nonprofit organizations, associations or groups with a nonprofit purpose, public schools (including teachers, student groups and parent groups), libraries and other municipal agencies, and religious organizations or for-profit organizations under certain circumstances.

Applicants are encouraged to review local funding priorities at www.mass-culture.org/mattapoissett. Applications will be evaluated with respect to how well the program meets local priorities, community support and involvement, evidence of track record, evidence that

a public benefit will result from the project, financial need and demonstrated planning.

Recently funded projects included: theatrical, literary and science programs for children and adults at Mattapoissett Free Public Library; ballet performances by the New Bedford Ballet for Kids; a concert by the Sippican Choral Society; programs and exhibits at Mattapoissett Museum; and in-school and summertime arts and science programs sponsored by the Mattapoissett PTA, Mattapoissett Recreation Department, Mattapoissett Land Trust and the Buzzards Bay Coalition, among others.

To contact the Mattapoissett Cultural Council directly with questions, please email us at chrisbrennan1955@comcast.net

Friends of the Mattapoissett Library to Host Fall Book Sale

The Friends of the Mattapoissett Library invite book lovers of all ages to their upcoming Fall Book Sale on Saturday, **October 3**, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, in the Library Community Room at 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoissett. This event is a great opportunity to find gently used books at affordable prices while supporting the library's valuable programs and activities.

In preparation for the sale, the Friends of the Mattapoissett Library will accept book donations on Thursday, October 1, and Friday, October 2, from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Community members are encouraged

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wife to our nation's capital for their honeymoon. He always wore a pin of the American flag on his lapel.

Once they had children, he wanted to show them the United States, and they took family vacations, largely driving, with down-to-the-minute itineraries. Vacations were about squeezing in as many sites as possible. One time the family visited Devil's Tower in northeastern Wyoming, which was several hours out of the way. His kids took pictures with their film cameras, and it was time to get back in the car. But they have those pictures to this day.

With a quirky sense of humor, he once built a giant snow sculpture of Auguste Rodin's The Thinker in their front yard, but instead of The Thinker sitting on a rock, he sat on a giant snow toilet. His children thought this was hilarious, but they were not sure what their mother thought of the spectacle in their yard.

A Red Sox fan, he held season tickets for many years, and once took his teenage son and his son's friend on a trip throughout the US to watch games in different ballparks. A Celtics fan, when the family helped nurse an injured robin back to health, they named it Larry Bird.

Brad Eames passed away on July 31, 2026. He leaves a rare legacy of service and dedication. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Lorna (Waddington) Eames of Marion, MA

and Ft. Myers, FL; his daughter Jennifer Eames and her partner Ashley Sadler of Marion; his son Tristan Bradford Eames of Talkeetna, Alaska; his sister, Carolyn Margery Eames of Marion; and his grandsons, Grayson Bradford Eames and Beckham Leo Sadler of Marion. He was predeceased by his parents and his brother Kendall Edward Eames, whose ring Brad wore until his death.

Brad was a true lover of books, once having a golden retriever he named Call Me Ishmael. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to the Elizabeth Taber Library, 8 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738 with Friends Donation for Brad in the memo line.

A celebration of his life will be held at the Kittan-sett Club, 11 Point Road in Marion, on Sunday, October 4th from 2-4 pm that all are welcome to attend. Interment at Old Landing Cemetery in Marion will be private. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoissett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoissett. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.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.

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ACROSS

- 1 Lie down in rest
7 Pedometer unit
11 Trial fig.
14 Pig in a kids' series
19 A bit coarse, as humor
20 — sapiens
21 Informal talks
23 Personae non — (unwelcome sorts)
24 At the summit
25 Nielsens, e.g.
26 Start of a riddle
29 Granola bit
30 Goose of Hawaii
31 Many a craft brew, in brief
32 — center (play area)
33 Thu. follower
36 "That's — blow!"
38 Riddle, part 2
43 Suffix with billion
45 High-IQ crew
46 Harp relatives
47 Uncouth sorts
50 Ortiz of "Ugly Betty"

- 52 City near Seattle
56 Riddle, part 3
62 Hat for Indiana Jones
63 Esther of "Good Times"
64 China's Chou En- —
65 Uncertainties
68 Very last part
70 Opus
72 Freaks out
75 Gore, Roker and Pacino
76 Relative of .edu or .org
78 Base for head hair
80 Like many Coast Guard rescues
81 Riddle, part 4
86 Feature of the word "jot"
87 Execs' mag
88 Idea sources
89 Skylit lobbies
92 Project deeds
96 James of "Alien Nation"
98 End of the riddle
103 Pirate's drink
107 Bunch
108 "Deck the Halls" contraction

- 109 Mined stuff
110 Egyptian canal
112 Year, in Brazil
113 Riddle's answer
119 Like the work of insurance risk calculators
121 "Bye-bye!"
122 Walk really quietly
123 Lambastes
124 Pre-'91
125 "7 Rings"
126 Applesauce brand
127 "Fancy that!"
128 Chinese dog, in brief
129 Became taut

DOWN

- 1 Singer Belle or Spektor
2 Lengthy reprimand
3 Beseech reverently
4 Reminger of film
5 Former teen idol Cassidy

- 6 Glasses and contacts
7 Unselfish sort
8 Carry around
9 Like theatrical behavior
10 Appear like a jack-in-the-box
11 Last part of some plays
12 Saloon
13 Castle tower
14 Org. against leather
15 Estrada of "CHiPs"
16 Miss terribly
17 Tent stake
18 Hoofed beast
22 Nickname for Louis Armstrong
27 Make beloved
28 Sculling tools
34 Comic Issa
35 SSNs, e.g.
37 Artist Andy
39 Iconic "Dragnet" line
40 Granola bits
41 Often-tickled Muppet
42 With 48-Down, "Barry Lyndon" star

- 44 French river or department
47 U.K.'s counterpart to an Oscar
48 See 42-Down
49 A bit strange
51 Neither's partner
53 Ocean east of Ga.
54 Mined stuff
55 Columbus citizen
57 Mexican general Villa
58 Donovan of "Clueless"
59 Decide (to)
60 Decompose
61 "— Cousins" (Elvis Presley film)
66 Grazing area
67 Doesn't leave
69 Mail slot spot
71 Plaza Hotel girl
73 Rho follower
74 Botching it up
77 "Rocky III" co-star
79 Wordplay bit
82 "That so?"
83 Persian ruler
84 Like a snoop

- 85 Build up, as interest
89 Piercing tool
90 Even if, in brief
91 Snare drum sound
93 Inadequate
94 Annual basketball contest on the Continent
95 Silk nightdress
97 Proficient in
99 Pong maker
100 Clamping down on
101 Lordly home
102 Beachward
104 Believers in Jah, informally
105 Common soccer score
106 Conk out, as a machine
111 Old name of the Congo
114 "Hooper" star Reynolds
115 Junior miss
116 Big ice mass
117 Bit of work
118 Revolve
119 It's pressed for cash
120 Co. big shot

SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Be careful not to allow the backers of a new financial "deal" to pull the wool over the Lamb's eyes. It could hold fewer plusses and more negatives than you were first led to believe.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a good idea to finish all incomplete tasks so that you can devote your attention to next week's projects. The weekend could hold surprises for romantic Fernandas and Ferdinands!

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A workplace suggestion you made a while ago that you might've forgotten could come back with a request to turn it from an idea to a reality. Meanwhile, your social life picks up considerably this weekend. **CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Someone from the past could return with an intriguing opportunity for a future project. By all means, check into it, but don't neglect your current responsibilities.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Keeping your claws sheathed and using good humor to counter someone who's bad-mouthing the Big Cat isn't easy. But it's the best way to avoid more problems down the line.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A workplace situation could improve if you're less critical and more supportive of those who are, after all, trying to do their best. Let them know that you're there to help when necessary.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A new job offer might not carry all the benefits that you're seeking. Make sure that you know what you're entitled to, what's off the table, and what's negotiable before you make a decision.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A social obligation that you'd rather get out of could hold some surprisingly positive aspects. Why not go and see it for yourself? Also, a family member makes a curious request.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Before tackling a new project awaiting you at home or on the job, take time out for some much-deserved pampering to help lift your spirits and restore your energy levels.

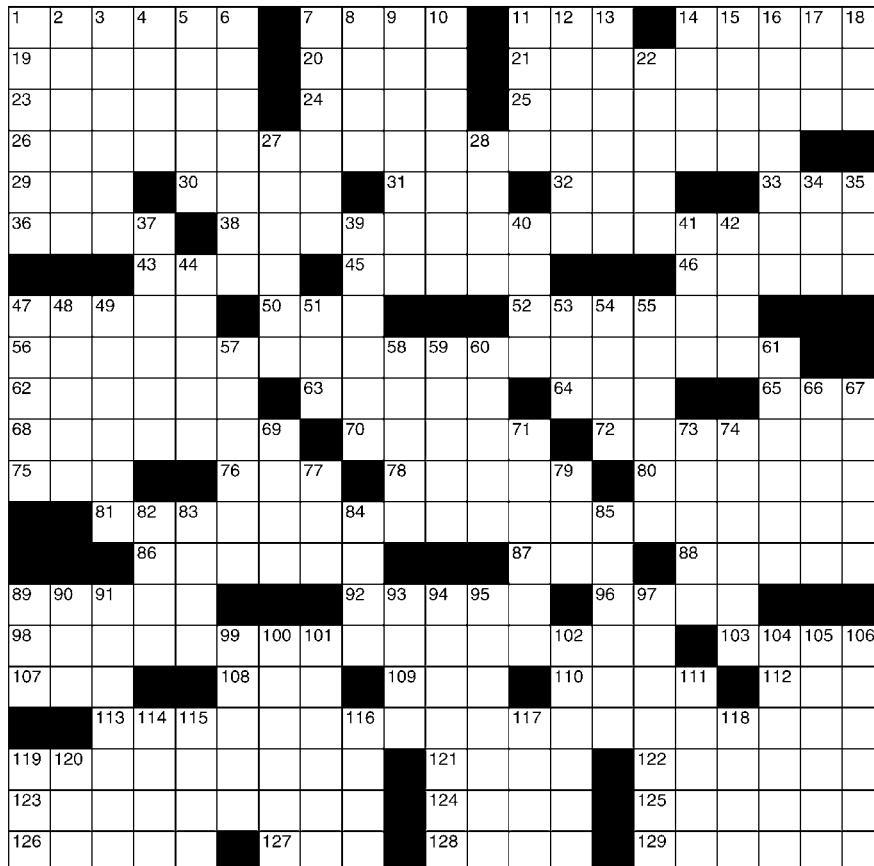
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your social calendar begins to fill up more quickly than you expected, which is great. You deserve to enjoy some good fun after so much time spent on serious matters.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A domestic situation continues to improve, thanks to all the tender, loving concern that you've shown. A colleague makes a questionable move that you might want to check out sooner rather than later.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A sudden turn in a romantic relationship calls for both a rational and passionate response. Keep the love level high, but also find out why the problem arose in the first place.

BORN THIS WEEK: You often set high standards for others. But to your credit, you also set the same expectations for yourself. You'd be an excellent coach or mentor.

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to donate gently used books to help make the event a success. In addition, jewelry donations will also be accepted in preparation for the annual winter jewelry sale.

All proceeds from the sale directly benefit the library, funding programs, events and resources that enrich the Mattapoissett community.

For more information, please contact the Friends of the Mattapoissett Library at friendsofmattapoissettlibrary@gmail.com.

Adult Events at the Mattapoissett Library

September is full of engaging programs at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library, located at 7 Barstow Street.

Come to MFPL for a weekly Literary Cafe every Thursday morning from 11:00 am to noon. Enjoy coffee and tea, discuss books you're reading, get new book recommendations, and more. This is a great way to connect with the community, engage with the library and improve your reading journey. No registration is required; just drop in.

Join us for the first Open Makerspace session at MFPL on **September 5** from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Get familiar with the space, or get certified to use the 3D printer, circuits and more. No registration is required; just drop in. This program is open to adults, young adults, and children accompanied by an adult.

Calling all writers. The MFPL Writing Group meets on **September 8** from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm this month. The group will do a combination of brief writing exercises, progress check-ins, out-loud readings of work, peer reviews and silent writing. No registration is required; just drop in.

Are you a Mayflower descendant? Come to the Mattapoissett Free Public Library and learn how to find out. Hear a presentation on **September 8** at 5:00 pm, by Pamela Larsen, Mayflower Society staff genealogist. Bring your lineage, and, time permitting, Ms. Larsen will help attendees with search suggestions. Free and open to all; no registration is required.

You are invited to the very first meeting of the Fantasy Book Club at MFPL, on **September 9** at 6:00 pm. The first meeting will be dedicated to choosing which fantasy books this group will read over the next few months. Come prepared with some suggestions and be ready to discuss options. The group will continue to meet one Wednesday per month. No registration is required; just drop in.

Take a break from the busyness of your day and join health coach and mindfulness teacher Lauren Masse for a peaceful 30-minute mindfulness and meditation session on **September 11** at noon. Whether you're new to meditation or have practiced before, this class offers a welcoming space to slow down, breathe and reconnect with the present moment. Join in person or virtually.

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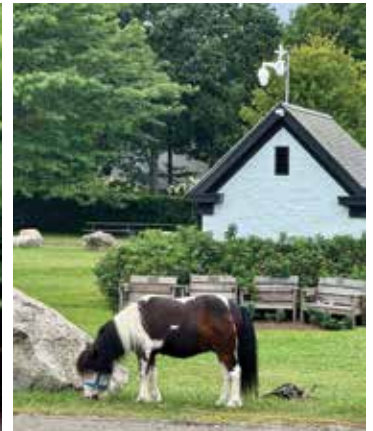
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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



On August 4, 2026, Bernard and Elizabeth (Milliken) Klim, longtime residents of Mattapoisett, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. Photo courtesy of Cynthia Lydon



A tiny horse enjoying the park in Mattapoisett. Photo by Jennifer Shepley



The Wanderer made its way to Manchester, Vermont, to attend the four-day Green Mountain Bluegrass and Roots Festival. The photo features Paul Galofaro of Attleboro and Helene Rose of Mattapoisett. In the background, in the food truck, is Amy Rose Herrmann, formerly of Mattapoisett, owner of Sexy Llama Mobile Espresso Bar and Coffee Roasters. A fun time was had by all. Photo courtesy of Helene Rose

The Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library celebrated its 50th anniversary with a week of festivities — including an antique car presentation by auto expert Richard Cutler on Thursday and a dedication ceremony on Saturday. The latter event featured special appearances from Senator Michael Rodrigues, State Rep. Mark Sylvia, Debby Conrad from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, Town Administrator Cameron Durant, and Rochester Historic Commission's Connie Eshbach, who presented a historical plaque. On Thursday, Cutler showed off his 1917 Model A antique car in honor of Joseph H. and Dorothy Plumb, who were both antique car enthusiasts. Photos by Ann Marie Dunn and Tristie Pedulli



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

Registration is optional.

Join us for an Adult Craft Workshop on **September 12** at 1:00 pm. Create a unique, fall-themed garland, with step-by-step guidance from a librarian. All supplies are provided, and registration is required.

Children's Department Events at the Mattapoissett Library

On Saturday, **August 29, and September 5**, we are welcoming families to the library for Saturday Storytime. Storytime starts at 10:30 am, and you can expect all the great things from our regular storytimes, like music, books, activities and crafts, just on a different day. We hope to see you there.

We are continuing our Food for Fines food drive until the end of August. For every nonperishable item you bring, we will deduct \$1 worth of late fees, up to the total amount owed. Donations must be nonperishable, not expired, and unopened. Here are some suggested donations, aside from the usual canned goods, boxed items and pantry staples: baby essentials, toiletries and household items, and pet essentials. Thank you for your support.

Our Thursday and Friday storytimes will be returning soon. Family Storytime, which happens on Thursday mornings at 10:30 am, will start up again on **September 17**. Baby Storytime, which happens on Friday mornings at 10:30 am, will start up again a week later, on

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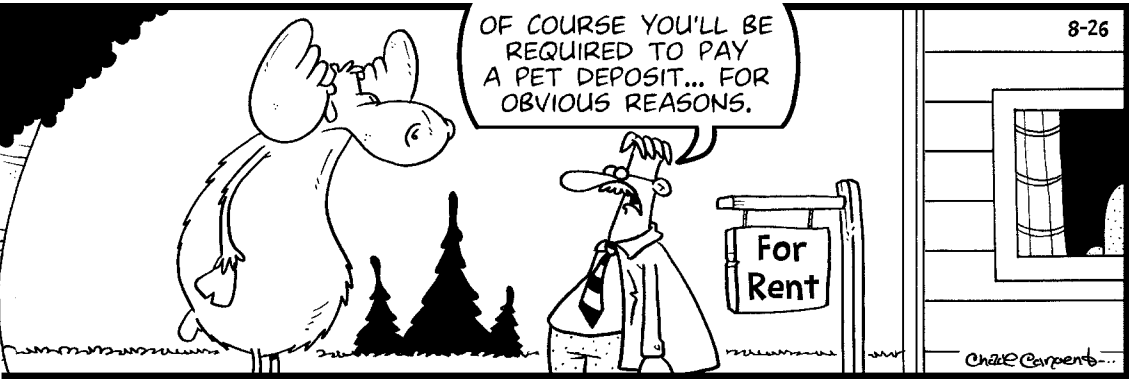


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More information about all our programs is available on our website, mattapoisettlibrary.org, or by calling 508-758-4171. We hope to see you in the library soon. Until then, keep reading.

Teen Events at the Mattapoisett Library

The school year is almost here. Start planning your after-school activities with some of our weekly library programs. Each Wednesday, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, teens in grades 6–12 can join us in the Student Lounge for snacks, crafts and chill time. Teens and tweens in grades 4–12 can also join us every Friday for T(w)een Friyays in the Student Lounge from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm to play games, read or relax.

Looking for a fun back-to-school craft? Stop by the library on **September 15** at 3:00 pm to create your own beaded metal bookmark. All materials for the craft are provided, and a librarian will guide you through the process. Teens in grades 6-12 are welcome; no registration is required.

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

Children's Programs at the Elizabeth Taber Library

Fall is quickly approaching, and Miss Macy is excited to welcome kids of all ages back to the Elizabeth Taber Library for programs. Information about all programs can be found at elizabethtaberlibrary.org/events. All children's programs are held on a regular schedule starting the Tuesday after Labor Day through December.

Starting **September 8**, Family Storytime will resume on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am. This storytime program is designed for kids ages 0–5 and their caregivers. Stories, songs, movement activities and rhymes help develop early literacy skills.

Afternoon Activities also begin on Tuesday, **September 8**. Between 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm, kids in



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grades K–4 are invited to drop in to the library for a new librarian-led activity each week. On **September 8**, we'll be making sun prints.

Starting **September 10**, Messy Morning is back on Thursdays at 10:30 am. Kids ages 2–5, their siblings and caregivers are invited to participate in a different process art or sensory activity every week. The library provides aprons, but we recommend dressing to get messy.

Lapsit Storytime will resume on Monday, **September 14**, at 10:00 am. This program is designed for babies ages 0–24 months. We focus on encouraging positive bonding experiences through literature and supporting parents as they engage their child in early literacy activities. The library will open its doors at 9:50

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TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #846 The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2026 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Robert and Elizabeth Allen, for a Special Permit under sections 230-6.1A and 230-6.1C of the zoning by-law to allow the removal and reconstruction of a legally non-conforming single-family dwelling which will not increase the current non-conformity but increase the building area and volume as allowed under sections 230-7.1, 7.2 and 7.3. The property, located at 10 Doran Way, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 5A as lot 154. Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 8/20, 8/27 TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, September 3, 2026, at 4:45 pm in the meeting room of the Marion Police Department at 550 Mill Street on the variance requests submitted by Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. on behalf of Craig & Kristin Smith pertaining to the property located at 18 Cove Circle, further identified as Map 2, Lot 99. The following variances are requested from Title 5 and the Marion Sanitary Code (MSC): 310 CMR 15.102: Deep Observation Test Holes Request a variance to accept one (1) soil evaluation performed vs. the two (2) required. 310 CMR 15.212: Depth to Groundwater Leaching Area separation from Seasonal High Groundwater. Request a variance to accept a 2-foot separation vs. 4-foot requirement to the leaching area separation from seasonal high groundwater. 310 CMR 15.104: Percolation Testing Request a variance to design based upon a sieve analysis vs. an actual percolation test M.S.C. Section 4.60.3: Minimum Daily Flow Design Request a variance to accept 440 gallons/day vs. 510 gallons/day Edward P. Hoffer, MD, Chair 8/20, 8/27 TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, September 3, 2026, at 4:50 pm in the meeting room of the Marion Police Department at 550 Mill Street on the variance requests submitted by Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. on behalf of The Mary Ann Hubbard 2024 Revocable Trust pertaining to the property located at Front Street, further identified as Map 23, Lot 5A. The following variances are requested from the Marion Sanitary Code (MSC): M.S.C. 4.40.1, Minimum Setback Distances: Request a variance to the leaching area setback to a wetland to 50' vs. 75' M.S.C. 4.60.3, Minimum Daily Flow Design: Request a variance to 330 gallons/day vs. 495 gallons/day Edward P. Hoffer, MD, Chair 8/20, 8/27	TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, September 3, 2026, at 4:55 pm in the meeting room of the Marion Police Department at 550 Mill Street on the variance requests submitted by Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. on behalf of Jessica M. Prince pertaining to the property located at 651 Point Road, further identified as Map 6, Lot 8. The following variances are requested from Title 5 and the Marion Sanitary Code (MSC): 310 CMR 15.102, Deep Observation Test Holes: Request a variance using three (3) soil evaluations performed with two (2) percolation tests vs. the required four (4) soil evaluations. 310 CMR 15.227, Placement of Tees: Request a variance to place the septic tank and pump chamber inlet & outlet tees less than 12" above seasonal high groundwater. M.S.C. 4.60.3, Minimum Daily Flow Design: Request a variance to 660 gallons/day vs. 730 gallons/day Edward P. Hoffer, MD, Chair 8/20, 8/27 TOWN OF MARION SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Application for Transfer of All Alcohol, Off-Premises License Magan Corp., d/b/a Marion Wine & Spirits 664 Mill Street, Marion, MA The Marion Select Board, acting as the Local Licensing Authority, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the Marion Police Department Conference Room, 550 Mill Street, Marion, on the application of Magan Corp., d/b/a Marion Wine & Spirits, for the transfer of an all-alcohol off premises license from MDM Wine5 LLC, d/b/a Vinodivino, 154 Front Street. John W. Hoagland, Chair 8/20, 8/27 TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 9, at 7:00 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Katherine Cunningham for the proposed residential landscaping and drainage improvements, including patio and retaining wall construction, grading, walkways, and drainage stabilization at 143 Cross Neck Road. The site is further identified as Lot 38A on Marion Assessors' Map 5. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Shaun Walsh, Chair *Please contact Jenna Riewer at jriewer@marionma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 8/27 TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 9, at 7:05 pm at the Marion Police Department	Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by Benjamin Dion for the proposed construction of a 4-bedroom single-family dwelling with a pool, pool house, and barn at 0 Cross Neck Road. The site is further identified as Lot 21 on Marion Assessors' Map 7. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Shaun Walsh, Chair *Please contact Jenna Riewer at jriewer@marionma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 8/27 TOWN OF MARION DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS The Town of Marion, acting by and through its Department of Public Works (DPW), is soliciting sealed bids for the Restoration and Stabilization of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument (Project). Sealed bids shall be submitted to the Office of the DPW, 50 Benson Brook Road, Marion, MA, 02748, on or before 1:00 pm, Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at which time all bids shall be opened publicly. If, at the time of the scheduled opening, the DPW Office is closed due to uncontrolled events such as fire, snow, ice, wind or unforeseen building closure, the bid opening will be postponed until 1:00 pm on the next business day on which the DPW Office is open for business. Bids will be accepted until that date and time. The work of this Project generally consists of restoring and stabilizing the Soldiers and Sailors Monument structurally, preserves original historic material, and ensures long-term durability through appropriate modern interventions that align with the American Institute for Conservation (AIC) principals. The full project description is included in the IFB. The Invitation for Bids (IFB) for this Project may be obtained electronically by contacting the DPW, at mdavis@marionma.gov, until bid submissions are due as noted above. A bidder shall submit one copy of its bid in a sealed envelope, clearly marked on its face with the bidder's name and address and the bid title: "Restoration and Stabilization of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument". Bids must be received in the appropriate office as indicated above prior to the submission deadline. The Town shall not be responsible for the inadvertent opening of any bid not appropriately identified as required prior to the submission deadline. The bidder shall be solely responsible for the timely delivery of its bid. Bids shall be submitted on the Bid Form included with the IFB as Attachment B. The Bid Form must be signed as follows: 1) if the bidder is an individual, by him/her personally; 2) if the bidder is a partnership, by the name of the partnership, followed by the signature of each general partner; and 3) if the bidder is a corporation, by the authorized officer, whose signature must be attested to by the Clerk/Secretary of the corporation and the corporate sealed affixed to the Certificate of Vote included in this IFB. All bid submission requirements are identified in the IFB. The Town reserves the right to cancel this IFB, or to reject in whole or in part any and all bids, if it is determined to be in the best interests of <i>Continued on page 42</i>

am for this program.

On **September 14**, we're excited to introduce Nursery Rhyme Time, a new program for ages 3-5 held at 11:00 am. Each week will focus on a different nursery rhyme through simple, interactive activities. Research shows that knowledge of nursery rhymes can be a predictor of reading readiness when a child reaches kindergarten.

Tweens in grades 5-8 are invited to join us for Library Society at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, **September 16**. This service-learning group will learn about library work, brainstorm ways the library can meet the needs of kids in our community, and complete service projects like preparing activities for the library's Halloween party, making library displays and decorations, and developing activities for Marion's 175th anniversary.

Rochester Historical Society News

Our meeting will be on **September 16** at 7:00 pm. At that time, we will have the drop-off dates for our Annual Yard Sale, which is later this year than usual. It will take place on **October 17 and 18**.

Sunday, **October 4**, will be our Cranberry Bake Sale, and we'll kick off our Sunday Museum open hours.

Until then, the exhibit, "Rochester and the Revolution," is open by appointment. Give us a call at 617-750-2818, and we'll be happy to arrange a time.

Mattapoisett Democrats Seek New Members

The Mattapoisett Democratic Town Committee (MDTC) is looking for a few good neighbors.

If you're a registered Democrat in Mattapoisett who cares about what's happening in this town — and in this country — we'd love to have you join us. The MDTC is your local Democratic committee, and we do real work: supporting candidates for Select Board, School Committee, Library Trustees and Planning Board; registering voters; monitoring local government; and connecting with regional organizations working on issues that matter to our community.

We've had some turnover recently, and we're actively looking to grow. Whether you have a lot of time

to give or just a little, there's a place for you here.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, **September 23**, at 6:45 pm at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library. Can't make it in person? Join us via Google Meet. New members are welcome and voted in at the meeting.

To learn more or express your interest, contact us at mattapoisettdtc@gmail.com. We'd love to see some new faces on September 23.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

This past weekend was the 50th anniversary of the Joseph H. Plumb Library. As with all buildings in Rochester that are 50 years or older and with a connection to the town's history, the Rochester Historical Commission presents a historical plaque. Currently (counting the library), there are 11 historic buildings with plaques. We hope soon to be able to increase that number by adding plaques to the Leonard's Pond Gristmill and the Academy in the center of town. These buildings are not only old, but their histories have also had a significant impact on the town.

The Rochester Historical Commission views these plaques as essential to keeping the town's history alive. Continuing with that theme, plaques are also available to anyone whose house meets the criteria found on the town's website under the Historical Commission section.



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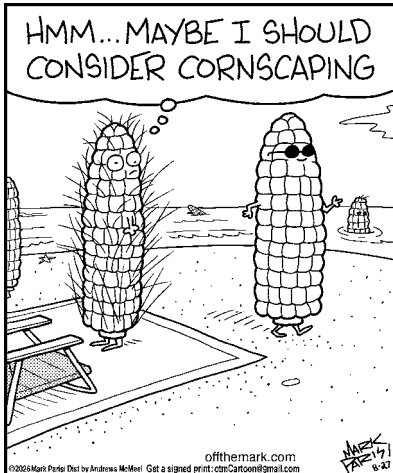
A bidder may correct, modify, or withdraw a previously submitted bid by written notice received in the DPW's Office at the address indicated above prior to the time and date for the opening of bids. Bid modifications must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked, with the bidder's name and address and the bid title "Restoration and Stabilization of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument - Modification No. ____".

After the bid opening, a bidder may not change any provision of the bid in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Town or fair competition. Minor informalities will be waived, or the bidder will be permitted to correct them. If a mistake and the intended bid are clearly evident on the face of the Bid Form, the mistake will be corrected to reflect the intended correct bid, and the bidder will be notified in writing; the bidder may not withdraw the bid. A bidder may withdraw its bid if a mistake is clearly evident on the face of the Bid Form, but the intended correct bid is not similarly evident.

Questions concerning the terms of this IFB, must be submitted in writing by mail or e-mail to: the Office of the DPW at the address stated above before 3:00 pm on Monday, September 7, 2026, email: mdavis@marionma.gov. Responses to any such questions will be issued as an Addendum to this IFB and will be mailed e-mailed to all parties who have requested a copy of this IFB.

The Town shall award the contract to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder in accordance with G.L. c.30B, §5. 8/27

off the mark by Mark Parisi



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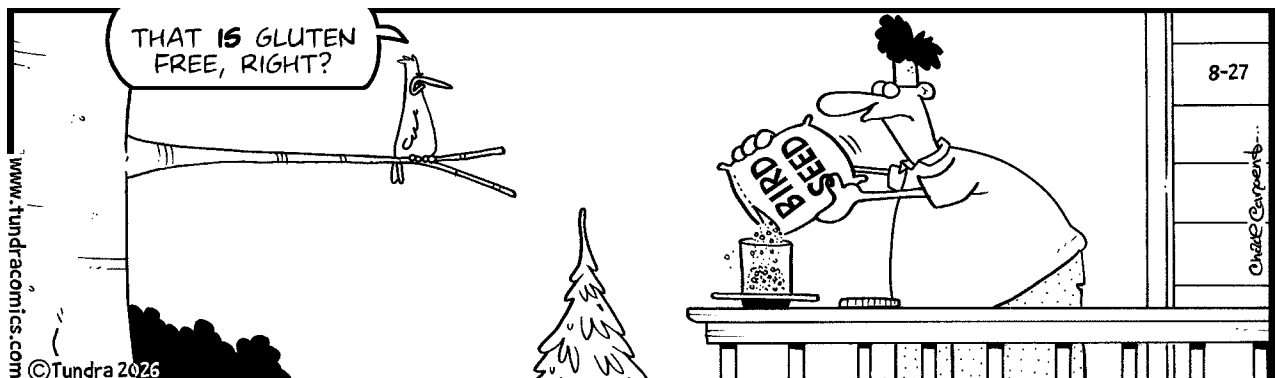
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The Rochester Historical Commission relies on the Rochester Historical Society to authenticate both the age and the connection to Rochester history. This may be through the events or people associated with the house, a distinctive architectural style or a local area's pre-history. When the survey of Rochester's historic homes was done by the Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc., the homes included were from the earliest days of Rochester: the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. Recently, we changed the cutoff date to 1975, thus including buildings that are at least 50 years old.



The picture shown here is the plaque on the East Rochester Congregational Church, also known as the Rochester Historical Museum. All plaques look alike and include the date the structure was built. These numbers are larger than the name and the Rochester Historical Commission. These two are the same size.

The library's plaque will be placed to the side of the front door, which faces toward the green.

Woodland Walk for Mushrooms

On Saturday, **September 12**, at 10:00 am, join us for a late summer hike looking for mushrooms that are fruiting. We will chat about basic anatomy and diagnostic features for identifying mushrooms. There will be limited discussion on edibility. Some potential species of fungi we may see this time of the year include chicken of the woods, old man of the woods, various coral species, golden oysters and several *Amanita* spp.

Adam Korejwa studied math at UMass Dartmouth, where he focused on complex systems



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enough food to put on the table. On the third Thursday of every month, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, please drive by and drop off your donation of nonperishable food to one of the volunteers waiting in the side parking lot of the church. Sometimes helping our neighbors begins with something as simple as picking up an extra can of soup, a box of pasta or a jar of peanut butter at the grocery store. That is the spirit behind Drop and Drive.

Those nonperishable donations are collected and shared with Damien's Food Pantry in Wareham, helping provide food to local individuals and families. The food drive dates are **September 17, October 15, November 19 and December 17** from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

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The Mattapoisett Congregational Church is a welcoming Congregational church committed to serving God and neighbors through worship, community, outreach and acts of compassion. Through Drop and Drive and other community ministries, the church seeks to put faith into action by helping create a community where everyone is valued, welcomed and cared for. At the beginning of every worship service, our pastor begins, "Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome at Mattapoisett Congregational Church."

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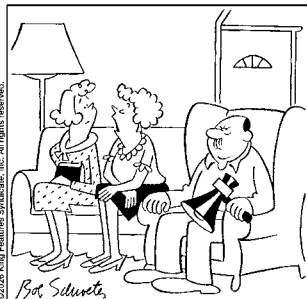
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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from Swansea to Wareham. Sections have already been completed in Fall River, Fairhaven, New Bedford and Mattapoisett. We need your help to bring the Path to completion.

Mattapoisett Museum Annual Meeting

Please join the Mattapoisett Museum at 5 Church St on Thursday, **September 3**, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm for its Annual Meeting. After a brief business meeting, curator and administrator of the Mattapoisett Museum, Connor E. Gaudet, will give a presentation on Mattapoisett's iconic swordfish weathervane and the man who carved the original, Harry D. Doty, as well as the man widely believed to have carved the swordfish weathervane, Manual R. Perry. Gaudet will discuss their lives and work and explore possible reasons Perry was credited for Doty's work.

Gaudet has been the Curator and Administrator of the Mattapoisett Museum and Archivist at the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center for the past three years. Previously, he was the curator at the Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth for two years, and Associate Curator at the 9/11 Tribute Center in New York City for three years. He holds a Master of Arts degree in Public History and Archives from New York University and has a Master of Library and Information Science from Long



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Island University. He was the primary research assistant for Pulitzer Prize-winning author Joseph Lelyveld's 2017 book, *His Final Battle: The Last Months of Franklin Roosevelt*, and has worked as a researcher for the TLC show "Who Do You Think You Are?"

This free presentation is open to all. Refreshments will be served after the program.

Mattapoisett Museum New Entrance and Temporary Closure

The Mattapoisett Museum is excited to announce

TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Aug 16 – Aug 22

- Brookhaven Ln – Officer wanted
- Ichabod Ln – Follow up investigation
- Wareham Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Spring St – EMS/medical
- Mill St - Arrest
- Front St – Health/welfare
- Rezendes Ter – EMS/medical
- Barros Dr – EMS/medical
- Mill St - Disturbance
- Spring St – Suspicious activity
- Barros Dr – Health/welfare
- Point Rd – Animal complaint
- Water St – MV collision
- Point Rd – General service
- Point Rd – Paper service
- Bell Guzzle Ln – Animal complaint
- Ichabod Ln – Suspicious person
- Front St – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – Lockout
- Washburn Park Rd – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Cedar Ln – MV collision
- Converse Rd – Animal complaint
- Spring St – General service
- Moorings Rd – Suspicious activity
- Converse Rd – Follow up investigation
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious activity
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Rt 105 – Officer wanted

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Aug 16 – Aug 22

- 195 East – MV violations
- Brandt Island Rd – Follow up
- Beacon St – Animal control
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Water St – Parking complaint
- Water St – Domestic disturbance
- Reservation Rd - Complaint
- County Rd – General service
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – Medical assist
- North St – Medical alarm
- Water St – Animal control
- Fairhaven Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Bay Club Dr – 911 call
- Lebaron Way – MV violations
- Beach Rd – Animal control
- Main St – Follow up investigation
- Reservation Rd – Property lost
- Marion Rd - Domestic
- County Rd – Transport prisoner
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Reservation Rd – 911 call
- Church St – Follow up investigation
- Marion Rd - Disturbance
- Marina Dr – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Melissa Anne Ln – Follow up
- Sparrow Hill Rd – Officer wanted
- Waterman St – Suspicious persons
- Park St – MV crash
- Holly Ln – 911 call

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Aug 16 – Aug 22

- Cushman Rd – Suspicious activity
- Marys Pond Rd – General services
- Pierce St - Medical
- Marion Rd - Vandalism
- Jasons Ln - Harassment
- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious activity
- Marion Rd – Assist other agency
- Snipatuit Rd – General services
- Benson Rd – 911 call
- Marion Rd – Lost animal
- Forbes Rd - Investigation
- Vaughn Hill Rd – MV collision
- Marys Pond Rd – Well-being check
- Quaker Ln – Noise complaint
- Vaughn Hill Rd - Disturbance
- Neck Rd – Suspicious activity
- Snipatuit Rd - Larceny
- Pine St - Threats
- Earls Ct – Burglar alarm
- Pierce St – Follow up
- North Ave – Erratic MV
- Hathaway Pond Cir – Well-being check
- Cranberry Hwy – Well-being check
- Vaughn Hill Rd – MV collision
- Snipatuit Rd – Civil complaint
- Hartley Rd – MV collision
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation
- Quaker Ln – Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/arrest

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

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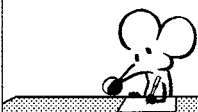
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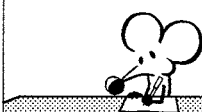
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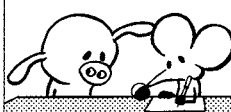
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I like your phones.



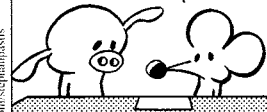
Last night while I was sleeping, you did one of those software updates that changes everything on my phone.



This is like the waiter reaching his hand into the spaghetti bolognese I just bought and mixing it around.



I'D LIKE THEM TO STAY OUT OF MY SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE.



that a new museum entrance will soon be constructed to provide all community members with direct access to all sections of the museum. The new entrance will bring visitors into a new foyer located on the East side of the building, from which visitors will enter the Mendell Room and have direct access to both the Sanctuary and the Carriage House.

This entrance will be fully accessible to all visitors, including those who use wheelchairs or other mobility devices, bring strollers or carriages, and who may have difficulty with stairs. The existing entrances will be used, in addition to the new entrance, only for events with large numbers of attendees. The current wheelchair-accessible entrance will remain available if needed.

This project has been years in the making. After determining the need for a universal access entrance, the museum spent two years seeking funding, working with a local architect and a local engineering firm on the design, and soliciting bids for construction and related services.

Construction of the new entrance will begin shortly after Labor Day. Because the Sanctuary and Carriage House will be protected from dust, dirt and activity by shutting off those portions of the building, the museum will end its 2026 season after Labor Day weekend. Although the museum will be closed for most activities during this construction, the two scheduled concerts, Grace Morrison on September 12 and Hot Club Cheese Roll on October 24, will take place as advertised. The September Open Mic event is canceled; we will provide an update regarding the October Open Mic event as we learn when the work is likely to be completed.

If you haven't yet seen "When Swordfish Fly," our current exhibit, and you would like to do so before the summer ends, please visit us on Friday or Saturday, 12 to 4 pm, **August 28–29, or September 3–4**. Museum members and interested others, we would love to see you at the Museum's Annual Meeting on Thursday, September 3, at 6:00 PM. Information about the meeting will be posted in the Wanderer. If you have specific questions about this project, please look for updates in the Wanderer or attend the meeting, where an update will be



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Matt York Returns to the MAC Singing Johnny Cash

Longtime New England musician and author Matt York returns to the MAC to perform Johnny Cash songs and tell stories about Cash's career, spanning from the 1950s to his passing in 2003. He will be accompanied by fiddle player Angelica Vendetti.

He will discuss Cash's emergence as a groundbreaking artist in the 1950s, his marriage to June Carter and many of his other career highlights. York has twice been nominated for the Boston Music Award for Best Country Artist. He recently released his second book, *The Words and Wisdom of Willie Nelson*.

It's a one-night-only show on **September 19** at 7:00 pm in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater, located at 80 Pleasant St., Marion. Tickets are \$20 for MAC members and \$25 for nonmembers. More information and tickets are at marionartcenter.org/events.

Back to School at the Elizabeth Taber Library

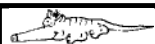
The staff at the Elizabeth Taber Library are excited to welcome our neighbors at Sippican Elementary back to school. To celebrate, we're hosting a back-to-school popcorn party on Wednesday, **September 2**. When school lets out, you'll find library staff in front of the library with popcorn and information about our fall programs.

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Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	August 27	8:04	8:20	1:51	1:51
Friday	August 28	8:41	8:57	2:23	2:32
Saturday	August 29	9:19	9:36	2:55	3:13
Sunday	August 30	9:59	10:18	3:26	3:53
Monday	August 31	10:41	11:04	3:58	4:33
Tuesday	September 1	11:28	11:54	4:34	5:15
Wednesday	September 2		12:20	5:13	6:03
Thursday	September 3	12:50	1:16	5:59	7:07
Friday	September 4	1:48	2:17	6:56	9:14
Saturday	September 5	2:50	3:22	8:08	10:48
Sunday	September 6	3:56	4:33	9:35	11:45
Monday	September 7	5:05	5:42	10:59	
Tuesday	September 8	6:08	6:40	12:32	12:04
Wednesday	September 9	7:03	7:31	1:12	12:57
Thursday	September 10	7:53	8:17	1:47	1:47
Friday	September 11	8:40	9:02	2:19	2:34
Saturday	September 12	9:25	9:45	2:50	3:18
Sunday	September 13	10:09	10:28	3:21	3:58
Phases of the Moon		Full Moon		August 28th	
		Last Quarter		September 4th	
		New Moon		September 11th	
		First Quarter		September 18th	



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).

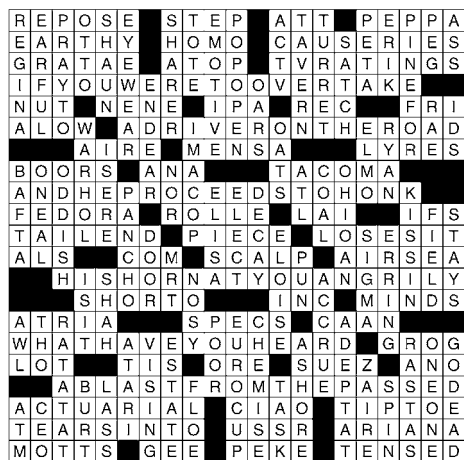
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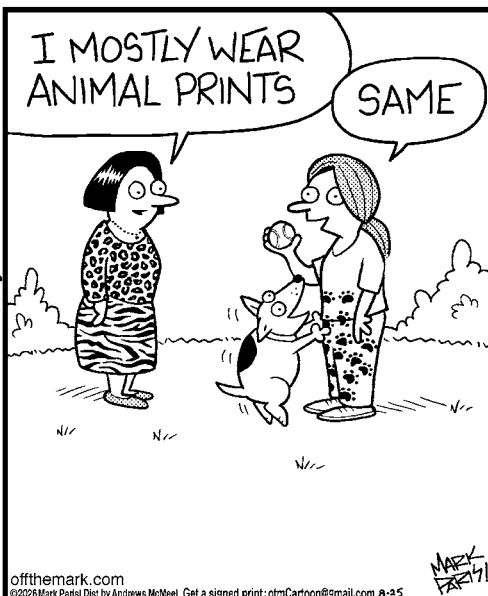
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3. Gospel; 4. Scion

Today's Word
LISTENS

Sudoku Answer

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4	2	8	9	1	5	3	6	7

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