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South Coast Bikeway Advances, One Section at a Time

By Jeanne Hopkins

About 110 cyclists registered for the South Coast Bikeway Alliance's seventh annual Pedal for the Path on Sunday, August 30. They set out from Running Brook Vineyard for 21- and 35-mile rides through Dartmouth.

The annual ride raises money and awareness for a much longer journey: completing a multi-use South Coast Bikeway stretching from Swansea to Wareham.

Sections of the bikeway have already been completed in Fall River, New Bedford, and Fairhaven. In the Tri-Town area, the Mattapoisett and Marion connections remain in progress. (Rochester is not part of the South Coast Bikeway.)

The Alliance describes its larger vision as creating "connected communities" through bicycle and walking paths, with routes ranging from wooded trails to quiet neighborhood roads that can connect residents with schools, libraries, stores and other destinations.

Mattapoisett already provides one of the Alliance's examples of that vision.

The Shining Tides section of the Mattapoisett Rail Trail, completed in 2023, is the most recent segment of the South Coast Bikeway. The path, which links directly with the 4.5-mile paved Phoenix Bike Trail in Fairhaven, features elevated wooden boardwalks that wind along Mattapoisett Harbor, and offers views of the Mattapoisett River and tidal salt marshes.

The Alliance describes the path as a meeting place for people of all ages. It points to Mattapoisett, Fairhaven, New Bedford and Fall River as communities where completed paths have created demand for additional connections.

The Mattapoisett portion, however, is not yet complete. Phase 2A would fill a gap between Depot Street and North Street, while Phase 2B would continue

the route along Industrial Drive. At the end of Industrial Drive, a 0.64-mile segment called the "Connector," already complete, is intended to connect Mattapoisett to Marion's future rail trail and includes a parking area. Completing those sections is part of the effort to create a continuous connection from Fairhaven through Mattapoisett and eventually into Marion.

To the east, Marion plans to begin construction of its 3.8-mile route sometime in 2027. From the Mattapoisett town line, the route follows portions of the former Old Colony Railroad corridor toward Point Road through conservation lands, cranberry bogs and remnants of the historic Marconi radio towers to Spring Street, through the town's park and on to Wareham.

The result is a bikeway being assembled not as one construction project, but town by town and section by section.

This year's Pedal for the Path raised funds to advance work identified in the Closing the Gap feasibility study, which is helping Dartmouth, New Bedford and Westport move toward completing their portions of the regional route.

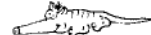
But Sunday morning also offered a glimpse of the challenges involved in connecting those individual

On the Cover: Cyclists set out Sunday morning from Running Brook Vineyard in Dartmouth for the South Coast Bikeway Alliance's seventh annual Pedal for the Path. The fundraiser supports efforts to complete the regional bikeway from Swansea to Wareham, which includes Mattapoisett and Marion. Photo by Jeanne Hopkins

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sections.

As cyclists gathered at Running Brook Vineyard, opposition to one proposed section of the bikeway was difficult to miss. Signs reading "No Off-Road Path Here" had been placed in front of homes along Old Fall River Road, where residents are opposing plans for an off-road path.

Several residents gathered near the vineyard carrying signs urging planners to "seek alternate route." They said they support the regional bikeway but object to an off-road path along Old Fall River Road, citing concerns about private property, wells, historic homes and stone walls, the rural landscape and traffic safety.

"We're not against the bike path," one resident said. "We are against the off-road [path], the taking of private property."

South Coast Bikeway Alliance President Sandy Medeiros said some of the information residents have received about the proposal is incorrect. Final designs have not been completed.

The disagreement illustrates one of the challenges facing a bikeway that crosses multiple municipal boundaries and depends on individual communities to plan, fund and build their portions.

The Alliance acknowledges that completing the regional network requires more than enthusiasm for bicycling. Transportation funding and local support are necessary for communities to move projects from planning through design and construction.

Randy Salzman, a former transportation writer and journalism professor who participated in Sunday's event, said communities benefit when residents have transportation alternatives to automobiles.

"When you build this, you actually get less congestion because there are other alternatives," Salzman

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said.

For now, more than 100 cyclists pedaled away from Running Brook Vineyard Sunday morning along the South Coast roads that advocates hope will eventually become part of a connected route from Swansea to Wareham.

Over 400 Rock With Elvis Tribute Band By Laura Pedulli

Elvis has left the building. The Rochester Council on Aging (COA) building, that is.

The Rochester COA's outdoor free summer concert series ended on a high note, thanks to a legendary performance by Robert Black and the Elvis Express Band

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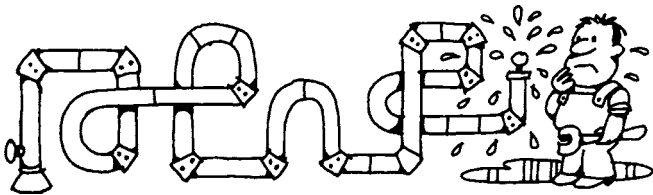


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More than 400 people showed up on that hot summer night, lounging on blankets and chairs while enjoying the Elvis magic, according to Eric Poulin, Rochester COA Director. The outdoor concert took place on a large green space adjacent to the Rochester Council on Aging building at 67 Dexter Lane.

"The crowd ended up stretching back toward the woods. It was a very big crowd," Poulin said, calling the event a "tremendous success."

The tribute band featured Black, dressed like Elvis Presley, putting on his best dance moves and belting out tunes like "Blue Suede Shoes" and "Mama Way." He encouraged plenty of audience participation, including clapping along to "Mess of Blues." He bantered with the concertgoers, jokingly asking for them to share their food. (Hot dogs, hamburgers, and other traditional summer fare were available to purchase.)

"The music was great, but the time spent with friends socializing was even greater," Poulin said.

The show topped off a great season of concerts — all sponsored by the Friends of the Rochester Senior Center, a nonprofit working alongside the town's COA to support older adults. Earlier this summer, on July 24, about 200 music fans came out to enjoy the beloved local band The Relics, Poulin said.

The concerts and live music are fun, and the camaraderie is good for the soul.

"It is especially important as people grow older to continue to socialize, as studies have shown that this contributes to good health. Isolation can be harmful both physically and mentally to seniors, and to all of us," Poulin said.

"Events like these also give people a chance to get out and listen to music and enjoy themselves at a time in their lives when they may not be driving as far as they used to for socializing and entertainment," he added. "This is our third year of outdoor summer concerts, and we plan to keep on doing them as they have been very well-received."

The mission of the Rochester Council on Aging is to advocate and support the community's older adults, their families, and their caregivers while promoting independent and positive lifestyles, in a welcoming and secure environment. Individuals or businesses that wish to donate to the Council on Aging to support similar events may contact Poulin at 508-763-8723 or EPoulin@townofrochesterma.gov.

In Search of the Perfect Tomato

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

Every vegetable gardener envisions the perfect tomato, but how many have actually realized their dream this year?

Our tomato crop has been somewhat disappointing. It's not that we don't have any; it's just

that their usual largesse never quite materialized. And while the weather would seem to have been perfect for these heat-loving plants, I suspect a few factors played a role: late planting, less-than-ideal soil and, of course, the dryness.

I also have to admit I didn't primp the plants as I usually do. I let the suckers run a little too freely and wasn't as attentive to their needs as I could have been. In short, I'll take the blame. Sometimes the garden gives you a bumper crop, and sometimes it gives you a lesson.

Late summer weather is shifting, and the sun is handily ripening the vegetables, but can it recoup the languishing tomato crop? The ensuing weeks will tell.

I have to wonder, as I fret over my tomatoes, did these scrumptious fruits produce the same anxiety for the early South and Central Americas who first cultivated the plants? Perhaps not until their versatility was recognized. Tomatoes are the heart of a lot of culinary treasures, a debt we owe to those early cultivators and the explorers who brought the fruit to a wider population.

Some historians say it was Christopher Columbus, who brought the first tomatoes to Europe in

1493. Others contend it was the Spanish explorer Cortez who captured the small yellow version of the fruit when he seized the Aztec city of Tenochtitlan, now Mexico City, in the early 1500s.

The progenitors of today's tomatoes were herbaceous green plants with small green fruit growing in the highlands of Peru. These early members of the Solanum family diversified into the dozen species of tomato recognized today. The Aztecs called it xitomatl, meaning plump thing with a navel, and it was later called tomato by other Mesoamerican peoples.

While reading up on tomatoes, I came across a saved article in the British magazine *Gardener's World*. Here is the skinny on saving seeds.

If and when you find the perfect tomato, you can bank on having it again and again. Most tomatoes are self-pollinating, so the offspring will be identical to the parent plant. All you need to do is save your seeds.

Drying is the preferred method for saving small amounts of seed. Collect seeds from ripe or overripe fruits of any variety you wish to grow again next year. Slice the tomato in half and scrape out the seeds carefully onto a clean plate with the point of a sharp knife.



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To save a few seeds, leave them to dry on the plate or on a piece of paper towel, spreading them out so they don't go moldy. Once dry, put them in a paper bag or envelope and store in an airtight box.

For saving a large quantity of tomato seed, a technique known as fermenting is recommended. To remove the gel that protects seeds from disease, scoop the seed pulp into a jar and leave it in a warm place. After two days, a yeasty smell will show that the gel is fermenting. When you notice a white fungal layer after about five days, rinse the seeds thoroughly in a sieve.

Spread them out to dry for a week or so, then store as previously noted in a cool, dark place to keep the seeds viable.

I remember summers when the garden seemed determined to keep pumping out tasty, plump tomatoes, one after another, with hardly a thought given to whether I had done anything to deserve such bounty. That is what I'm hoping for next year. In the meantime, I'll amend the soil, pay closer attention to my plants and try to create the conditions for a better crop.

And perhaps I'll keep a few tomato seeds aside, too. After all, the Pueblo people believed that those who witnessed the ingestion of tomato seeds were blessed with powers of divination.

If that's true, I may have found my answer.

Once the final tomatoes are picked, I'll sit down with one, swallow a few seeds and see if I can divine what next summer has in store. Given this year's crop, I figure I have nothing to lose — and everything to gain.

Perhaps the perfect tomato is out there waiting for me. I just hope my powers of divination tell me where.

"You say tomato, I say tomahto." — "Let's Call the Whole Thing Off" by George and Ira Gershwin

Thoughts on...

Mail to the Chief

By Dick Morgado

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If you had a grievance or wanted to express approval for your congressperson's or even the president's efforts, you'd drop them a line by "snail mail." That was the preferred method of communication between constituents and elected officials in Washington. You might not get a response, but you'd feel good about getting your view off your mind. Now mail is scanned for bombs and dangerous chemicals. It may take weeks to reach your favorite politician.

In light of all the negative news our current tenant of the People's House gets every day, I thought I'd write a positive letter to him written, straight from the heart. I'd write...

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I wouldn't want to break protocol.

I confess I have wondered if your presidency were to be a movie, which one of your sons would play Sonny, or Michael. Maybe Eric might play Fredo. Your Deputy Chief of Staff, Stephen Miller, would make a great consigliere.

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Well, I know you are a busy man, so I'll let you go. Please give my best regards to Malaria...oops. I mean Melania. (I told you my handwriting had deteriorated.)

Best, Dick"

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

What Now?

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 early United States. Last week, the Battle of Long Island took place at Brooklyn Heights, where superior British strategy paired with highly effective tactics led to a devastating defeat and retreat for the Continental Army. As 20,000 Redcoats and Hessians closed in, 9,000 defenders and General George Washington himself escaped across the East River to Manhattan, shielded by the morning fog.

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He says, "It was the unanimous advice of a Council of General Officers to give up Long Island." He adds the army would've been divided and captured otherwise. He calls on more levies to be raised in the city, fearing the British will continue to cross over the water, saying "it might not be improper to have a body in readiness to prevent or retard a landing of them on the east of Harlem River."



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That day, in his General Orders, he orders all men to parade in at 5:00 pm to have their ammunition and supplies inspected. He also reshuffles the officer pool, saying, "The loss of two General Officers by the late action having occasioned a necessary change in the brigades; the Brigade Majors are to attend ten o'clock tomorrow to receive a new arrangement." He added further attacks "may be expected from the nearness of the enemy, and their expectation of taking advantage of the late rains, and last night's fatigue."

The next day, following the reorganization on Manhattan, Washington writes to John Hancock and the Continental Congress to inform them of the loss, saying, "Inclination as well as duty would have induced me to give Congress the earliest information of my removal and that of the troops from Long Island," adding, "Our retreat was made without any loss of men or ammunition and in better order than I expected from troops in the situation ours were."

He does not lay out a definitive plan going forward; instead, he says preparations are "hurried" with anticipated further assaults, and he signs off, stating he is too busy with such to provide more information.

Hundreds of miles to the south, another engagement of the Revolution is taking place. The American-Cherokee Wars are in full swing. Americans, no longer bound by British policies that stop settlements past the Appalachians, now look to move west. On September 1, roughly 6,000 Continental Army soldiers from Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina under Griffith Rutherford move through the Blue Ridge Mountains into Cherokee land, culminating in the destruction of dozens of towns, displacements, and killings.

In his General Orders the next day, Washington continues to prepare his men for upcoming battles, saying, "The General hopes the several officers, both superior and inferior, will now exert themselves and gloriously determine to conquer or die. From the justness of our cause, the situation of the harbor, and the bravery of her sons, America, through the blessing of God, can only expect success; now is the time for every man to exert himself and make our country glorious or become

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contemptible." While they are still attempting to get ahold of remaining supplies, he also sets forth policies for bread rationing and alternative options.

September 3, Hancock writes asking "that no damage should be done to the City of New York" in case a retreat is ordered. He also notified Washington that reinforcements were on the way from Virginia, North Carolina, and Rhode Island (with their stations in Rhode Island being filled with Massachusetts militiamen). While not an extraordinary day in 1776, it marks seven years until September 3, 1783, the end of the war.

Flock Cameras Draw Scrutiny in Rochester

By Zakary Sarkarati

Rochester officials received a letter from two dozen residents on the morning of Monday, August 24, requesting that the town suspend use of Flock Safety cameras and hold a public town meeting to address their privacy and data concerns. While a discussion is planned for a currently undetermined Select Board meeting, the Rochester Police Chief has rejected suspending the cameras.

Flock cameras, which can identify vehicles and temporarily store that data in a searchable police database, have seen national criticism in recent weeks as officers across the US have been charged for misusing the system. The company behind it has been accused by groups like the ACLU of "trying to build a nationwide mass surveillance system."

In its letter, the group — which calls itself "Eyes Off Rochester" — stated that the installation of these cameras "represents one of the most significant expansions of government surveillance Rochester has ever experienced." Twenty-four Rochester residents signed the letter.



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Police Chief Michael Assad defended the Department's usage of Flock in a Facebook post on

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Monday, August 24, stating that, "Nearly every tool entrusted to law enforcement has the potential to be misused. That doesn't mean we eliminate those tools; it means we establish rules."

Assad also said the claims in the letter did not reflect the realities of the system or the police's policies and did not warrant suspending Flock.

"I don't believe we should discontinue a legitimate investigative tool simply because another agency somewhere else may have used that technology improperly," said Assad. "Our decisions should be based on facts and our practices here in Rochester."

If misuse of Flock cameras occurred, such as in New Bedford where a Police Officer has been accused of stalking an ex-girlfriend through the cameras, Assad said individuals would face consequences and policies would be adjusted accordingly as needed.

He added, "If I ever become convinced that the risks of a technology outweigh its public-safety benefits, then I would reconsider using it."

Town Administrator Cameron Durant said he does not believe the camera system will expand in the future, and the Police Chief said he would only consider expanding it "if we identify an area where an additional camera would provide a legitimate public-safety or investigative benefit."

A public Q&A on Flock will be held by the Police Chief at the Rochester Police Station on Thursday,

September 3, at 10:00 am, demonstrating the system's capabilities, limitations, and usage.

Assad told *The Wanderer*, "If someone supports the technology, come see it. If someone opposes it, I especially encourage them to come. My goal isn't to convince everyone to agree with me. My goal is to make sure people are forming their opinions based on accurate information."

The town currently operates four cameras, located by Plumb Corner, Seasons Gas, Lloyd's Market, and the Walnut Plain-Route 105 intersection. The cameras were installed throughout the year after the town obtained a state grant in January.

Plans Discussed for Marion's 175th Anniversary

Marion Select Board

By Zakary Sarkarati

The Marion Select Board convened on Tuesday, September 1, at 6:00 pm at the police station. The meeting opened with updates on the town's 175th anniversary celebrations from Kellie Crete, a member of the anniversary's planning committee.

In early 2027, they will kick off with a winter fest, followed by a 175th birthday party on May 14. During the summer, the committee is also considering hanging anniversary banners on light posts across the town, a historical scavenger hunt for Sippican students, tea with an Elizabeth Taber impersonator, and a planting event with the tree committee. In the summer, they'd like to do a July 4 parade, bird island trips, a public showing of old movies, and concert night at the bandstand. They also hope to bring back "illumination night," a boat parade, and a dance at the wharf.

In the fall, the committee plans to hold a history night with guest speakers telling stories about the town. Light refreshments will be served. For the fall, they are also planning a culinary event, possibly a pie-eating contest, walking tours of Marion in collaboration with the Sippican Historical Society, and community projects.

Most of the meeting focused on planning and costs for pavement and sidewalks for the upcoming

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year. Discussions began last week after Tabor Academy donated \$50,000 to the town and requested it be used to maintain the portion of Spring Street bordering the school.

Clerk Randy Parker said it would be a disservice to the taxpayers to repave Spring Street out of favoritism for Tabor and instead focus on roads prioritized by town engineers. Chair John Hoagland and audience members argued that the section of Spring Street by Tabor should be rehabilitated to bring it up to the standard of the rest of the street.

Parker and Hoagland analyzed all the town's streets in need of maintenance, and all select board members present agreed that the section of Point Road

between the Marion Golf Course and Delano Road, and Water Street between Main and South Street, were in the most need of repairs. A decision could not be made on the portion of Spring Street by Tabor, or Front Street between Vine and Pitcher Street, so they were tabled for the board's next meeting on September 15.

During an annual inspection, officials found that 52 Ichabod Lane encroached onto Kenney's Landing, owned by the Land Trust, with a paved driveway, wood pile, and several small items. Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman sent certified mail to the owners, but they have not responded. Board members emphasized the importance of communicating the matter to residents, such as by calling and hand-delivering mail, before

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The board unanimously agreed to donate an unused plastic water tank to the Department of Conservation and Recreation District 2 Fire Warden from the Marion Fire Department. Water and sewer commitments from August 24 totaling \$5,002.33 for low-pressure pump repair and final readings were approved unanimously.

The town received over \$75,000 from the Commonwealth to aid in recovery services for the blizzard earlier this February. The money would cover overtime costs for the Fire, Public Works, and Police Departments, totaling \$46,095. Gorman said the remaining funds would support approximately \$81,000 in



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overtime.

Gorman also reported that they inspected two lifts at Town Hall today. The lifts are operational, enabling future meetings to be held there. He also said the bid will be sent out September 26 for the South Coast bike trail and that he will meet tomorrow with legal professionals to discuss land use.

Gorman informed the board that the East/West Wells in Rochester, which had been down for over a decade, had been repaired. He added that it is up to commission and will be running in the coming weeks, offsetting Mattapoissett River Valley Water Supply costs.

Commission Approves Rail, Pig Farm Plans

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Conservation Commission approved plans for MassDOT Cape Main Rail and Transit railroad tracks and a pig farm at its meeting on Tuesday, September 1.

In response to a request for a Determination of Applicability to conservation bylaws for MassDOT's proposal to remove vegetation within the wetlands buffer zone around its third track near SEMASS, the commission issued a Negative Determination, meaning no further ConCom review is required.

Conservation Agent Merilee Kelly explained that the agency wants to trim and clear brush, shrubs and grass to rehabilitate that track. Commission chair Christopher Gerrior questioned only whether the work was entirely within the railroad. Kelly responded that it was.

With that, the commission approved the negative determination unanimously.

Also on the agenda, the commission granted a



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negative determination for a plan presented by Cody Woods to add a small pig pond to his 14-acre pig farm on Northern Avenue. Woods told the board he submitted a layout of his plan, even though it is work he is allowed to do because his property is agricultural. He said it is a construction.

It would need ConCom's approval if it were a reconstruction. Here, too, the board's negative determination was quick and unanimous. In other action, the board approved a Certificate of Compliance for substantial completion of a home construction at 28 Marion Road.

The commission continued to October 6 the Notice of Intent hearing on a plan to construct a garage, shed, stone retaining wall, fence and 12-foot-wide gravel driveway extension and gate at a single-family dwelling at 527 High Street.

The board continued to September 15 the Notice of Intent hearing on a plan to place a ground-mounted solar array system within a 100-foot wetlands buffer zone on Walnut Plain Road. The board continued to September 15 the Notice of Intent hearing for High Street Solar, Site B, which proposes work within the 100-foot wetlands buffer zone for a massive ground-mounted solar array on the northern lots of the site near Mayflower Lane.

The next Rochester Conservation Commission meeting will be on September 15 at 7:00 pm. at the Town Office Building, 1 Constitution Way.

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Petition Withdrawn Without Prejudice

Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals' brief meeting on August 27 focused on whether the board should allow a petition to be withdrawn "without prejudice."

The hearing on its agenda was an application for a special permit for an accessory dwelling unit larger than 900 square feet at 128 Dexter Lane, filed by Conservation Commission member Carl MacDermott and his wife, Joyce.

Board chair Donald Spirlet reported receiving an email from the MacDermotts requesting permission to withdraw the petition "without prejudice," which means the applicant reserves the right to refile in the future.

Spirlet asked whether that meant the MacDermotts would eventually apply again for the same plan. He asked board administrator Andreia Lacerda whether the board should approve the withdrawal "with prejudice," which would permanently bar a further application.

Lacerda said she has been told that the MacDermotts have decided against building a finished basement for their son, as he is purchasing a residence elsewhere. After this explanation, Spirlet did not consider his suggestion any further. The seven-member board unanimously accepted the request to withdraw without

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prejudice.

In other business, Larceda reported that no new zoning board petitions have been filed as of this date. There will be no regularly scheduled meeting on September 10.

Home Projects Face Scrutiny Over Wetlands

Marion Conservation Commission

By Sam Bishop

Marion's Conservation Commission met on Wednesday, August 26, in the police station's conference room, where they had a full agenda to tackle.

Commission membership was limited at the meeting, with only Chair John Walsh and Commissioner Matt Shultz present, along with two Associate Commissioners, Natalie Burgo and Tom Drechsler. Drechsler, being the more senior associate member, was asked to fill in and was granted voting authority by Walsh.

The meeting began with a Continued Public Meeting for Christina Galarza of 0 Hastings Road for a Request for Determination of Applicability for localized land maintenance and safety manicuring to address tripping hazards related to the property's underbrush and create a safe tent-pitching area.

Town Planner Doug Guey-Lee was present remotely via Teams, and he recommended a dominance plant test to analyze wetland soil and plants on the

property. He also said getting more information from the project architect would be beneficial. Walsh added that the entire site is within a flood zone and contains a natural heritage habitat with state-listed rare species potentially residing there.

Galarza was also present remotely and asked if any part of her "family's estate" was usable land, not within a protected area.

Walsh clarified: "What I was talking about was, there's a state agency called [the] Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program, and they are tasked with ensuring the protection of wildlife habitat for what we call state-listed species. When you look at the online mapping, you can do an overlay of that priority habitat."

The mapping software then showed that most of the land, aside from the land touching the road, on the property is within Natural Heritage's designated "priority habitat" protected zone. Walsh clarified further that Natural Heritage will eventually look over the proposal during a Notice of Intent process and will issue its own determination.

Galarza pushed back, asking how this information was obtained if a survey was never conducted by her or her family.

Walsh responded, "What you're asking is how does Natural Heritage, an endangered species program, come up with these maps? And I'm not going to answer on behalf of Natural Heritage because I don't work for Natural Heritage. That's a question that you can pose, or you could probably go on Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program's website, and that would probably answer your question."

At the end of its meeting, the commission voted to issue a Positive Determination of Applicability, which will now require the applicant to apply for a Notice of Intent and undergo further scrutiny.

Next began the Public Hearing for The Mary Ann Hubbard 2024 Revocable Trust of Front Street for a Notice of Intent for construction of a new single-family dwelling. Engineer Dave Davignon represented his client and detailed the proposed 28-by-38-foot, three-bedroom, two-story riverside home. The lot is on the north side of I-195, near the Rochester line.

Walsh noted a similar project on the same lot came before the commission in 2011, which was denied. He added the area is in a regular flood zone. It was agreed the previous, 15-year-old determination should be analyzed before a decision be rendered.

Guey-Lee noted the biggest point of reservation, as it was in 2011, would remain the wetland line and flood zone, as well as sewer conditions. In 2011, it was noted that proper sewer storage was not possible on previous plans. For public comments, abutters expressed concern over the proposed home's proximity to the brook and its possible effect on flooding, with concern about a greater impact on neighboring properties.

Suzanne Considine of 670 Front Street noted that



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one winter, Benson Brook swelled and "literally turned into a pond. It was huge, and it came right up to the road, and I just don't know how you could possibly build a house in that area."

The Public Hearing was continued for roughly one month to the commission's September 23 meeting.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, at 7:00 pm in the Marion Police Station.

Marion Weighs Solar Expansion at DPW Site

Marion Energy Management Committee

By Zakary Sarkarati

A plan seeking to double the number of solar panels at the Marion Department of Public Works (DPW) administrative office was shared during the Energy Committee meeting on Monday, August 31. The plan, proposed by chair Christian Ingerslev, would leverage federal subsidies to reduce the project cost by \$80,000.

According to committee members, the expansion would support their goal of reducing greenhouse

gas emissions in Marion by giving the DPW a greater source of renewable energy. The current 25-kilowatt panels, which Ingerslev said were designed for such an expansion, are estimated to deliver payoff in energy savings after four years.

The proposal would use approximately \$40,000 that the Town is set to receive through federal credit incentive programs from installing the DPW's current solar panels for nearly \$100,000.

Ingerslev argued a duplicate project would see the same incentives, costing a net \$20,000. The upfront \$60,000 would come from Marion's free cash pool, which needs approval at the Town Meeting to be used. Free cash is money certified by the Massachusetts Department of



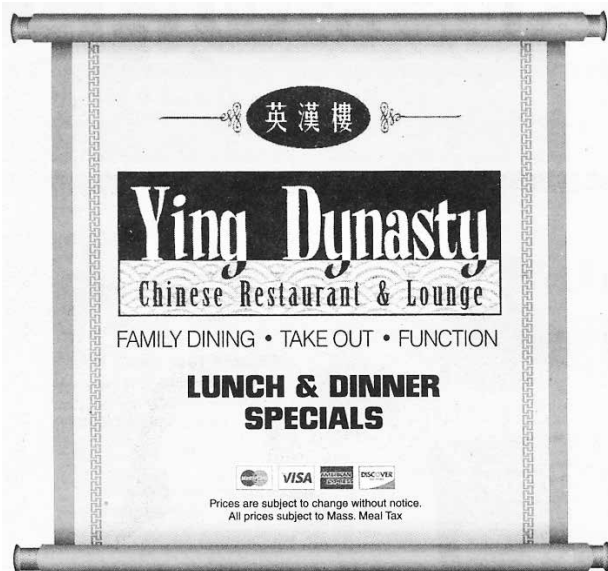
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There is no guarantee the free cash will be certified before the upcoming November 19 town meeting, according to Heather O'Brien, Marion finance director. Because some federal programs established under President Joe Biden are expiring soon, the array will need to be approved by the end of the year, according to Alanna Nelson, a committee member.

Ingerslev shared the plan with Marion's Select Board on Tuesday, September 1. Chair John Hoagland said he would support the proposal appearing at Town Meeting, under the condition the \$40,000 credit had been received and approved by the time of the meeting. Clerk Randy Parker said he opposed the purchase until the current solar panels' impact was known — which began collecting power earlier that day.

During Monday's Energy Management Committee meeting, Nelson also shared that an unnamed developer may be interested in constructing a 2.5-acre solar array by the town Transfer Station adjacent to the DPW building. Connecting the proposed array to Eversource's grid was estimated to cost \$1 million by the Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative in 2024.

The Select Board is authorized to lease the space for a solar array in a 2014 town meeting vote.

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Perrone brings more than 20 years of experience overseeing school finance and operations in Massachusetts and other states. Most recently, he served as Acting Superintendent for Middleborough Public Schools in addition to his role as Director of Business and Finance, where he managed a budget of more than \$50 million.

In Middleborough, Perrone also oversaw capital projects, procurement, transportation, facilities, maintenance and other support services. He helped develop long-range capital and facilities plans and participated in collective bargaining.

Perrone previously served as Interim Business Manager for Hanover Public Schools, managing the district's financial operations and overseeing transportation, facilities, purchasing and food services.

Earlier in his career, Perrone held several senior

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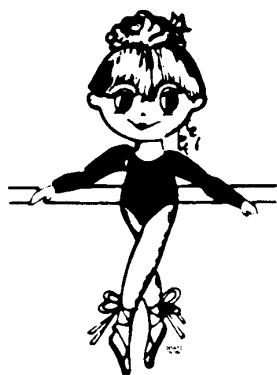
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school finance positions, including Associate Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer for Polk County Public Schools in Florida. He also served as Chief Financial Officer for DeKalb County Public Schools in Georgia and Duval County Public Schools in Florida.



Perrone previously worked in Massachusetts as Director of Finance for Barnstable Public Schools and Business Manager and Assistant Treasurer for Silver Lake Regional School District. He also served as Business Manager for Thompson Public Schools in Connecticut.

Perrone holds a master's degree in public administration from the University of Hartford. He is certified as a school business manager in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

"Michael has managed school finances and operations in districts of many different sizes, and that experience will be a tremendous asset to our school system," Superintendent Nelson said. "He understands the challenges schools face and knows how to work with school leaders and municipal partners to find practical solutions. We are excited to welcome him to our leadership team."

"I am honored to join Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55," Perrone said. "I look forward to working with the leadership team, staff and communities to support our schools and ensure our resources continue to serve students effectively."

Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor;

Sweet Reflections of Summer

As I was strolling through the village the other day, enjoying the beauty all around me — colorful flowers at every turn, our happy little town beach, shipyard park, and people in line for ice cream at "The Slip," boats bobbing in the harbor — I was feeling so grateful for a town that still celebrates summer things with band concerts on a Wednesday evening overflowing with happy families. As I walked on past Monroe Preserve, I stopped short. What was I seeing? I rubbed

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my eyes; that can't be true — a row of monstrous houses overshadowing the marsh. Please don't let the nightmare come true.

Let your voices be heard on September 14.
Joyce Almeida, Mattapoisett

To the Editor;

There are very few places left in our village where nature still exists as it was intended. Along our shoreline lies one of the last remaining sanctuaries, a thriving ecosystem that has quietly sustained wildlife for generations. At a time when nearly every available piece of land is being developed, places like this have become priceless not because of their market value, but because of what they provide to all of us.

I lived on Neck Road for 25 years, where my home directly abutted the Mattapoisett River, and I now live in the Village. Living in both places has given me a broader perspective on how our town has changed over the years and an even deeper appreciation for the importance of thoughtful growth and preserving what makes Mattapoisett so special.

I chose to live on the Neck because it was one of the last places in town where wildlife still had room to exist alongside people. I watched foxes, coyotes, deer, turtles, fishers, bobcats, eagles, hawks, owls, and countless songbirds thrive there. Today, as more trees disappear and open spaces are lost, we increasingly see wildlife wandering our neighborhoods in search of food and shelter. They are not invading our communities; we are steadily removing theirs.

This property is more than a few cottages. It is part of a living, interconnected ecosystem that protects our shoreline, supports wildlife, and preserves the history and beauty of our village. Once it is developed, it can never truly be replaced.

This week, I walked past the church sign that read, "Hope for Humanity." Those words stayed with me. Hope for humanity is found in the choices we make. Owning an extraordinary piece of this planet is not only a privilege; it is a profound responsibility. There is honor in being the steward of land that cannot be replaced and

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Private property comes with rights, but some properties offer something far greater than financial return; they offer the chance to leave a lasting legacy. One of my former neighbors chose to work with the Land Trust to permanently preserve their property, ensuring that future generations could experience the same beauty and wildlife they had enjoyed. That decision became a gift to our entire community.

I hope the owner of this jewel considers a path that protects this land for future generations, whether through the Land Trust or another steward who values preservation.

For years our village has continued to change.

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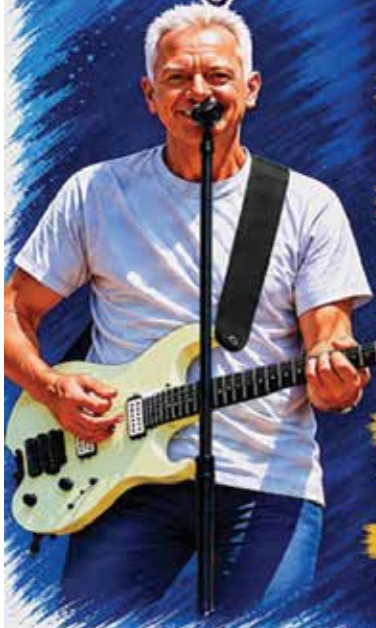
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Thursday September 3, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
8:30 AM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Joan Thacher Tiffany
9:30 AM Harbor Days 2026
11:00 AM Marion Art Center - Arts in the Park
11:30 AM Marion Art Center Promo - The Constant Wife
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:30 PM Marion Arts in the Park
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
3:00 PM America 250 - Field of Flags
3:30 PM Buzzards Bay Musicfest - Orchestra
5:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
8:00 PM Buzzards Bay Musicfest - Swing Band
9:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Friday September 4, 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 September 5, 2026

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:30 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 September 6, 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 September 7, 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
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 8, 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 9, 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

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
8:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission
10:30 AM Marion Planning Board
12:00 PM Marion Pathway Committee
1:00 PM Marion Board of Health
2:30 PM Marion Marine Resources
3:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
4:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission
6:30 PM Marion Planning Board
8:00 PM Marion Pathways Committee
9:00 PM Marion Marine Resources
10:00 PM Marion Board of Health

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GOVERNMENT

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7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
8:00 AM Rochester Planning Board
9:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
12:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board

of Appeals
12:30 PM Rochester Board of Health
1:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
2:00 PM Rochester Planning Board
3:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
5:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
6:30 PM Rochester Board of Health
7:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee
8:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
9:00 PM Rochester Planning Board
10:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

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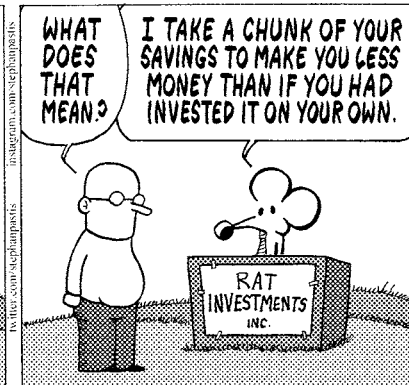
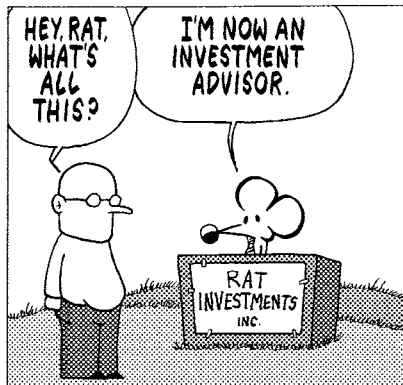
7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
8:30 AM Bulldog Sports
9:00 AM ORR/JHS Promotion Ceremony
10:00 AM ORR Theater Class 2026
11:00 AM ORR Girls Lacrosse vs Somerset-Berkley
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
1:00 PM The Harvard Krokodiles at ORR
2:30 PM ORR Night of Jazz Concert
3:30 PM ORR/JHS Drama
5:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball 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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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



Open land has disappeared, trees have been cleared, and historic landscapes have given way to development. As the wife of a carpenter, I have spent a lifetime watching our town grow, and I have become increasingly aware of the pace of change and what is being lost along the way.

If every remaining natural space is viewed only for its development potential, eventually there will be nothing left to protect.

Hope for humanity begins with the choices we make today. My hope is that we choose stewardship over short-term gain, preservation over regret, and leave our children not just memories of what once was, but a village where nature still has a place to thrive.

Michelle Huggins, Mattapoissett

The Thin Green Thread

Regardless of what we think of them,
the plants keep rising —
through broken earth,
through poisoned rain,
reaching always
toward the sun.

In this fragile planetary moment,
they offer us another way
of being alive:
quiet, ancient,
and fiercely green.

They are not scenery.
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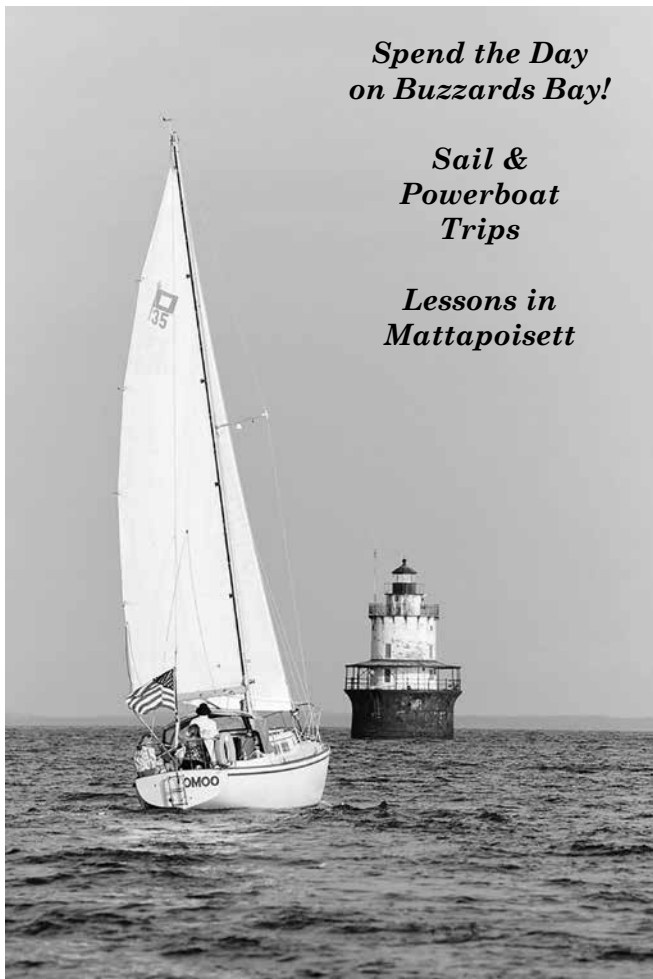


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MOVIE REVIEW

Beep Beep

By Rob Gonsalves
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***Coyote Vs. Acme.* Starring Will Forte and John Cena. Directed by Dave Green. Running time: 103 minutes. MPAA rating: PG. Now playing in theaters.**

The great tragedy of Wile E. Coyote and the Road Runner is that the coyote will never catch the bird. The great *comedy* of Wile E. Coyote and the Road Runner is that the coyote will never catch the bird. And in *Coyote Vs. Acme*, which takes off from Ian Frazer's 1990 *New Yorker* riff on the subject, the great friendship of Wile E. Coyote and the Road Runner is *solidified* by the fact that the coyote will never catch the bird. *Coyote Vs. Acme*, which almost got shelved by Warner beancounters a few years ago as a write-off, seems a very prophetic satiric arrow pointed at the heart of the great corporation Acme — I mean, Warner.

But back to the essential conflict between coyote and bird. There seem to be no other prey prospects out there for the coyote in the Albuquerque desert. The coyote's eternal, Sisyphus-like goal (don't worry, the film calls back to the ol' rock-roller often) is to catch and eat the bird, but once he actually does that, *if* he does that, where will he be? What will give his life meaning? That might've given *Coyote Vs. Acme* a sharper perspective than "they're really friends." I seem to remember there was at least one of the classic shorts that ended with the coyote and the bird mutually (and wordlessly) agreeing to carry on their conflict forever. (Or maybe it was Tom and Jerry.) If he catches the bird, no more *Road Runner* cartoons unless he finds another one, which wouldn't be the same. It has to be *that* one; it *can't* be that one.

Other than this sort of deep-dish stuff, *Coyote Vs. Acme* is pretty breezy entertainment, packed with references for the fans. Will Forte is Kevin Avery, ambulance-chasing head of a law firm that tends to bring lawsuits to Acme over damages incurred by cartoon characters, then settle for a few hundred bucks. Wile E. Coyote, whose constant patronage of Acme products over the years has produced no wins, takes his grievance to the cynical Kevin and his more



idealistic niece/intern Paige (Lana Condor). Kevin eventually takes the case, learning more about Acme and its shady exploitation of cartoons. He might be getting used, too.

The coyote's inevitable mishaps are often funny in the same way they've been funny for 77 years (yikes). The near-oblivious Road Runner rockets along while the coyote seems to be punished by the universe for his hubris. (He has some Icarus in him, too.) The Road Runner, the Nemesis, doesn't exist without Wile E. Coyote, and vice versa. I doubt there's been a purer comedic formula in cartoons, and the animators here run with it gleefully when they can. The least engaging stuff has to do with Kevin and *his* nemesis at Acme, swingin' legal eagle John Cena. Despite being presided over by judge Lius Guzman, the trial isn't very inspired stuff. The story around the central conflict works better when it's a mock-conspiracy thriller involving cartoons and how Acme has failed them.

Ian Frazier's piece took the form of a legal brief describing rather bloodlessly, and therefore hilariously, the perpetual chase-and-explosion-in-face structure of a cartoon everyone knew. A movie needed more flesh on it, but *Coyote Vs. Acme's* meat is a little gone over; it clings to society-improving insights about trying your hardest and keeping friendship alive, when it should just zip into the sunset cackling at the tragedy and comedy of Wile E. Coyote's life. There are few sights more maudlin in recent movies than the coyote's eyes welling up as he realizes that, aww, the Road Runner has *missed* him back in Albuquerque. How about a satirical vision of two nemeses going at it on the treadmill forever because Acme (Warner) tells them to for the money — and not even for theatrical profits but for a freakin' tax write-off?

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exchanging messages
through roots and fungal threads.

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a face, or a brain.

Now, as our planet trembles,
the plants keep rising.
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Stem into light.

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sunlight into life,
earth into bodies,
air into breath.

They remind us
what we have forgotten:
we were never separate
from the living world.

We are made of it.
We owe our lives to it.
And the thin green thread
that holds us here
is more fragile
than we ever imagined.

Eileen J. Marum, Marion

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Ground operations will begin **September 8** and will be conducted by town and federal employees. Also beginning around September 8, the ORV zone will be baited with support from a USDA-owned Jet Ranger helicopter. Aerial operations will continue for approximately four days, weather-dependent. The public may observe one low-flying, red-and-black helicopter during this timeframe.



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Then at 4:00 pm there will be an informal, old-fashioned Hymn Sing led by Graham Shultz, the organist at St. Stephen's Church, Providence, RI. The congregation is encouraged to request their favorite hymns. St. Philip's is located at 34 Water St., next to the Town Beach in Mattapoisett. All are welcome to attend both functions.

A Boston Pops Season Finale

On Friday, **September 4**, the Marion Concert Band will close its 2026 season with a concert in the style of the Boston Pops Orchestra. The program, which includes selections by Boston Pops arranger Leroy Anderson and former Pops conductor John Williams, is as follows:

Montmartre March - H. Wood
Festive Overture - D. Shostakovich - arr. D. Hunsberger
Strike Up the Band - G. Gershwin
Belle of the Ball - L. Anderson
Olympic Fanfare and Theme - J. Williams
Flute Cocktail - H. Simeone
Bugler's Holiday - L. Anderson
Clarinet Escapade - R. Ward
John Williams: Evening at Pops - arr. J. Higgins
Mancini - H. Mancini
Young Person's Guide to John Williams - arr. J. Bocook
The Stars and Stripes Forever - J. P. Sousa

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.

Mattapoisett Yacht Club August Series

Mattapoisett Yacht Club finished off its last regular week of the August series with two beautiful nights of racing. Tuesday night Ensign class saw Odyssey finish first in both races, defeating Black Ice in second, Hamburglar in third, and newcomer Reluctant sailed by David Neumeyer in fourth. Odyssey also won the August Series over Black Ice in the closely contested series.

In the Wednesday night PHRF Class A division, Kindred Spirits won with Restless second, Coconuts third, Dame fourth and Oddball fifth. This is also the same finishing order for the August Series totals. Kindred Spirits won all four races in August.

In the Class B division, Chickadee won the race over Lindesfarne and thereby won the August series. This series again came down to the last race with Lindisfarne,



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OBITUARIES



George M. Graham Jr., “Jock,” 91, of Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully after a brief illness on August 23, 2026, at Parlin Hospice in Wayland, Massachusetts.

Born June 30, 1935, in Malden, Massachusetts, he was the son of the late George M. Graham Sr. and Helen Knowlton Whedon Graham. He was the brother of the late Robert W. Graham and William F. Graham.

Jock graduated from St. Paul’s School and attended Yale University before graduating from Boston University. Above all else, he dedicated his life to his family. He spent his entire career with The First National Bank of Boston, which later became Bank of Boston and BankBoston, working in the Personal Trust Division and later with The Private Bank. He made his home in Mattapoisett, Massachusetts.

He was the husband of the late Judith Gay Graham. He is survived by his sons, Andrew D. Graham of Quincy, Massachusetts, and George M. Graham III, MD, of Boston, Massachusetts; his nephews, Robert F. Graham of Melrose, Massachusetts, and John K. Graham of Mechanicsburg, Virginia; and his nieces, Martha G. Kirkpatrick of Boothbay Harbor, Maine, and Alice B. Kirkpatrick of Pownal, Maine.

A private family service will be held at a later date.



Ronald McDonald, Sr., 85, passed away peacefully on Saturday August 29, 2026 after a brief illness.

He was born on October 23, 1940 in Nantucket, MA, to the late John J and Mary Genevieve (Davis) McDonald. He graduated from Nantucket High School and Dean Junior College. Soon after, he married the love of his life, Joan Davis,

and they shared 53 years of marriage, side by side, raising five children. After moving from Nantucket, they lived many years in Marion and Fairhaven, where they were communicants of St. Rita’s/St. Anthony’s and St. Joseph’s Churches.

Ronald worked as a mason early in his career, but spent most of his working life in commercial fishing, with years as a respected captain of commercial scallop vessels, including the Guardian, for a time with his sons beside him. Being handed down a strong work ethic, when able, Ronald would work beside his crewmen on deck, in harsh conditions, repairing gear or assisting where needed, and was considered a valuable mentor. He made lifelong friendships and bonds, with some crew becoming like additional sons. After retiring from commercial fishing, he returned to masonry for a period, later working on the grounds keeping crew at Tabor Academy, and at the Marion Department of Public Works, where patrons enjoyed his friendly greeting, conversation, and some favorite jokes. He made lasting friendships wherever he worked,

including with Tabor co-workers, staff and faculty and their families.

Ronald was a member of the Knights of Columbus, New Bedford Fishermen’s Union, and the Marion Social Club. He enjoyed gardening alongside his wife, maintaining many gardens, a fish pond, and vegetable garden. Ronald enjoyed singing and was a member of his high school glee club and the church choir. He would often sing around the house, at work in the pilot house, and sang the Irish Wedding song at some family weddings. He always loved dancing, playing cribbage and whist, and time at the beach. A good cook, his fried dough was always a special family favorite.

Ronald was a devoted family man, with caring for his family always his greatest priority. His greatest joy came from spending time with his children and grandchildren. Attending activities and sports and always supportive behind the scenes. He shared in their accomplishments and milestones, filled with pride, and his eyes often welled with tears. He beamed at the birth of each new great-grandchild.

Ronald lived a life of friendship, kindness, and love. He cherished his family, time with friends and extended family, always genuine and making every holiday and gathering more special. To many who knew him, Ronald was a friendly, caring, and hard-working man, always with a smile and sharing his sense of humor, and always willing to lend a helping hand. He will be missed by many.

He is survived by his children, Ronald (Patricia) McDonald of Bridgewater, Kevin (Elizabeth) McDonald of Framingham, Cheryl (James) Morrell and Deborah (Stephen) Gonsalves, all of Marion, and Brian (Katie) McDonald of Clarence Center, NY; his 16 grandchildren, Patrick (Hillary), Brendan (Taylor), David, and Mary McDonald, Shannon (Daren) Tucker, Matthew (Ntanga) McDonald, Timothy (Madeline) McDonald, Colleen and Bridget McDonald, Lucas Morrell, Trevor McDonald, Toby and Hunter (Alisha Papadakis) Gonsalves, Alex and Emma Dunn, and Regan McDonald; and his 11 great-grandchildren, Elizabeth, Evelyn, Mia, Liam, Owen, Molly, Maanda, William, Finley, Theo, and Rowen. In addition, Ronald is survived by his special companion, Sally Govoni, his brother Robert (Karen) McDonald, sister Genevieve (Reginald) Harmon, sisters-in-law Roberta McDonald, Nancy McDonald, Eleanor Davis, brother-in-law Raymond Novak, and many nieces, nephews, and special lifelong friends.

Ronald was predeceased by his wife, Joan, siblings and in-laws Mary and Jack Fee, Helen and James Cranstons, Jeanette and Jackie Topham, John McDonald, Michael McDonald, and in-laws Margaret and Nelson Duarte, Elmer Davis, Edward and Sally Davis, Shirley Novak, and Robert Davis.

His funeral will be held on Saturday September 5th at 9 am from the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett, followed by his

Kinsail and Fir Na Tine all within reach of the top spot.

Marion Historical Commission Shares Update

The Marion Historical Commission announces the completion of a study examining potential future uses and the cost of restoring the historic Percy Browne House.

Preservation Massachusetts named the Percy Browne House, built in 1881-1882, one of the "10 Most

Endangered Historic Resources in Massachusetts" in October 2025.

"The Percy Browne House is regarded by many architectural historians as the prototype of the Shingle Style in America, influencing countless later examples throughout New England and beyond," the Preservation Massachusetts report states. "Its design anticipated ideas later refined by Richardson's associate Stanford White in the now-demolished William Low House in Bristol,

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Funeral Mass at St. Anthony's Church, Mattapoisett at 10 am. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Marion. Visiting hours will be on Friday September 4th from 4-8 pm.



80 year old **Freda Evelyn Hall Ruel** came into this world the same way she would live life, on her own terms. Born in an elevator at Windham Hospital, in Connecticut, she didn't have the patience to wait for everyone else.

Growing up in Willington, CT, her parents were Freda and Gardiner Hall.

Named after her mother, Freda was the youngest of six children, with beloved twin sisters and three brothers. Her father bestowed her the nickname "Sugar." It was a nickname that would last a lifetime, although anyone who knew Freda knows that "Sugar" was usually followed by a little spice.

After graduating high school, Freda attended Chandler School for Women in Boston. While living there, she met Edward J. Ruel Jr. In 1969, they got married in Willington, then returned to Boston, settling in Roslindale to start a family. Freda loved being a mother to her three children. Especially being able to tell them stories and share experiences, one of them being her love for Lake George, NY in which she spent summers of her own childhood. After her divorce from Edward, Freda moved to Mattapoisett, another cherished summer destination. The both of them remained steadfast in their love and commitment to their kids.

Freda lived by the saying, "Pull up your bootstraps and keep going." Throughout the years, she proved her resilience, independence, and ingenuity. Even at one point, building her own shed all on her own. For 26 years, Freda worked as a Transit Bus Driver for SRTA. If she was your driver, your ride would've been more of an experience than a service. Through examples like customers hand-making gifts or becoming family, she built relationships that lasted long after the bus route ended.

Holidays were a huge part of Freda's life. From Thanksgiving to Christmas, she fully committed. Thanksgiving was celebrated amongst family, friends, and occasionally a complete stranger with nowhere else to go. For Christmas, her fresh tree was covered with unique handmade ornaments, always finding room for just one more. The familiar smell

of her famous homemade apple pie filled the house on these special days, care and hard work going into the details down to the crust. At the end of the day, what mattered most to her wasn't a perfect table but a full one.

In late 2024, Freda suffered a massive stroke. Once again showing her personality, she pulled up those bootstraps. She fought her way through recovery, starting at Brigham and Women's Hospital, moving to Spaulding Rehabilitation, then settling at Nemasket Healthcare Center. We are extremely thankful for everyone who had a part in caring for Freda, with special mention to the staff at Nemasket for their dedication to her care.

She is survived by her son, Edward J. Ruel III, and his wife, Rosemary; her daughters, Heather M. Ruel, and Rachel E. Hall-Ruel and Rachel's husband, Cornelius "Madee" Fedee.

She is also survived by her grandchildren Edward J. Ruel IV, his wife, Jessica, Jillian Ruel, Jenna Ruel, Mali Ruel-Fedee, and Marcus Ruel-Fedee, as well as Edward IV and Jessica's two sons, Freda's beloved great-grandchildren, Greyson Ruel and Easton Ruel.

She is predeceased by her brothers Clyde, Gregory, and Gerald, and is survived by her sisters Alice Cassells and Francis Jenner as well as several nieces and nephews.

More than anything, Freda loved her family, including her two granddogs.

Freda passed away peacefully in her sleep on August 24, 2026. Freda's life will be remembered by the depth of who she was as a human being. Freda "Sugar" Ruel was funny, tough, generous, stubborn, and loved fiercely. A storyteller at heart, she would often speak about her life. Sharing the stories, one could tell she was a whole person filled with compassion. People will continue speaking of her apple pies, Thanksgiving tables, Christmas trees, trips to Lake George, her witty comebacks, peculiar advice, and much more, but most of all, the way she approached life. By pulling up her bootstraps.

A graveside service for Freda will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2026 at 2:00 pm at the Willington Hill Cemetery, 171 Tolland Tpke, Willington, CT. All are welcome.

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.

TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Aug 23 – Aug 29

- Front St – Found property
- Spring St – animal complaint
- Mill St – Assist other department
- Wareham Rd – General service
- Olde Knoll Rd – EMS/medical
- Oak St – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Officer wanted
- Front St – General service
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Piney Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Front St – MV collision
- Olde Knoll Rd – Gunshots reported
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Indian Neck Rd – EMS/medical
- Front St – Waterways complaint
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – General service
- Beach St – Health/welfare
- Wareham Rd - Disturbance
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – health/welfare
- Jenney Ln – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Abandoned property
- 195 West – MV collision
- Village Dr – Suspicious activity
- Point Rd – Officer wanted
- Briggs Lane Ct – EMS/medical
- Moorings Rd – Animal complaint
- Converse Rd – Suspicious activity

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Aug 23 – Aug 29

- Driscoll Ln – Health/welfare
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Acushnet Rd – Property lost
- Nantucket Dr – General service
- Brant island Rd – Noise complaint
- Richard III's Ln – 911 call
- Marina Dr – Follow up investigation
- Marion Rd - Threats
- Water St – Parking complaint
- Marion Rd – Animal control
- Mechanic St - Vandalism
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Point Rd – 911 call
- Fairhaven Rd – General service
- Shaw St – 911 call
- County Rd – MV violations
- Barlow Ln – Suspicious persons
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – Medical alarm
- Aucoot Rd - Notification
- Oaklawn Ave – Officer wanted
- Channing Rd – Restraining order
- Fairhaven Rd – MV crash
- Town Wharf – Boat violation
- Marion Rd – Stolen property
- Goodspeed Island – Shellfish violation
- Ridgewood Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Marion Rd – Health/welfare
- 195 East – MV violations
- Chapel Rd – Vandalism

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Aug 23 – Aug 29

- High St – Suspicious activity
- Snipatuit Rd – Follow up
- Braley Hill Rd – 911 call
- Vaughn Hill Rd – MV collision
- Maxim Rd – Suspicious activity
- Mattapoisett Rd – General services
- Nathaniels Dr – Animal control
- Neck Rd – Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/towed
- Neck Rd - Medical
- High St – MV collision
- Vaughn Hill Rd – MV collision
- Benjamin Dr – Public assist
- Cushman Rd – Suspicious activity
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/arrest
- Neck Rd – General services
- Ryder Rd – Noise complaint
- Snipatuit Rd - Larceny
- Neck Rd – Animal control
- Burgess Ave – General service/arrest
- Cranberry Hwy – Structure fire
- Hartley Rd – Medical alarm
- North Ave - Medical
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Cranberry Hwy - Disturbance
- Cranberry Hwy – Parking complaint
- Clapp Rd - Fraud
- Snipatuit Rd - Vandalism

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



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Sept 7: Labor Day – No meals served

Tuesday, Sept 8: Beef w/onions & peppers, mixed vegetables, wheat roll, chocolate pudding

Wednesday, Sept 9: Torta di Polenta, polenta w/cheese, kale & peppers, Hawaiian roll, applesauce

Thursday, Sept 10: Cheesy chicken & rice casserole, seasoned rice, green peas, whole grain cornbread, banana

Friday, Sept 11: Seafood Cajun pasta, whole grain pasta, broccoli, wheat bread, oatmeal cookie

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Sept 7: Labor Day – No school

Tuesday, Sept 8: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, pickle

Wednesday, Sept 9: Wacky waffles, maple syrup, tater tots, cheese stick, assorted yogurt cups

Thursday, Sept 10: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

Friday, Sept 11: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Sept 7: Labor Day – No school

Tuesday, Sept 8: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, pickle

Wednesday, Sept 9: Wacky waffles, maple syrup, tater tots, cheese stick, assorted yogurt cups

Thursday, Sept 10: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

Friday, Sept 11: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Sept 7: Labor Day – No school

Tuesday, Sept 8: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans,

oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, pickle

Wednesday, Sept 9: Wacky waffles, maple syrup, tater tots, cheese stick, assorted yogurt cups

Thursday, Sept 10: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

Friday, Sept 11: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Sept 7: Labor Day – No school

Tuesday, Sept 8: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, pickle

Wednesday, Sept 9: Wacky waffles, maple syrup, tater tots, cheese stick, assorted yogurt cups

Thursday, Sept 10: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

Friday, Sept 11: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey mustard

dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Sept 7: Labor Day – No school

Tuesday, Sept 8: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, pickle

Wednesday, Sept 9: Wacky waffles, maple syrup, tater tots, cheese stick, assorted yogurt cups

Thursday, Sept 10: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

Friday, Sept 11: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Sept 7: Labor Day – No school

Tuesday, Sept 8: Popcorn chicken & fries

Wednesday, Sept 9: Chicken broccoli alfredo & garlic bread

Thursday, Sept 10: Italian sub & fries

Friday, Sept 11: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

Rhode Island. The house also reflects Marion's late 19th-century associations with national intellectual life — President Grover Cleveland, a friend of Percy Brown, summered here, as did Trinity Church Rector Phillips Brooks."

Tabor Academy, which owns the property, has been engaged in a campus planning process since early 2025 that included exploring possible future uses for the house.

The Marion Historical Commission received an update on the property in February. In May, architect Will Saltonstall of Saltonstall Architects attended a Commission meeting and presented findings from a reuse feasibility study his firm completed.

Saltonstall Architects worked with a Tabor committee to evaluate potential uses for the house and determine whether it could be restored and adapted for modern use.

"Early in our feasibility exploration, we came to a consensus that if a significant investment to preserve the property were to be made, we would recommend a restoration that removes the non-original additions, recreates an interpretation of the original Richardson design, and reintroduces the unique exterior detailing essential to the original architectural design," the architect's report states. "Our strategy is informed by the extensive historical research and reconstruction theories of Mark Wright in his article on the house."

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The study recommended restoring the house as a single-family residence.

The concept also called for preserving the house's primary interior living spaces and historic features, including its stairwell, fireplaces and trim. A new kitchen, bathrooms and other modern improvements would be added to make the house functional as a residence.

The proposal included an addition behind the original house to provide space for more bedrooms and utilities. It also suggested constructing a separate building of approximately 800 square feet behind the home that could serve as an apartment for a faculty member and be designed as a carriage house complementary to the historic property.

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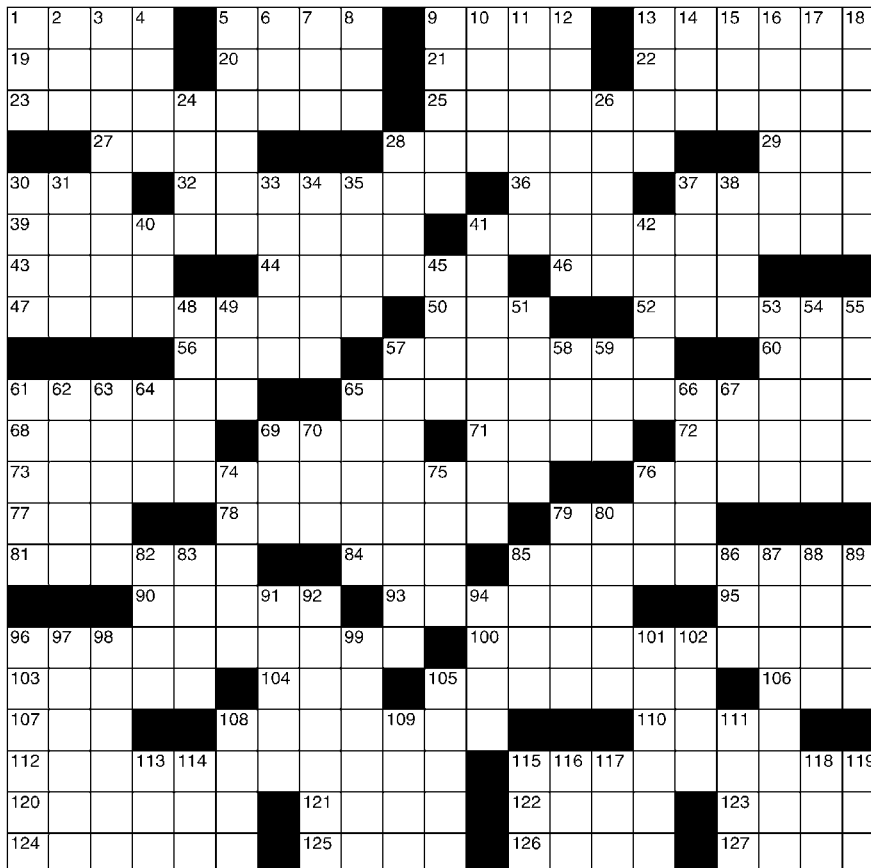
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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) As tensions ease on the home front, you can once again focus on changes in the workplace. Early difficulties are soon worked out. Stability returns as adjustments are made.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A new romance tests the unattached Bovine's patience to the limit. But Venus still rules the Taurean heart, so expect to find yourself trying hard to make this relationship work.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's a good time to consider home-related purchases. But shop around carefully for the best price, whether it's a new house for the family or a new hose for the garden.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A contentious family member seems intent on creating problems. Best advice: Avoid stepping in until you know more about the origins of this domestic disagreement.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A recent job-related move proves to be far more successful than you could've imagined. Look for continued beneficial fallout. Even your critics have something nice to say!

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Ease up and stop driving yourself to finish a certain project on a deadline that's no longer realistic. Your superiors will be open to requests for an extension. Ask for it.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You should soon be hearing some positive feedback on a recent business move. Meanwhile, an old family problem recurs, but this time, you'll know how to handle it better.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some surprising statements shed light on the problem that caused a once-warm relationship to cool off. Use this newly won knowledge to help turn things around.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your spiritual side is especially strong at this time. Let yourself be guided by it into deeper contemplation of aspects about yourself that you'd like to understand better.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your merrier aspect continues to dominate and attract folks who rarely see this side of you. Some serious new romancing could develop out of all this cheeriness.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're always concerned about the well-being of others. It's time that you put some of this concern into your own health situation, especially where it involves nutrition.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Just when you thought your life had finally stabilized, along comes another change that needs to be addressed. Someone you trust can help you deal with it successfully.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a sixth sense when it comes to finding people who need help long before they think of asking for it. And you're right there to provide it!

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Saltonstall Architects worked with a building contractor to develop a preliminary cost estimate. The study found that restoring and expanding the building in a manner consistent with the project's goals would cost approximately \$3.5 million to \$4 million.

Tabor Academy leadership supported the proposed design but determined that the project is not currently feasible because of other capital priorities at the school.

The academy has taken several interim steps to secure the house and prevent further deterioration. Those measures include testing that found no new insect damage, additional roof repairs to keep the building weathertight, minor repairs to the exterior and the removal of overgrown landscaping that could damage the building.

"The Marion Historical Commission appreciates the steps Tabor Academy has taken to help protect the Percy Browne House in the short term, but they do not resolve the larger question of its future," said Meg Steinberg, Chair of the Marion Historical Commission. "We remain hopeful that Tabor will continue exploring funding sources and partnerships that could support the restoration and long-term preservation of this important historic property."

The Commission is also hopeful that a Tabor alumnus, alumni group or another donor who recognizes the house's architectural significance may be interested in

supporting the project through a restricted gift.

Sing with Sippican Choral Society

Rehearsals for the SCS December 2026 concert, "A Festival of Carols," will begin on Monday, **September 14**, at 7:00 pm, at Wickenden Chapel, 86 Spring St., Marion. Doors open at 6:30 pm, and singers are asked to come early to register and pick up their music envelopes.

If you are unsure about being able to sing with the group, come anyway, try out the music for two weeks, then decide. All singers must pay dues of \$40 by the third rehearsal. Membership details and concert program information are available on our website at sippicanchoralsociety.org.

South Coast Children's Chorus Welcomes New Singers

The South Coast Children's Chorus is welcoming new singers for the upcoming season. SCCC is open to all students from grades 1-12. Thanks to support from local cultural councils, the South Coast Community Foundation and generous donors, tuition is only \$125 for the year, and free or reduced tuition is available for any singer who requests it.

The first rehearsal will take place on Tuesday, **September 22**. We welcome new singers during the first three weeks. Rehearsals take place on Tuesday nights, 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm (Preparatory Chorus) and 6:00 to

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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



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The Mattapoisett Yacht Club's Wednesday Night Race Committee is decked out for the last race of the August Series. Special thanks to Wes and Patti Wood, Doreen Jennings, Brian McGowan, and Vic Commodore Fran Grenon.



*Mattapoisett Harbor sunset.
Photo courtesy of Rob Grant*



More than 400 people ventured out on the evening of Friday, August 28, to enjoy the music and catch a sighting of Elvis Presley, channeled by Robert Black and the Elvis Express Band. The performance was sponsored by Friends of the Rochester Senior Center, a nonprofit working with the town's Council on Aging to improve the quality of life for older adults. Photos courtesy of Eric Poulin

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7:00 pm (Advanced Chorus) at Tabor Academy in the Fireman Center for the Performing Arts, 245 Front Street, Marion. To register, visit the SCCC website at www.singsouthcoast.org

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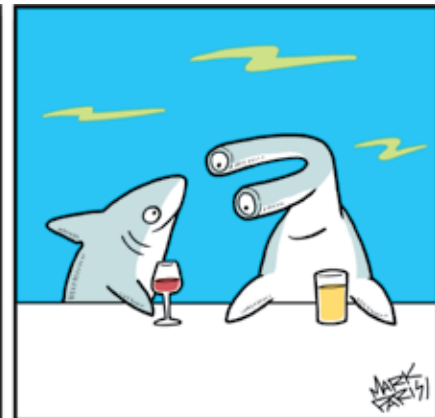
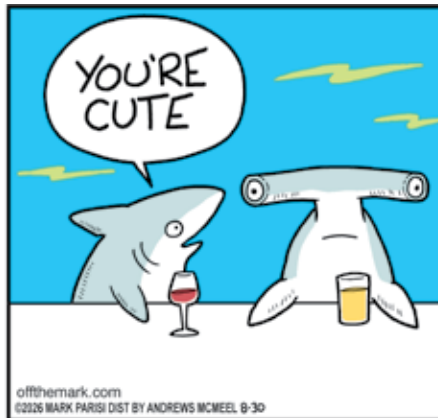
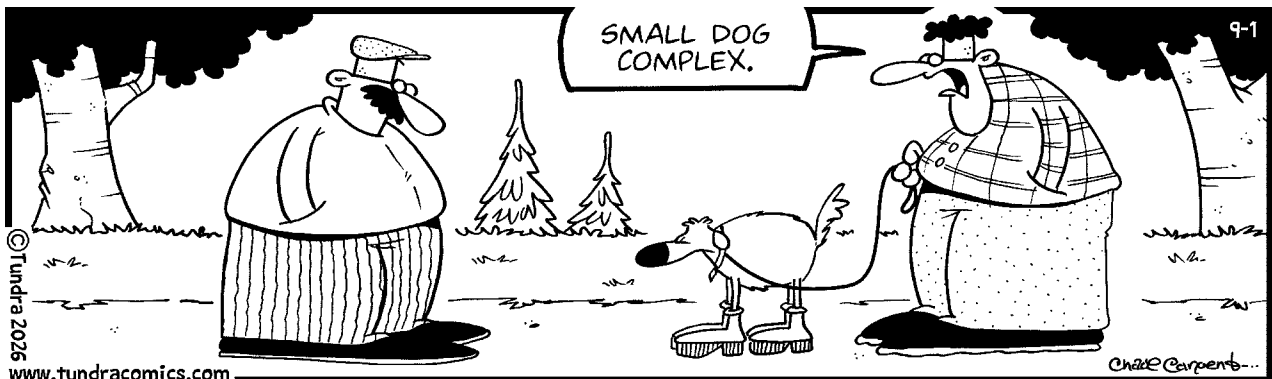
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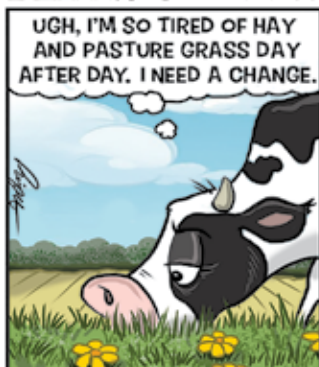


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projects that enrich the Marion community through the arts, humanities and STEM. The Mass Cultural Council has set a firm deadline of **October 15** to submit your proposals.

Don't let a lack of funding hold your ideas back. These grants are specifically designed to back local creators. They can cover everything from solo art exhibits and community festivals to school performances, public workshops, lectures and short-term artist residencies. If you have a project that inspires, teaches or connects people, this is your chance to get it funded.

As part of the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, the Marion Cultural Council is dedicated to putting state-backed resources directly into the hands of local talent.

Apply online: Review local priorities and submit your proposal at www.mass-culture.org/Marion.

Learn More: Discover how the grant system works on the Local Cultural Council Program page, massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-council-program.

Get Support: Reach out directly to local organizers with questions at marionculturalcouncil@gmail.com.

Adult Programs at the Elizabeth Taber Library

As summer turns to fall, it's a great time to get back into the library. We have two regularly scheduled adult programs that you won't want to miss.

The Cozy Cup Book Club meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 11:00 am. Join us on **September 9**, as we discuss *The Antique Hunter's Death on the Red Sea* by C.L. Miller. Coffee, tea and great conversation are provided. You can check out copies of the book at the library circulation desk.

Our Fiber Arts Club meets every Friday at 10:30 am. Bring your own knitting, crocheting, embroidery, cross-stitch or other portable project to the library. This is not a class; rather, it is an opportunity for crafters to work on their projects in the company of like-minded fiber artists.



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Adult Events at the Mattapoisett Library

Take a look at our September schedule at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, located at 7 Barstow Street.

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 required; just drop in.

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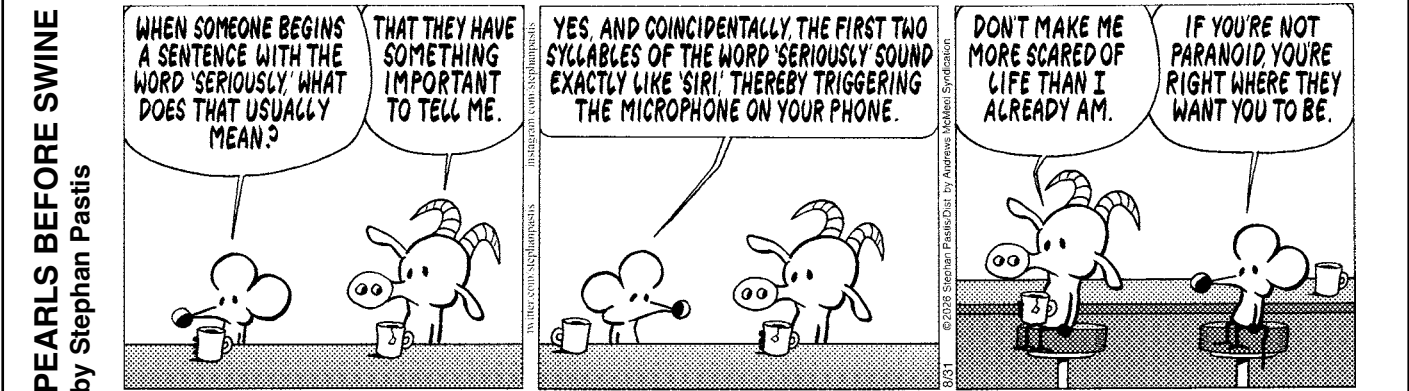
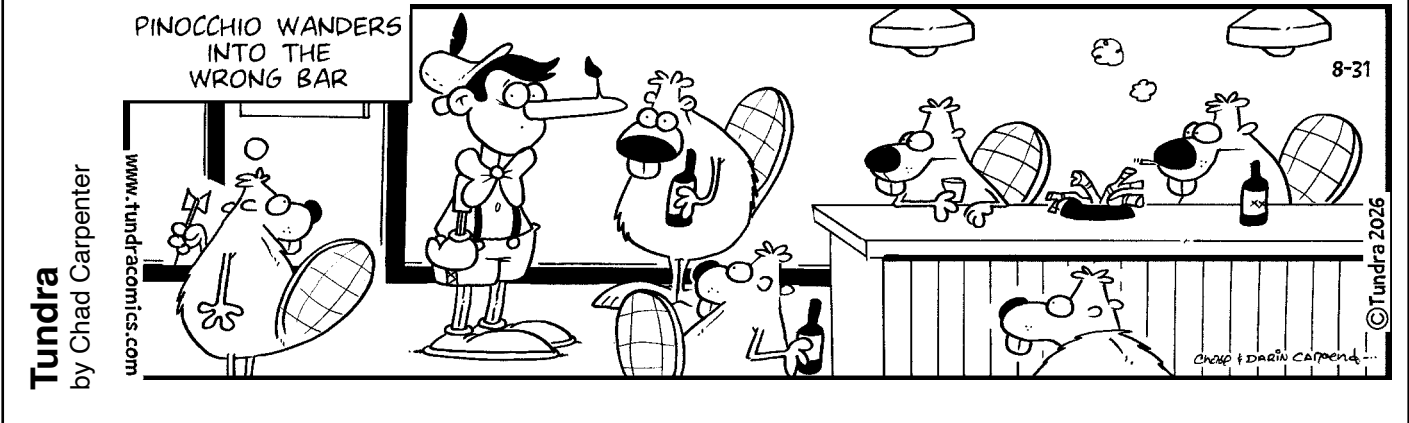
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TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Town of Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 7:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Special Permit Application for a proposed Back Lot Division of Land filed by James Arne, 232 Blackmore Pond Road, West Wareham, MA 02576 and depicted on a plan entitled, "Division Plan Of Land To Accompany Special Permit For A Back Lot Division Of Land" and dated August 12, 2026 for property located at 72 Marion Road, Rochester, MA 02770 designated as Lot 20 on Assessor's Map 6. The applicant is proposing to divide an existing lot into two separate building lots. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, during normal business hours. Arnold Johnson, Chairman 9/3, 9/10 TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 14, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Notice of Intent submitted by James G. & Jane S. Finnerty, 19 Shore View Ave., Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to add granite shot rock to base of existing masonry seawall to	reduce scout at base of wall and add rip-rap to existing wave mitigation zone at top of seawall. The project is located at 19 Shore View Avenue, and is further identified as Lot 43 on Assessor Map 12. **Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 9/3 TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 14, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the conference room at Mattapoisett Fire Station at 62 County Road on a Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by Paul & Edie Barbero. The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information. The Applicants propose to upgrade a septic system to Title 5 compliance with the installation of a septic tank, pump chamber and leaching area. The work will be performed within the within the 200' Riverfront Boundary of Swifts Brook and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone AE (El. 15) and VE (El. 17). The project will occur at 10 Old Mattapoisett Neck Road which is further identified as Lot #63 on Assessors Map #12. 9/3 TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING	The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 14, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the conference room at Mattapoisett Fire Station at 62 County Road on a Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by Michael Plante & Greta Johnson. The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information. The Applicants propose to replace a septic system leaching area. The work will be performed within the within the 100' Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. The project will occur at 4 Heritage Lane which is further identified as Lot #13A on Assessors Map #20. 9/3 TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING A public meeting of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Kevin Crimi for property located at 32 Gerrish Road, Map 43A, Lot 29E in Rochester, MA. The applicant is proposing the installation of a hot tub on top of an 8x8x3ft deck. This hearing is being held under the <i>Continued on page 42</i>



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. Registration is optional.

Join us for an evening with acclaimed author Eric Jay Dolin on **September 16** at 5:30 pm. He will discuss his 2022 publication *Rebels at Sea: Privateering in the American Revolution* and hold a Q&A with attendees. This program is supported by a grant from the Mattapoisett Cultural Council, a local agency that is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. Registration for this event is optional.

Celebrate the start of Autumn with a Fall Equinox Party at the library on **September 22** from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Join us for seasonal beverages and snacks, games, a unique fall craft, music and socializing. Patrons of all ages are welcome to celebrate with us. Please register to join the fun.

Rick Keller is offering a free community-wide collectibles appraisal event on **September 26**. Gather up all your Pokémon, sports cards, memorabilia, coins, watches, video games or consoles, comics, fine/broken jewelry, sterling silver, etc. to see if you have treasure or trash. You must register for a 10-minute time slot to participate.

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 are provided, and a librarian will guide you through the process. Teens in grades 6–12 are welcome. No registration is required.

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Children's Department Events at the Mattapoisett Library

On Saturday, **September 5**, we welcome 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. This is our last Saturday Storytime until November.

On Tuesday, **September 8**, at 10:30 am, get ready for a kid-approved culinary adventure. Little chefs will love making these cute under-the-sea graham crackers — a perfect snackivity with an ocean theme. Ages 2 and up; registration is required.

Here's a fun, calming craft, perfect for back-to-school season. Creating DIY sensory bottles is a fun and simple craft for kids, ideal for calming down and promoting inner peace. This craft will take place on Wednesday, **September 9**, at 3:30 pm. Ages 6 and up; registration is required.

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



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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 14, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the conference room of the Mattapoisett Fire Station on a Notice of Intent submitted by John Dennis Gibbons.

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

The Applicant proposes to demolish a single-family dwelling and attached garage to then construct a single-family dwelling, detached garage and in-ground swimming pool which also require associated site work.

The proposed work will be performed within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone AE (El. 16).

The project will occur at 4 Pearl Street which is further identified as Lot #252A on Assessors Map #9. 9/3

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, September 17, 2026

CASE #1595 Petition of: John D.C. Ewing & Nasira H. Ewing, 25 North Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. RE: 25 North Street, Mattapoisett. The property is further described as Plot 9, Lot 40, on the Assessor's Map. Zoning District VR. Recorded in the Plymouth Registry of Deeds, Book 52934, Page 4. The applicants seek a Special Permit to demolish the existing garage and construct a new two-car garage. The complete applications and plans, as filed, are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours.

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Sincerely,
Susan Akin, Chair
Tony Tranfaglia, Colby Rottler, Jordan Rodrigues,
Aaron Goldberg 9/3, 9/10

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A Section 5, you are hereby notified of a public hearing. The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a hearing on Monday September 21, 2026, at 7:00 pm, at the Town Hall Conference Room, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 and over zoom, to consider the following proposed amendment to the Town of Mattapoisett Zoning By-laws: to add a Cottage Community Development By-law, the draft text of which is on file with the office of the Town Clerk and the Planning Board. All persons, parties, or corporations interested therein may appear and be heard in relation thereto.

Thomas Tucker, Chair 9/3, 9/10

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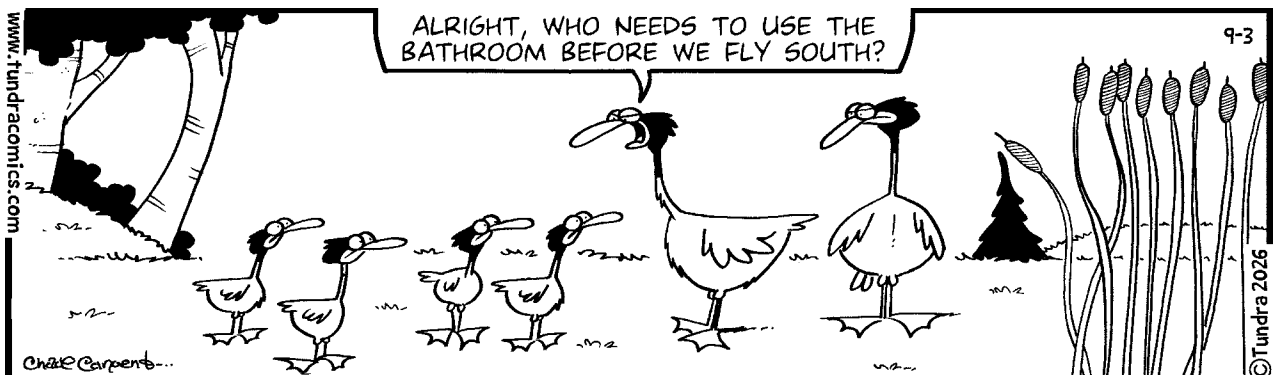
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mornings at 10:30, will start up again a week later, on **September 25**.

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.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

This article was originally intended for August, but other events got in the way. Now, to protest the Stamp Act in 1765, Boston's Sons of Liberty hanged effigies of the stamp collectors from the branches of an elm tree they dubbed the Liberty Tree. From that time on, they rallied and held meetings under the tree. A version of the Liberty Tree, the Liberty Pole, became a common site in towns throughout Massachusetts. In the current exhibit at the Museum, a tabletop-sized replica of the 45-foot one stands near the original meetinghouse.

The first Liberty Tree was an American elm. Beginning in colonial times, elm trees were planted along the streets and commons of New England. Their leafy branches were the most common in the colony and later throughout America until the 1930s. Dutch Elm Disease entered the country on European logs. Spreading through the United States, it killed 50% of the country's elm trees.

The Elm Research Institute, a nonprofit, was established to do the research needed to develop disease-resistant elm trees. They succeeded and created the American Liberty Elm. This is the only American elm that has been street-proven and comes with a lifetime





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MAC: A Fresh Slate of Classes for Fall

The Marion Art Center (MAC) has scheduled an exciting new slate of fall classes for both children and adults.

Adult Classes

Fundamentals of Drawing — A new class at the MAC, instructor Patty White returns with a course for adults who want to learn drawing fundamentals in an encouraging environment. During the eight-week session, participants will work on paper using pencil or ink and cover topics such as basic mark-making, line, value, volume, perspective, and texture. Ample time is provided for in-class studio practice, drawing still life, florals, manufactured items, the human face and figure, or nature. This course suits both beginners and more experienced students. The eight-week Fall Session 1 runs Tuesdays, **September 8 through November 3** (with no class on October 6) from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. The course



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is \$215 for MAC members and \$255 for nonmembers. More information and registration are available at marionartcenter.org/adult-classes.

Six-Week Acting Class: Scene Study for Adults

— The new acting class is geared toward those curious about standing on stage or returning to acting after other paths. The class offers a chance to explore acting in a supportive environment with experienced instructors guiding participants. Actors will dissect classic texts or scenes from modern plays, dust off their funny bone with theater games, and explore acting fundamentals. Participants will practice reading texts, character analysis, voice work and more. Whether preparing for an audition at the MAC or elsewhere, or trying something new, all are welcome. The Fall Session 1 runs Wednesdays, **September 23 through November 4** (with no class on October 14) from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the MAC's Patsy Francis Gallery, upstairs at the MAC, 80 Pleasant St., Marion. The cost is \$195 for MAC members and \$225 for nonmembers. More information and registration are available at marionartcenter.org/adult-classes.

Weaving on a Rigid Heddle Loom — Lisa Elliott returns to the MAC to teach weaving or help students refine their techniques. Over five weeks, students will create and take home a woven project. They will weave one of the following: a scarf, table runner, set of placemats or set of tea towels. Looms and weaving equipment are provided for a \$10 fee, but students may bring their own rigid heddle loom. Classes are held Thursdays, **September 11 through October 9**, from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the MAC Studio. The five-week class costs \$150 for MAC members and \$160 for nonmembers. More information and registration can be found at marionartcenter.org/adult-classes.

Improv Workshop — The popular Improv Workshop is back for one night only. Garrett Olson and Jess Ellis-Wilson will conduct the workshop on **October 2**, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, at the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater. This course is a basic introduction to improvisation. Coursework includes beginner games and exercises exploring awareness, relaxation, observation, the senses, voice and physicality. Students should dress

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comfortably and be ready to move during class because anything can happen in improv. Students are encouraged to bring any questions about improvisation. The cost is \$40 for MAC members and \$50 for nonmembers. More information and registration are at marionartcenter.org/adult-classes.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging

♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Mikhaylova in this easy, relaxing silk painting workshop. At the end, students will take home their own work. Instead of complex techniques, students will observe how paint moves on fabric using various application methods. The workshop is Saturday, **October 3**, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in the MAC Studio. The cost is \$60 for MAC members and \$75 for nonmembers. All materials will be provided. The workshop is limited to a small group —more information and registration at marionartcenter.org/adult-classes.

All Levels Watercolor Painting for Adults — Instructor Jay Ryan continues at the MAC with a new autumn schedule. His course suits those with some painting experience and is a perfect next step for those wanting to explore watercolor beyond basic color and brush strokes. In each class, students will start a new painting together using landscape, still life, figure, abstract or imaginative, or narrative subjects. At the end, there will be a brief, supportive group critique. Students will leave with expanded knowledge of technique and traditional and contemporary watercolor uses. Ryan offers a two-hour Thursday session from 10 a.m. to noon in the MAC Studio, and a three-hour Friday session from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The eight-week session begins **September 10/11 and runs through October 29/30**. The two-hour Thursday session costs \$215 for MAC members and \$255 for nonmembers. The three-hour expanded Friday session costs \$320 for MAC members and \$365 for nonmembers. Drop-ins are also welcome, at \$35 to \$50 per day — more information and registration at marionartcenter.org/adult-classes.

Children's Classes

Early Release/Half-Day Camp (Ages 6–12) — The MAC's half-day camps are special, one-time themed sessions for students released early from school. Children will be walked over from Sippican School and then enjoy time in the MAC Studio. On Friday, **October 9**, from 12:20 pm to 3:00 pm., the focus is Wild Art. Campers will explore the animal kingdom through paint, clay, collage and more. Each project is inspired by a different creature and introduces a new art technique, from texture-making to color mixing. No art experience is needed, just a love

of critters and a willingness to get messy. The cost is \$75 for MAC members and \$85 for nonmembers. More information is at marionartcenter.org/art-lab.

MAC Dance Academy (Ages 2.5–9) — MAC Dance Academy is a classically taught dance studio that fosters individuality and fun for children ages 2.5 to 9. These two relaxed programs provide instruction in ballet, tap and jazz, with touches of contemporary, hip-hop and gymnastics, all in a safe, fun environment. Registration for fall classes is now open.

Preschool/Kinderstep Dance (Ages 2.5–5) — This class is a joyful introduction to ballet, tap and basic tumbling, with a strong focus on movement and music. It is designed to be exploratory and fun, giving young dancers freedom to express themselves, whether following along or dancing to their own beat. The cost per 12-week session is \$225 for MAC members and \$260 for nonmembers.

Elementary Dance/Tumbling (Ages 5–9) — This class suits children ready to explore ballet and tap and build basic tumbling skills in a structured yet fun environment. Teachers provide classical dance instruction paired with games and creative activities to keep young dancers engaged and excited. The cost per 12-week session is \$290 for MAC members and \$330 for nonmembers. More information and registration at marionartcenter.org/mac-dance-academy/.

Art in the Afternoon: The Maker Club (Ages 6–12) — In this hands-on art club, kids will have access to a wide variety of arts and crafts materials, tools and textures each week. From paint and paper to recycled bits, fabric, wire and more, every session is an invitation to explore, invent and make something uniquely their own. With creative prompts to spark ideas and a supportive instructor to guide their process, students are free to experiment, tinker and express themselves in a relaxed, imaginative environment. Whether building, drawing, gluing or sculpting, Maker Club is about the joy of creating without pressure, where the process matters more than the final product. It is perfect for curious minds who love to explore and make art their own way. Fall Session 1 sessions are **September 11, 18, 25, October 2**,

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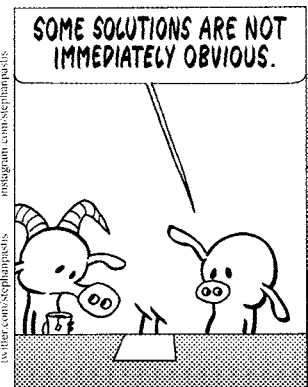
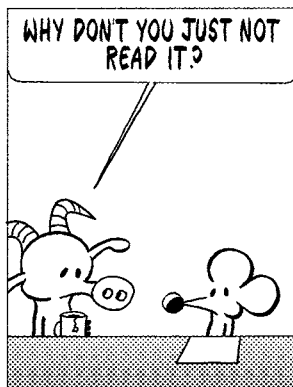
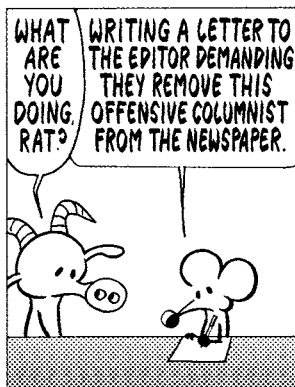
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



16 and 23. There are two options: a one-hour session or a 1.5-hour session after school. The longer option allows an extra half hour for creation and exploration and more time for guardians to arrive for pickup. The one-hour option runs from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the MAC Studio and is \$155 for MAC members and \$185 for nonmembers. The 1.5-hour option runs from 3:00 to 4:30 pm and is \$235 for MAC members and \$275 for nonmembers. More information and registration are available at marionartcenter.org/art-lab.

September Rochester Historical Society Events

There will be two events this month. The first is our Wednesday meeting on **September 16** at 7:00 pm at the Historical Society Museum, 355 County Rd. After a short meeting, there will be a program: How does a small family-owned cranberry grower survive today?

Anyone arriving at 6:30 pm will have a chance to view the current exhibit, supported by the Rochester, Mattapoissett and Marion Cultural Councils, local agencies, and the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. The exhibit can also be visited by appointment by calling Connie at 617-750-2818.

Also, on **September 26** from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, we will be joining the Rochester Historical Commission and others at the COA Block Party to celebrate Good Neighbor Day and America's 250th. Come visit our booth and play our early American games and win some prizes. All ages welcome.

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If you are not yet a member, you can join the Friends of the Mattapoissett 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.

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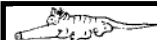


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Friday	September 4	1:48	2:17	6:56	9:14
Saturday	September 5	2:50	3:22	8:08	10:48
Sunday	September 6	3:56	4:33	9:35	11:45
Monday	September 7	5:05	5:42	10:59	
Tuesday	September 8	6:08	6:40	12:32	12:04
Wednesday	September 9	7:03	7:31	1:12	12:57
Thursday	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
Monday	September 14	10:53	11:12	3:54	4:36
Tuesday	September 15	11:38	11:58	4:29	5:14
Wednesday	September 16		12:25	5:06	5:56
Thursday	September 17	12:46	1:14	5:47	6:47
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Saturday	September 19	2:27	2:58	7:40	9:47
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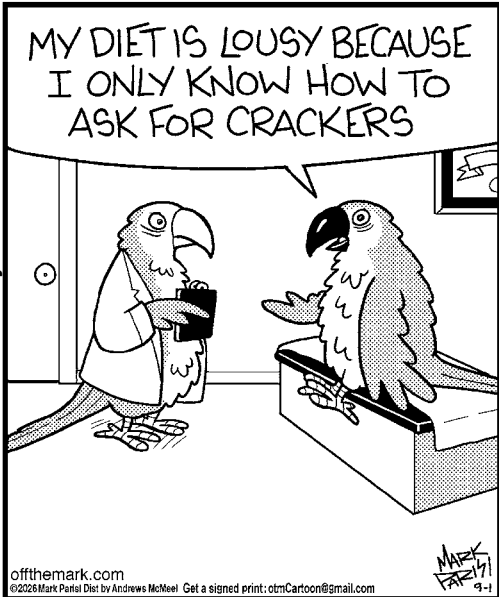
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Sudoku Answer

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8	1	6	4	3	2	5	9	7
7	8	1	6	4	5	3	2	9
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Deli Sliced
Boar's Head Oven Gold Turkey **\$14.99 lb**

Deli Sliced, Vermont
Boar's Head Cheddar Cheese **\$8.99 lb**

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Packaged Greek Pasta Salad **\$10.99 lb**

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Packaged Beet & Onion Salad **\$10.99 lb**

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

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Made Loaded Baked Potato Salad **\$9.99 lb**

4 oz. Pkg. Blueberry Lemon
Vermont Creamery Goat Cheese **\$4.99**

12 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety
Boar's Head Greek Yogurt Dip **2/\$8**

8 oz. Pkg.
Boar's Head Havarti with Dill **\$5.99**

Ready to Serve
Allen's Rotisserie Chicken **\$9.99 ea**

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SALE EFFECTIVE: Friday, September 4 to Thursday, September 10, 2026

BLOCKBUSTER SAVINGS!

Certified Black Angus
**Friends'
Premium
Flank Steak**
\$15⁹⁹
lb



8.9-12 oz.
Selected Variety
**General Mills
Cereal**
\$3⁹⁹



16-32 oz. Selected Variety
**Vlasic
Pickles**
2/\$6



52-64 oz.
Selected Variety
**Lactaid
Milk**
\$3⁹⁹



SPIRITS

Summer
Sale!

1.75 Liter **\$29⁹⁹**
Titos Vodka
1.75 Liter **\$19⁹⁹**
Smirnoff Vodka
1.75 Liter **\$24⁹⁹**
Bacardi Rum
750 ml. **\$24⁹⁹**
Jose Cuervo Silver Tequila

32 oz. Selected Variety
**Brigham's
Ice Cream**
\$2⁹⁹



QUALITY PRODUCE



Seedless
Green Grapes **\$2⁹⁹**
lb

Fresh
Pomegranates **\$2⁹⁹**
ea

12 oz. Pkg.
Pero Family Farms
Snipped Green Beans **\$2⁴⁹**

Fresh
Beefsteak Tomatoes **\$1⁹⁹**
lb

Crisp
Iceberg Lettuce **\$1⁹⁹**
ea

2 lb. Pkg.
Yellow Onions **\$1⁹⁹**



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