



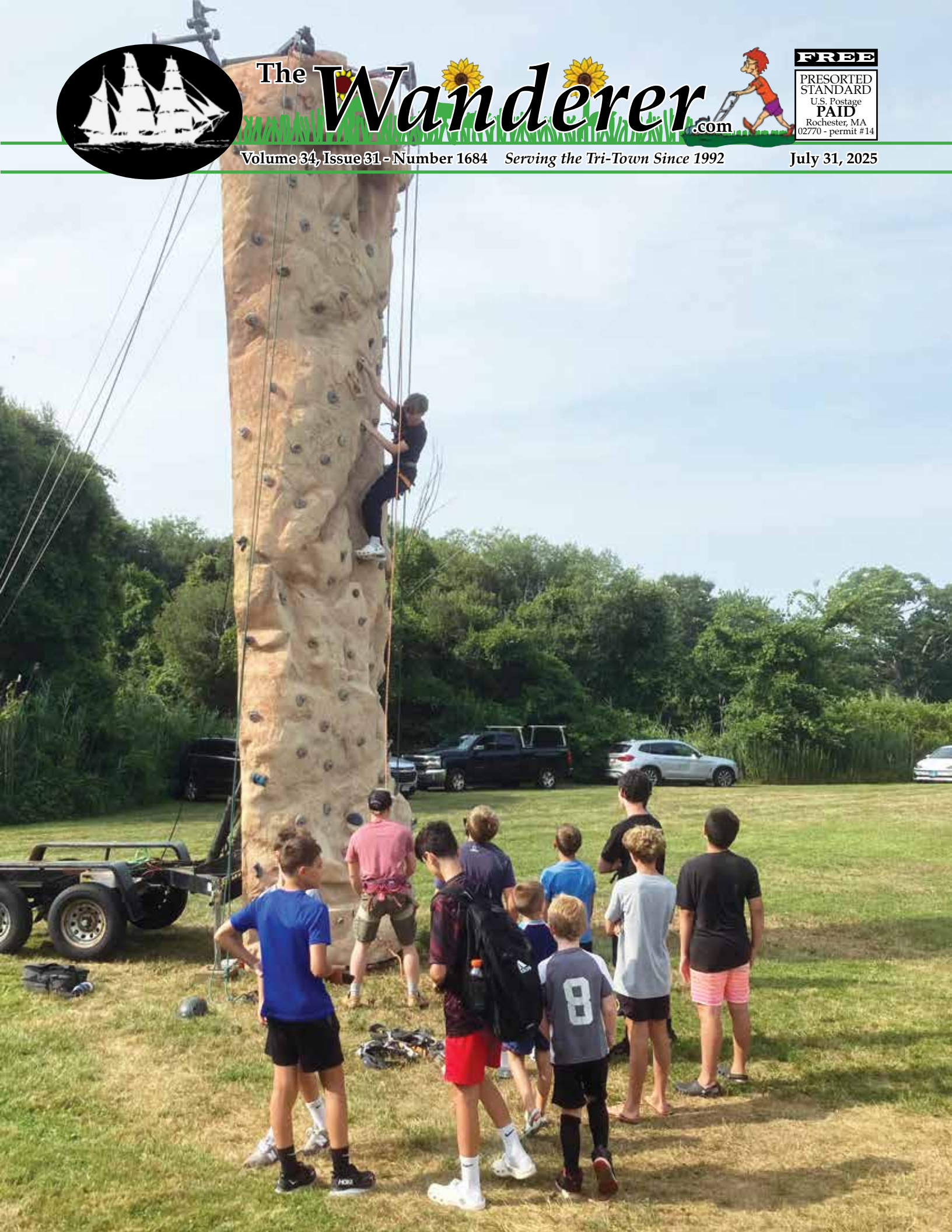
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The Marion Town Party Returns!

Marion 2025 Town Party

By Sam Bishop

Marion's 2025 Town Party was held at Silvershell Beach on Saturday, July 24. In the midst of days with soaring temperatures, heat advisories and sporadic rainfall, the weekend was comparably "mild," though still sunny and warm.

Donna Hemphill, executive assistant to the town administrator and Town Party organizer, stated at earlier town and Select Board meetings her intention to move the Town Party earlier in the summer as to avoid mosquito-borne disease season. Last year, the 2024 Town Party was cancelled for this reason.

There were dozens of tents set up from local vendors, sponsors, and volunteers. Toe Jam Puppet Band's Vinny Lovegrove



was present, with his famous bubbles soaring through the air for kids to hunt down and eliminate. Various inflatable attractions were set up, like a ball-throwing game and axe-throwing (minus real axes). The painting tent was a hit, with kids getting face paint or decals on their hands.

For food, there was plenty. Popcorn, pizza, hamburgers, hot dogs, chowder, and other seafood delicacies. All food was given out by volunteers, town locals, and Marion Fire/EMS members. Speaking of the Marion Fire Department, Engine 266 made an appearance alongside some of the department's other vehicles.

On the Cover: The Marion Town Party was held on Saturday, July 26 at Silvershell Beach. All were welcome in celebrating a joyous but hot summer. Activities ranged from rock climbing, cornhole, and facepainting to inflatable baseball, basketball, and axe throwing. Popcorn popped and hamburgers and hot dogs sizzled on the grill. Photo by Shawn Sweet

'On Your Mark... Get Set...'

Mattapoissett Lions Club Triathlon

By Sam Bishop

The morning of Sunday, July 27 was the return of this year's Mattapoissett Triathlon, hosted by the Mattapoissett Lions Club. There were over 100 different participants, with some competing in just one leg of the event and many in all three.

Athletes began arriving just after sunrise, with the race beginning at 8:00 am and the 0.25-mile swim from Town Beach. Next was the 10-mile bike ride through town and way north up to the turnaround on Long Plain Road. Finally, the 5K run took competitors to Ned's Point and back down Water Street to the finish line.

For final placement, Tyler Wright (Bib #208; Male age 20-24 division) was first across the line and won for men in the end with a total time of 52:26. Emily Cluck (Bib #224; Division: F25-29) won for women with a time of 1:00:04.

In individual segments, for swimming, Tyler Rocca (Bib #272; Division: M30-34) led for men with a

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time of 4:30. Emily Cluck led for women with at time of 5:14.

For biking, Marvin Wang (Bib #228; Division: M55-59) led for men with a time of 26:08. Christine Monaghan (Bib #188; Division: F45-49) led for women with a time of 28:49.

Finally, for the run, Tyler Wright led with a time of 17:45 for men. Olivia Siegal (Bib #266; Division: M25-29) led for women with a time of 20:09.

2025 Keel Awards

The Wanderer is pleased to announce that we are soliciting nominations for our 31st annual "Wanderer Keel Awards." The yearly community service honor, presented to one Tri-Town resident from each of the three central towns in our circulation area, will be announced in our August 28 edition, and each winner will be the subject of a short feature highlighting his/her contributions to the local community. But *The Wanderer* needs your help in selecting these "unsung heroes."

The requirements are simple. Nominees must be legal residents for at least five years of Mattapoissett, Marion, or Rochester and must have contributed in some way to the overall benefit of the community - directly to town residents, indirectly through efforts in promoting town activities, or working to keep the wheels of local government well oiled. The only restriction is that these persons cannot benefit from their efforts in any other way - either financially or politically (hence, sitting elected officials are not eligible).

In doing this, we hope to applaud those who are rarely recognized for their countless hours of service and focus on the many people behind the scenes who remain otherwise anonymous, but who provide crucial support to many town functions.

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Please send the name, address, and telephone number of recommended nominees, along with a brief description of their key contributions to the community

and why you feel they are deserving of this honor to: news@wanderer.com, or via mail, Keel Award, *The Wanderer*, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, **August 22**, by 3:00 pm.

Gardening with Compassion

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

As many lawns begin to fry, there isn't much you can do to reverse it so take time out to think about what is really important in our communion with nature. Is it just about having a lush green lawn and perfectly balanced borders? We all seek perfection, but the bigger picture deserves consideration.

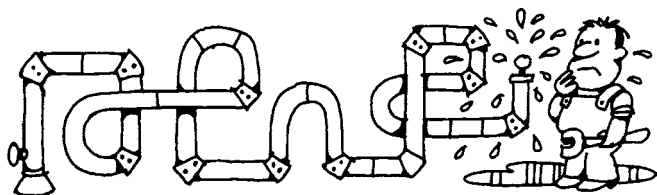
This column is not so much about achieving perfection as it is about working in concert with nature and considering what truly matters in our garden endeavors. With Earth facing rapid loss of species and biologists warning about a "Sixth Extinction," we tenants of the land should think how we might make a difference.

We can contribute to a healthier global ecosystem by reducing chemical usage and allowing for natural biodiversity in our garden. This means tolerating "scruffy" elements like lichen, moss, and toadstools, which are often seen as undesirable but contribute to ecological health. By shifting away from a focus on perfect lawns and towards a more naturalistic approach,

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homeowners can create habitats that support a wider range of species and reduce their environmental footprint.

Extinction rates are up due to human behavior that has spilled over into changes in atmospheric conditions, habitat fragmentation, pollution, overfishing and overhunting, according to conservationists. So how can the average homeowner/gardener modify his behavior toward a healthy global ecosystem?

While the big agribusinesses and over development are culpable, we gardeners share in some of the blame, turning our lawns into monocultures, applying chemicals to repel weeds and being fussy about overall tidiness.

We're appalled too often by things that are normal



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out there: lichen and moss, toadstools and anything that is suggestive of “unkempt.”

But scruffy can be beautiful. Recent walks in Paris’ Tuileries Garden and London’s Hyde Park, seeing areas left *au naturel* enlightened me about how I might proceed toward a more bio-conservative mode of gardening back home. There are large tracts of lawn left unmown, intentionally to encourage wildlife and



diversity at many levels.

So how does the average home gardener adapt this practice to their own plot? I’m going to hand down some advice from the late Nigel Colborn, garden writer and a former presenter on BBC’s Gardeners World. It was

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his belief that the beauty and ease of a more hands-off garden is the preferred way. Here are 10 of his suggestions for making your garden naturally diverse but still beautiful:

1. *Cut* your hedges only between August and February to reduce disturbance to nesting birds.
2. *Adjoining* gardens make wildlife corridors, but only if creatures have easy access. Alter fencing so hedgehogs and other animals can move freely.
3. *Weed free*, fertilized lawns are sterile monocultures. So, tolerate daisies and make part of your lawn a flower meadow (see plantwild.co.uk).
4. *Water* features enhance wildlife. Even a tiny pond benefits amphibians, bees, mammals and birds, as

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6. *Grow* pollinator plants for all seasons. Include crocuses and snowdrops for late winter; primulas and wallflowers for spring; lavenders, verbenas, buddleia for summer; and penstemons, perennial asters and single-flowered dahlias for autumn.

7. *Provide* nesting habitats. Nest boxes are great, but thick hedges, ivy-clad tree trunks or log piles are just as good.

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9. *Make* your parking space dual purpose. Vegetation attracts other life, so floor your parking area with porous material or gravel and plant up the parts where wheels won't squash. Tire resilient greenery cools in summer and can look more attractive than bare paving.

10. *Above* all, never despise a scruffy garden. Tolerate uninvited plants and encourage alchemilla, violets and sedums to grow in paving cracks. Destroy the worst weeds: bindweed, docks, ground elder. Smile on scarlet pimpernel, cuckoo flower, field poppy or wild cranesbills.

I've never been one for the perfectly manicured exhibition-style garden. Right now, it's a little too Miss Havisham for me, having not really spent much time in it due to being away this summer. Which led to the comment of one visitor: "You do realize it's organized chaos." To her I say, "thank you," and I hear the reverberating echo from the natural world.

"A lawn is nature under totalitarian rule." – Michael Pollan.

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This Week In Revolutionary History...

By Sam Bishop

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discuss what was going on 250 years ago in and around the colonial Province of Massachusetts Bay. The best way to figure out what was going on was to read Washington's papers and General Orders of the time period, as there was daily correspondence and orders put out to his officers and troops. Still, Washington's focus is on organizing and funding the newly formed Continental Army, with himself recently being granted the position Commander in Chief by the Continental Congress in Philadelphia.

On July 22, Washington issues his General Orders for the day with a focus on dividing up the army into divisions and brigades. The army had been divided into three divisions, each made up of two brigades. In tandem with this, his General Orders for the following day had focused on uniforms and a way to differentiate these new divisions.

On July 24, Washington's orders state he is "expressly forbidding all Officers and Soldiers, from quitting their Guard before they are regularly relieved." To ward against those leaving their posts and the ever-present threat of low morale and desertion. At this time, John Hancock sits as President of the Continental Congress and is in constant talks with the Commander. Hancock responds to each of Washington's concerns one-at-a-time, and assures Washington supplies are on the way, as well as saying the congress is working on mustering funds. In support of Washington's plan to

mark troops with colored cloth, Hancock recommends, "It is agreed that tow cloth will be most proper for hunting shirts, & of this the Congress are informed a sufficient quantity may be obtained in Rhode island and Connecticut. It is expected you will give orders for purchasing there the quantity necessary."

In the next few days, still worrying over funding, Washington states it is worrying some soldiers are re- or double- enlisting to accrue multiple bonuses. For this, he threatens Court Martial.

Finally, we have action from the other side. Following the sending of his General Orders, Washington sends warning to Rhode Island Deputy Governor Nicholas Cooke. The general states he has witnessed "three Men of War and Nine Transports" departing Boston and heading "E.S.E" or east-southeast. He warns the state representative to prepare the coast for assault. He would also warn Hancock and the congress of this development. It was at this time Washington appointed John Trumbull Jr. his esquire. Trunbull was the son of Connecticut's Governor at the time.

Washington would write to his younger brother, John Augustine Washington on July 27, again stating his (general) liking of New England. He would say the land is "a great deal of delightful country, covered with grass (although the Season has been dry) in a very different manner to what our Lands in Virginia are. I found a mixed multitude of People here, under very little



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With the siege underway and the general still struggling to get a grip on his troops and information regarding such, his General Orders for July 28 are short and targeting. By name, he calls out the surgeons of 5 regiments, demanding they send him information on soldier health status, saying they have "neglected to deliver in the returns of the sick of their respective regiments."

At this time, he is coming down hard on punishments following military trials: lashes for thievery. At the same time, Washington has received information from a Boston grocery, John Carnes, and the possibility of smuggling information out of the city. His web of

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spies grows, though he is in constant worry of where the detachment of British ships and troops is going. Rhode Island? New York?

What's Up There?

Astronomy Update for August

By Sam Bishop

We are well past the halfway point of 2025. So far, there's been a good number of cosmic events to gaze up at. There are many more in the months ahead as well.

On August 1, the moon reaches its "apogee," meaning it is at its furthest distance from Earth in its orbit. Also during the early parts of the month, both Venus and Jupiter will be near each other in the sky and be visible early in the morning, around 4:00 am~. Saturn will be visible come sunset, however. There will be a 6-planet alignment on August 10: Mercury-Jupiter-Venus-Uranus-Neptune-Saturn-and the moon. Again, Jupiter and Venus will almost be "touching" with their proximity. Most planets will be visible to the naked eye, though all with a powerful-enough telescope.

Ongoing is the Perseid Meteor Shower, which will peak on Tuesday, August 12. At its peak, it will produce about one meteor-per-minute. The meteors are a result of the comet Swift-Tuttle, being discovered at the same time by two astronomers (two Americans, Lewis Swift and Horace Parnell Tuttle) in 1862. The comet last passed the sun in 1995, and we are now receiving some debris from its tail.

August's full moon is on August 9. It is known as the "Sturgeon Moon" due to the fish's prevalence at this time of year in the Great Lakes region. It also has various crop-related names, such as the "Green Corn" or "Grain" moon.

August 19 is the date of Mercury's "greatest elongation," making it the best time to see the normally-difficult to spot dot. The temperature of the surface sits comfortably between -290-degrees and 800-degrees Fahrenheit, depending on light/dark side.

August 23 is this month's full moon. The moon will be below the horizon, making perfect conditions for a dark sky and star watching.

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Tuberculosis? Didn't that Disappear in the Last Century?

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

Tuberculosis, commonly known as TB, is one of the oldest known infectious diseases, having been found in Egyptian mummies from 3000 BC.

In 17th and 18th century Europe it was known as "consumption," and was commonly depicted in literature and opera. Marguerite, the heroine of the novel *The Lady of the Camellias* and the opera *La Traviata* dies of TB, as do Fantine in *Les Misérables* and Mimi in *La Bohème*.

Only in 1882 did Robert Koch discover *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, the bacterium that causes TB.

While TB was widespread in the US until well into the early 20th century, cases are now much less common. TB is very much a disease of poverty and crowding, and economically advanced countries see much less of it.

In the last few years, cases have been rising. There were about 8200 reported cases of TB in the US in 2022, 9600 in 2023 and 10,300 in 2024. Most of these occurred

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in immigrants, and most represented reactivation of old infections when the person's immunity dropped.

Worldwide it is a different story. TB is the most common infectious cause of death in the world. In 2023, an estimated 11 million people fell ill with TB and 1.3 million died. TB is very common in southern Africa and central Asia and is a major health problem in India and China.

The best preventive measure, as with most infectious diseases, is vaccination. BCG vaccine (*Bacillus Calmette-Guerin*) was developed in 1921 and is particularly helpful for children, preventing the worst forms of TB. It is less effective in preventing pulmonary (lung) infection, which is by far the most common form of

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Once given universally, BCG vaccine is now routinely used only in Ireland and Portugal among affluent countries and is not commercially available in the US or most western countries. It is routinely given to newborns in much of Asia, southern Africa and South America.

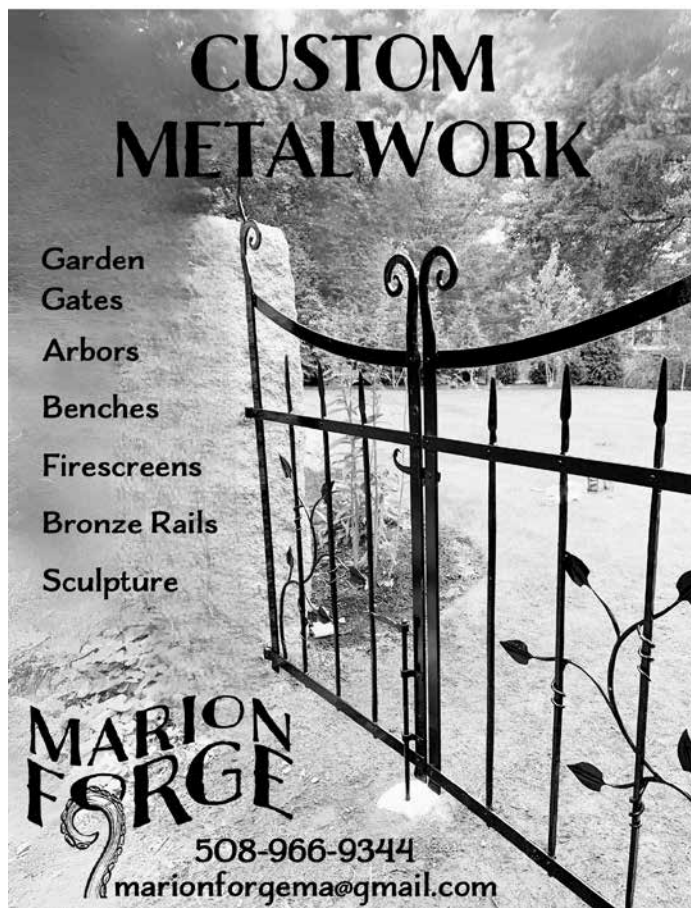
You can still get TB, a highly transmissible illness from someone who has it in their lungs and is coughing. While you are unlikely to catch it in normal tourist sites even in high-incidence countries, it does happen.

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So, forgotten but not gone. As the cuts in USAID funds for disease prevention take hold, there will be a lot more TB, and some of it will hit our shores.

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

'Sign Fairy' Does Not Hold Water

By Michael J. DeCicco

Boaters and residents along Rochester's Snipatuit Pond are on notice to not take seriously posted warnings of fines for revving powerboat motors on the town's recreational waterway.

The Rochester Police Department recently posted on its Facebook page a disclaimer to the signs that state there is a new Massachusetts law in effect as of July 7 at Snipatuit Pond, imposing a 25-horsepower limit for boats on the pond and "no power loading." Another of these signs read "Smile You're on Camera... No Littering... License Plates Are Being Recorded... Do Better... We Are Watching."

The department responds that the signs have been circulated by an unknown "sign fairy," noting that usage of official logos on the signs indicating the backing of the Buzzards Bay Coalition, the Environmental Police and Rochester Police is not authorized.

"The Rochester Police Department did not make, post, or endorse these signs," the Facebook post reads. "Our signs would be way better. We're not watching your every move like Bigfoot in the bushes. We're not issuing \$500 fines for fictional boating crimes. There is currently NO 25-horsepower limit in effect at Snipatuit Pond."

Rochester Police Chief Michael Assad, Jr. said the town has collected all the signs, a total of four of them. The larger point is the confusing effect they may have left behind in people's minds. Yes, the department wants to keep the community clean. But Assad wants residents to know "we didn't post them," he said. "And none of the agencies with logos on the posting have said they authorized them, our Police Department, the Buzzards Bay Coalition, the Environmental Police."

While there is an active investigation to find the "Poster Fairy," Assad said that person won't necessarily

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be charged or fined. "We'll talk to them and educate them, tell them they can't post something if it's not authorized," he said. "If property was damaged, we could charge them. But we don't want to charge them if it's not warranted."

"We do not know who posted them," Conservation Agent Merilee Kelly elaborated, "but we know from the people who have called us and contacted the agencies with their logos on the posters that these agencies had nothing to do with them. The Massachusetts Department of Fisheries doesn't even post on regulations."

She said it was quickly determined to be a hoax. "So, we took them down," she said. "It was the boaters that saw the signs and called us, called a lot of places around town about this."

Owner Escapes Capsized Canoe

On Monday, the Rochester Fire Department responded to a canoe capsized with debris in the water on Snipatuit Pond in the area of the Bishop Road Beach.

The Rochester Fire and Police departments arrived and located the canoe and a paddle and cooler floating in the water. Rochester Police deployed its Drone and obtained an aerial view of the canoe, debris and surrounding area along the shoreline and the island. No one was found in the water. Rochester Fire deployed its boat, Marine 1, and recovered the canoe and its contents a short time later.

The owner informed responders that the canoe had tipped, and he swam to shore. The owner of the canoe did not report any injuries.



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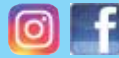
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Mattapoisett Land Trust Receives Donations

Mattapoisett Select Board

By Marilou Newell

On July 29, the Mattapoisett Select Board met with members of local families who have donated land. Three parcels are to be given to the Mattapoisett Land Trust for the purpose of having those lands conserved in perpetuity.

Mike Huguenin, president of the Mattapoisett Land Trust, noted that the Lenk and Kenney properties being donated constitute 11.9 acres that will be conserved. The land lies along the east bank of the tidal river south of Route 6 and is predominantly salt marsh and a coastal adaptation area. He said roughly half of the mapped space is priority habitat. The conservation restriction will be held by the Buzzards Bay Coalition. There is no public access. The property owners will continue to occupy their homes at the site.

Other lands slated to be donated are located in the Strawberry Point area. This includes 26.1 acres. The conservation restriction will be held by the Buzzards Bay Coalition. The area is surrounded by salt marsh and cobble beach. All the area is mapped as priority habitat

it was noted, and public access is by boat or via town land located at the end of Cove Street. The conservation restriction will be held by the Buzzards Bay Coalition.

The board moved to sign the conservation restrictions and await state approval on a third location.

In other business, the Recreation Director received Special Municipal Employee status as did the Tree Warden. This status grants the employees' staff positions as well as other positions concurrently.

The board met with Eversource in a public meeting to approve the installation of 63 feet of underground conduit located at Lane. Electric service to new homes in that area will be provided. The request was approved.

A question regarding the possibility of erecting "NO PARKING" signs along Reservation Road prompted by a resident was discussed. The question will be further explored with the Public Safety Officer. Also to be reviewed is a request for parking at the Barstow Beach pier during yacht races. The board felt that weekdays would likely not be an issue whereas weekends would be problematic for beachgoers wishing to use the town beach.

The board welcomed Zachary Ribas as a civilian EMT/Paramedic via an appointment to the department.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board is planned for August 12.



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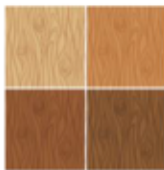
Marion Zoning Board of Appeals

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

Some neighbors had concerns about a construction company once used by applicant David Pina to build a single-family home on Point Road. However, at a July 24 public hearing, the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals granted Pina a Variance and said some of those issues are not within the board's jurisdiction.

The hearing took place at the police station conference room and was the only item on the ZBA's agenda.

Pina has 11 acres on Point Road, but the property in question does not meet frontage requirements and




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he needed a variance from the ZBA, which was granted unanimously. The property has been in Pina's family for generations, and neighbors noted that David Pina has been a good resident in town, donating to different organizations.

Neighbor Kimberly Branco also noted the latter but added that Pina once hired a construction company to do renovations on a property nearby. She said the construction company was hostile toward neighbors, damaged her driveway and did not repair the damage. She said debris was not cleaned up properly and some was left in the middle of the road where cars were damaged. She also said that Pina has proposed an access roadway that will likely cross her property line, as well as create more traffic where kids often play.

Branco and others also raised concerns about the property's proximity to cranberry bogs and other conservation land. Pina's attorney Thomas Ryan said the access road would be a utility easement and is designed to mitigate any boundary issues with neighbors.

Ryan noted how the Pina property was in the family for generations and might be grandfathered from some of the new zoning restrictions. He said he and Pina could not dispute the altercations between a construction company and the neighbors.

Pina noted that he has spoken to the neighbors about some of those issues and said that, once the variance is granted, those disputes will not happen again.

Pina said the access road will not be close to the nearby conservation area or the cranberry bogs.

Building Commissioner Bob Grillo disputed whether the property is grandfathered.

"It is a gray area," he said, adding that only an attorney could make that determination.

Grillo warned the ZBA against placing restrictions on the project based on issues between neighbors and an outside construction company once utilized by Pina.

"It is not in our purview," Grillo said. "That is not our position."

The Planning Board and Conservation Commission recently weighed in on the project and had no issue with Pina's proposal. The Board of Health still must weigh in on Pina's sewer tie-in plan.

A vote of the membership supported Cindy Callow remaining as ZBA chair for another term.

The next meeting of the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals was not announced upon adjournment.

Chair Explains ConCom's Scope

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

On July 28, the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission heard a Request for Determination of Applicability filing by Chapman Dickerson. He was requesting permission to remove two clumps of trees adjacent to the edge of the Mattapoisett River as it flows past River Road. However, an abutter, Kenneth Rocha of Kyla Way, called the project a "desecration of the scenic way."

After Rocha voiced his dislike of the project, he was told by Chairman Mike King that a separate, Notice of Intent filing is planned and that the NOI filing would cover the design of the proposed solar array near the edge of the river.

Rocha expressed his concerns over the appearance of the array in a "historic" location. "I'm just concerned about the number of items and things that are being installed on their property, in a wetland critical habitat area," he said. Rocha referenced an inground pool

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but was cut off by King who said, "hear me out, anything that's been installed on their property that's required to have a filing has had a filing and has had a public hearing." Rocha responded, "What I'm saying to you is I don't think in an aesthetic area like that where's a critical habitat with critical issues in that area." King retorted, "You're entitled to your opinion, but that's not the Wetlands Protection Act. We only follow what we follow, Sir."

Rocha replied, "I believe in preservation of the river's edge. I believe in the aesthetic look of the river's edge, and it's a historic bridge that goes over there. To me it's something that should be preserved and not have visual array of solar panels or cell towers. ... The board has the obligation to protect all of River Road."

King stated, "frankly speaking, Sir, our obligation is to administer the Wetlands Protection Act on behalf of the citizens of the town, and that's our only obligation. We're volunteers for that, and if a project is presented to us that meets the performance standards of the Wetlands Protection Act, then we allow property owners to do those projects that meet those performance standards." King said the project before the commission met necessary standards and that Rocha could appeal the commission's decision.

The filing received a Negative (Box 2) decision that grants the request.

In other business on this night, a RDA filed

by Randolph Alexander of 7 Wolf Island Road for the replacement of a timber bridge over a perennial stream received a Negative (Box 2) decision.

A new Notice of Intent filing by Joseph and Shanleigh Heelan, 0 Harbor Acres Lane, was conditioned for the construction of a new single-family dwelling.

A NOI filed by NSTAR/Eversource for the construction of new overhead power lines at the Crystal Springs solar array was again continued. In question is the status of two vernal pools. The utility has an easement, but questions around whether or not the private-property owners have granted easements remained an open question. The commission was otherwise satisfied with the project as presented. The filing was continued.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, August 11, at 6:30 pm in Town Hall.

July 3 Storm Leaves Costly Repairs

Rochester Park Commission

By Michael J. DeCicco

Important structural roof tiles are missing from the Dexter Lane ball field dugout shelter after the brief but destructive thunderstorm that hit Rochester on July 3. But the town might find it unusually expensive to repair and replace the tiles, according to Facilities Manager Andrew Daniel, who indicated they are less available than usual for these types of projects.



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The Rochester Park Commission met briefly on July 24 to discuss progress on its list of maintenance items, and this became the main topic of concern. Commission Chair David Sylvia said Daniel is becoming too busy to assist the Park Department with this type of maintenance because of his other work for the town.

Sylvia said he will now have to find an outside contractor for this work and will have to pay that person's prevailing wage. It was said this will be more expensive than if Daniel had handled this work. Prevailing wage varies by the type of work required, but Sylvia said he will research those costs right away.

Over the course of approximately 73 hours from July 3 at approximately 4:00 pm through July 6 at 5:00 pm, the Rochester Fire Department responded to nearly 60 calls for service as a result of the storm. At one point, the town had every major road blocked, and nearly two-thirds of the town was without power.

The commission Thursday also revealed that its other big projects will include replacing the Raynor Gifford Park memorial sign that fronts the property. The brick face is falling apart and needs to be totally replaced, Sylvia said. But this project, he assured fellow commission member Kenneth Ross, will likely be handled by the Highway Department.

The commission then adjourned without scheduling its next meeting.

Equipment, Staff Lack Central Facility

Mattapoisett Water & Sewer Commissioners

By Sam Bishop

The Mattapoisett Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners met on Wednesday, July 23 for a brief open session.

Following a roll call by Chair Dan Chase, Water and Sewer Superintendent Henri Renauld began by addressing correspondence with Eversource, where he said the corporation would be performing vegetation control along powerlines near the town's drinking-water facility. He said the company has committed to using "green chemicals" to mitigate environmental impact. He also stated powerlines would be upgraded during this time. This is in response to an increase in solar farm power generation and the increased transfer of power through cables.

Renauld added there have been problems receiving responses from Eversource following power outages, noting the large storm and outages on July 3. Following the Railroad Avenue pumping station's power loss, it ran for 27 hours on generator power with an emergency oil delivery becoming necessary to continue operation. Renauld says Eversource mistakenly said the fix was "done" when it hadn't yet been fixed. He says 16 to 20 hours of overtime was necessary for town staff to handle the situation.

The superintendent also spoke on the office that the Water and Sewer Department occupies, saying it is rented, "has one bathroom, and a garage for equipment which has no plumbing." He added, "our officers and staff work both water and sewer. They need a facility that's going to be there for them." It was added by the chair that equipment is spread "all around town" and lacks a central location, making it difficult and time consuming to solve some issues.

The department's work on Oakland Street water piping was said to be complete, with water on and manholes covered. Renauld says he has not detected any issues with water quality following the completion of work in the area.

The commission then discussed pipeline replacements at Eel Pond, with the superintendent noting the project has "been going on forever." He plans on meeting with the main engineer in early August to make plans going forward and making use of FEMA grants.

It was said there is roughly \$460,000 left over from work on replacing the East End water tank and waterline in 2018. Issues with the Bay Club tank were brought up, with the commission looking to get quotes for work on repairing/sandblasting it.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, August 20 at 4:00 pm.

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Preparing for 2026 Grants

Rochester Cultural Council

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Cultural Council met at Town Hall on Monday to gear up for the 2026 state grant-funding award season.

Council Chair Kate Duggan began the meeting by announcing that the list of Rochester grant recipients for 2025 has been posted on the state council website (massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/rochester), and a press release on the announcements will soon go to local media.

For 2025, the Rochester council awarded grant funding totaling \$5,800. The largest single award was \$900 for the Rochester Council on Aging's Outdoor Summer Concert Music Series.

For 2026, the cycle to start applying for the town's allotment of Massachusetts Cultural Council grant monies will open on September 1, Duggan said. The deadline to submit an application will be October 15.

The council agreed Monday that it will schedule an informational session on how to apply for a local council grant at the Plumb Library sometime in September and send press releases announcing the new cycle in August. It also agreed its next meeting will be held in November or December to decide on Rochester grant recipients for 2026.

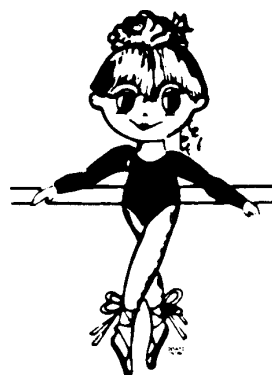
Its first vote of the night, however, was a half-

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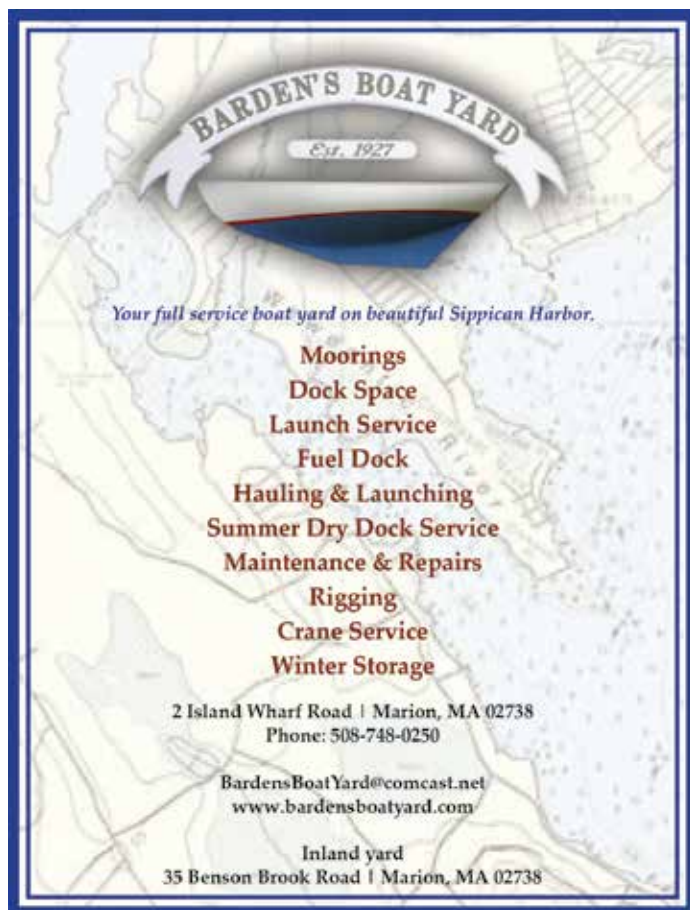
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successful move to reorganize. Sarah Hasbrouck was approved as council secretary and Erin Lewis as council treasurer. But the decision of who will become chair was put on hold. Duggan said this is her last year on the council "and it would be nice to transfer the job this year to someone else." The other members, however, declined to volunteer. "I'm on too many committees," member Mary McCann said. The board agreed to reach out to new members for someone who might be interested in the post. Duggan said she will remain de-facto chair until then.

In other action, the council approved continuing to offer Direct Grant awards over the option of reimbursement-based grants. McCann said the latter



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options allow the council to make the recipient do what it planned to do. Another member pointed out many of the town grant applicants are repeat recipients and have built up the council's trust in them.

The board approved issuing a 2025 survey seeking townspeople's input on the council's mission, using the same form as the 2024 survey.

The board agreed to send press releases seeking new members in September.

The Cultural Council did not set a specific date for its next meeting before adjourning.

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Marion to Hold Re-Dedication Ceremony

Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman is pleased to share that the Town of Marion, the Department of Public Works, the Marion Historical Commission, the Council on Aging, and the Friends of Marion Recreation are holding a re-dedication ceremony for DePina Landing at 4:00 pm on Thursday, August 14, to celebrate improvements made at the public park and kayak launch site during a revitalization project this summer.

The re-dedication ceremony at the 29 River Road site is the culmination of planning by the Marion Historical

Commission over the past two years and on-site work throughout this summer by the Department of Public Works, including the installation of three new benches,



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two picnic tables, signage, and a memorial garden.

The riverfront property, owned by the town, was also cleaned out this summer and last year in preparation for the new installations.

The revitalization of DePina Landing, a popular launch site on the Sippican River, is a \$5,000 project being funded by the Friends of Marion Recreation.

In addition, the project will bring a dogwood tree and a historic plaque to DePina Landing, to be placed on a large rock at the site as part of the new memorial garden. The plaque, which dates back to the 1950s, was previously located at the site of the Marion Harbormaster Building. The plaque and tree are dedicated to Mary DePina and her husband John DePina, a Cape Verdean community

leader and businessman from Marion, who donated the riverfront property to the Town in 1953.

Originally, the one-acre property was known as DePina Beach, where local kids once took swimming lessons. More recently, it has been used as a kayak launch and public park, becoming known as DePina Landing.

A sign describing the history of the site is being installed at DePina Landing with funds provided by the Friends of Marion Recreation.

The plans to revitalize DePina Landing resulted from a series of public forums at the Marion Council on Aging, where members of the Cape Verdean community reminisced about their childhood memories of the park as the focal point of their summertime recreational activities. The Marion Historical Commission then assembled a large group of town residents and members of the DePina family at the riverside park in August 2023 to consider the past and future of the site, leading to a push to revitalize the property.

After that, the Marion Historical Commission and the Marion Department of Public Works joined forces to upgrade the DePina Landing, leading up to the improvement project undertaken this summer and the August 14 re-dedication ceremony.

"Before all of this, not many people knew that this park existed, except for some from the Cape Verdean community. They knew about it, but haven't used it much lately," said Meg Steinberg, chairperson of the Marion Historical Commission. "When we held our forums at the Council on Aging, we had community members share stories of being little kids who ran down to this swimming hole once their morning chores were done, getting swim lessons and hanging out on the dock. It was like a summer camp atmosphere for kids. Now, we've revitalized DePina Landing, bringing it back so everyone in the Town of Marion can enjoy this amazing community resource."

"We look forward to our re-dedication ceremony for DePina Landing, to celebrate an amazing revitalization and all the hard work that's been done to bring it back to its former glory," said Town Administrator Gorman. "This has been a great community effort, bringing together



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so many Marion residents to help make this possible. DePina Landing will now continue be a great resource for the town, as a cherished, shared space for community building and recreation."

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Monday, August 4: Tomato Bruschetta chicken, roasted potatoes, green peas, wheat dinner roll, banana bread, diet: fruit.

Tuesday, August 5: Meatloaf w/ gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, carrots, wheat roll, pear fruit cup.

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Thursday, August 7: American chop suey, whole



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Academic Achievements

The following **Kathleen Dunn** of Mattapoisett was named to the 2025 Spring Semester Dean's List at Simmons University in Boston.

Letters to the Editor

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AGE: 3

GIRLS: 1st - Everleigh Souza, 2nd - Frances Sherburne

BOYS: 1st - Jameson Cann, 2nd - Weston Corey, 3rd - Emmett Baker, 4th - Parker Costa

AGE: 4

GIRLS: 1st - Whitney Meehan, 2nd - Holland Bonville
BOYS: 1st - Harrison Cormier, 2nd - Julian Baker, 3rd - Wyatt Mare, 4th - Barron Baptista, 5th - Keanu Moniz

KINDERGARTEN:

GIRLS: 1st - Savannah Jeng, 2nd - Catherine Jeng, 3rd - Phoebe Dorman, 4th - Monica Blainey, 5th - Reina Darcy, 6th - Lucy Amaral
BOYS: 1st - Finnegan Grant, 2nd - Beckham Sadler, 3rd - Elliot Britto, 4th - Everett Dube, 5th - Mason Cabral, 6th - Woodrow White

GRADE: 1

GIRLS: 1st - Erin Meehan, 2nd - Sloan Peceira, 3rd - Sara Varbero
BOYS: 1st - Elias Moniz, 2nd - Tiberius Baptista, 3rd - Hunter Souza, 4th - Tripp Corey, 5th - Wesley Dorman, 6th - Cole Costa

GRADE: 2

GIRLS: 1st - Brittney Gomes, 2nd - Dylan Burns, 3rd - Mackenzie Bergeron, 4th - Evelyn Amaral
BOYS: 1st - Landon Coble, 2nd - Cooper Stanley, 3rd - Logan Enos, 4th - Nolan Gallo, 5th - Zion Smiley, 6th - Jackson Janeiro

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BOYS: 1st - Theo Blainey, 2nd - Tristen Sylvia, 3rd - Coby Lehir, 4th - Nolan Lombard, 5th - "Q" Roderick, 6th - Gordon Sherburne

GRADE: 4

GIRLS: 1st - Avery Hardy, 2nd - Kaydence Davignon, 3rd - Zella Ledetto, 4th - Bella Landers, 5th - Madeline Hutton, 6th - Samantha Bourque
BOYS: 1st - Jaxson Rhodes, 2nd - Vincent Baptista & Thomas Place, 4th - Braden Brett, 5th - Noah Couture

GRADES: 5

GIRLS: 1st - Shea Burns, 2nd - Corey Watlington, 3rd - Morgan Gracie, 4th - Julie McGrail, 5th - Natalie Bergeron, 6th - Emma Stanley
BOYS: 1st - Finley McDonald, 2nd - Eli Pell, 3rd - Christian Rosa, 4th - Christopher LaFleur, 5th - Anthony Silva, 6th - Everett Red

GRADES: 6, 7 & 8

GIRLS: 1st - Sylvia Blainey, 2nd - Calleigh Enos, 3rd - Emily Amoroso, 4th - Irene Costa, 5th - Reagan Red, 6th - Loxley Tetreault
BOYS: 1st - Ben Pell, 2nd - Noah Ginski, 3rd - Matthew MacLeod, 4th - John Paul Miller

LONG JUMP

AGE: 3

GIRLS: 1st - Frances Sherburne
BOYS: 1st - Jameson Cann, 2nd - Weston Corey, 3rd - Thomas Mears, 4th - Emmett Baker, 5th - Parker Costa

AGE: 4

BOYS: 1st - Harrison Cormier, 2nd - Barron Baptista, 3rd - Julian Baker, 4th - Keanu Moniz, 5th - Wyatt Mare

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GIRLS: 1st - Sloan Peceira, 2nd - Erin Meehan, 3rd - Sara Varbero
BOYS: 1st - Tripp Corey, 2nd - Wesley Dorman, 3rd - Hunter Souza, 4th - Tiberius Baptista, 5th - Cole Costa & Elias Moniz

GRADE: 2

GIRLS: 1st - Dylan Burns & Brittney Gomes, 3rd - Mackenzie Bergeron, 4th - Evelyn Amaral
BOYS: 1st - Landon Coble, 2nd - Cooper Stanley, 3rd - Jackson Janeiro, 4th - Zion Smiley, 5th - Logan Enos, 6th - Nolan Gallo

GRADE: 3

GIRLS: 1st - Fiona White, 2nd - Krissey Varbero, 3rd - Luna Ivey, 4th - Riley Mears, 5th - Emma Miller
BOYS: 1st - Theo Blainey, 2nd - Elijah King, 3rd - Tristen Sylvia, 4th - Coby Lehir, 5th - Nolan Lombard, 6th - Gordon Sherburne

GRADE: 4

GIRLS: 1st - Avery Hardy, 2nd - Samantha Bourque, 3rd - Bella Landers, 4th - Zella Ledetto, 5th - Madeline Hutton
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GRADES: 5

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GRADES: 6, 7 & 8

GIRLS: 1st - Sylvia Blainey & Calleigh Enos, 3rd - Irene Costa, 4th - Emily Amoroso, 5th - Amarea Gomes, 6th - Addie Miller
BOYS: 1st - Ben Pell, 2nd - Noah Ginski, 3rd - Matthew MacLeod, 4th - John Paul Miller

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BOYS: 1st - Barron Baptista, 2nd - Julian Baker, 3rd - Wyatt Mare, 4th - Keanu Moniz, 5th - Harrison Cormier

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GRADE: 2

GIRLS: 1st - Dylan Burns, 2nd - Brittney Gomes, 3rd - Mackenzie Bergeron, 4th - Evelyn Amaral
BOYS: 1st - Landon Coble, 2nd - Cooper Stanley, 3rd - Logan Enos, 4th - Jackson Janeiro, 5th - Zion Stanley

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GIRLS: 1st - Fiona White, 2nd - Luna Ivey, 3rd - Krissey Varbero, 4th - Riley Mears, 5th - Emma Miller
BOYS: 1st - Nolan Lombard, 2nd - Elijah King, 3rd - Maximus Baptista, 4th - Coby Lehir, 5th - Theo Blainey, 6th - Tristen Sylvia

GRADE: 4

GIRLS: 1st - Zella Ledetto, 2nd - Samantha Bourque, 3rd - Madeline Hutton, 4th - Avery Hardy, 5th - Bella Landers
BOYS: 1st - Braden Brett, 2nd - Jaxson Rhodes, 3rd - Vincent Baptista, 4th - Thomas Place, 5th - Noah Couture

GRADES: 5

GIRLS: 1st - Julie McGrail, 2nd - Shea Burns, 3rd - Morgan Gracie, 4th - Emma Stanley, 5th - Corey Watlington, 6th - Natalie Bergeron

BOYS: 1st - Grayson Gildae, 2nd - Everett Red, 3rd - Christian Rosa, 4th - Finley McDonald, 5th - Christopher LaFleur, 6th - Eli Pell
GRADES: 6, 7 & 8
GIRLS: 1st - Emily Amoroso, 2nd - Reagan Red, 3rd - Calleigh Enos, 4th - Leanda Boleiro, 5th - Addie Miller, 6th - Sylvia Blainey
BOYS: 1st - Ben Pell, 2nd - Matthew MacLeod, 3rd - John Paul Miller, 4th - Noah Ginski

SHOT

AGE: 3

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BOYS: 1st - Emmett Baker, 2nd - Jameson Cann, 3rd - Weston Corey

AGE: 4

GIRLS: 1st - Holland Bonville, 2nd - Whitney Meehan
BOYS: 1st - Harrison Cormier, 2nd - Wyatt Mare, 3rd - Julian Baker, 4th - Barron Baptista, 5th - Keanu Moniz

KINDERGARTEN:

GIRLS: 1st - Phoebe Dorman, 2nd - Catherine Jeng, 3rd - Savannah Jeng, 4th - Monica Blainey, 5th - Lucy Amaral
BOYS: 1st - Everett Dube, 2nd - Beckham Sadler, 3rd - Ellis Porter, 4th - Woodrow White, 5th - Finn Coble, 6th - Elliot Britto

GRADE: 1

GIRLS: 1st - Isabella Nicholas, 2nd - Erin Meehan, 3rd - Sara Varbero
BOYS: 1st - Tiberius Baptista, 2nd - Tripp Corey, 3rd - Wesley Dorman, 4th - Cole Costa, 5th - Andrew Rogers, 6th - Elias Moniz

GRADE: 2

GIRLS: 1st - Brittney Gomes, 2nd - Dylan Burns, 3rd - Mackenzie Bergeron, 4th - Evelyn Amaral, 5th - Naomi Darcy
BOYS: 1st - Cooper Stanley, 2nd - Logan Enos, 3rd - Zion Stanley, 4th - Landon Coble, 5th - Jackson Janeiro, 6th - Nolan Gallo

GRADE: 3

GIRLS: 1st - Fiona White, 2nd - Krissey Varbero, 3rd - Emma Miller, 4th - Luna Ivey
BOYS: 1st - Gordon Sherburne, 2nd - Nolan Lombard, 3rd - Coby Lehir, 4th - Theo Blainey, 5th - Theo McDonald, 6th - Tristen Sylvia

GRADE: 4

GIRLS: 1st - Zella Ledetto, 2nd - Kaydence Davignon, 3rd - Avery Hardy, 4th - Bella Landers, 5th - Samantha Bourque, 6th - Madeline Hutton
BOYS: 1st - Braden Brett, 2nd - Jaxson Rhodes, 3rd - Vincent Baptista, 4th - Thomas Place, 5th - Noah Couture

GRADES: 5

GIRLS: 1st - Morgan Gracie, 2nd - Shea Burns, 3rd - Julie McGrail, 4th - Corey Watlington, 5th - Emma Stanley, 6th - Natalie Bergeron
BOYS: 1st - Finley McDonald, 2nd - Eli Pell, 3rd - Grayson Gildae, 4th - Anthony Silva, 5th - Christopher LaFleur, 6th - Everett Red

GRADES: 6, 7 & 8

GIRLS: 1st - Leanda Boleiro, 2nd - Amarea Gomes, 3rd - Irene Costa, 4th - Sylvia Blainey, 5th - Reagan Red, 6th - Addie Miller
BOYS: 1st - Ben Pell, 2nd - Antonio Pinhancos, 3rd - John Paul Miller, 4th - Noah Ginski, 5th - Matthew MacLeod

JAVELIN

AGE: 3

GIRLS: 1st - Frances Sherburne
BOYS: 1st - Emmett Baker, 2nd - Weston Corey, 3rd - Jameson Cann, 4th - Thomas Mears, 5th - Parker Costa

AGE: 4

BOYS: 1st - Barron Baptista, 2nd - Harrison Cormier & Wyatt Mare, 4th - Keanu Moniz, 5th - Julian Baker

KINDERGARTEN:

GIRLS: 1st - Savannah Jeng, 2nd - Phoebe Dorman, 3rd - Monica Blainey, 4th - Catherine Jeng, 5th - Lucy Amaral
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GRADE: 1

GIRLS: 1st - Erin Meehan, 2nd - Sara Varbero

BOYS: 1st - Tripp Corey, 2nd - Tiberius Baptista, 3rd - Wesley Dorman, 4th - Elias Moniz, 5th - Andrew Rodges, 6th - Cole Costa
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GRADE: 3

GIRLS: 1st - Krissey Varbero, 2nd - Fiona White, 3rd - Luna Ivey, 4th - Emma Miller
BOYS: 1st - Elijah King, 2nd - Coby Lehir, 3rd - Nolan Lombard, 4th - Gordon Sherburne, 5th - Q Roderick, 6th - Tristen Sylvia

GRADE: 4

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GRADES: 5

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BOYS: 1st - Everett Red, 2nd - Eli Pell, 3rd - Finley McDonald, 4th - Grayson Gildae, 5th - Christopher LaFleur, Anthony Silva

GRADES: 6, 7 & 8

GIRLS: 1st - Emily Amoroso, 2nd - Leanda Boleiro, 3rd - Reagan Red, 4th - Calleigh Enos, 5th - Sylvia Blainey, 6th - Irene Costa
BOYS: 1st - Ben Pell, 2nd - Antonio Pinhancos, 3rd - Noah Ginski, 4th - Matthew MacLeod, 5th - John Paul Miller

RACES

100 METERS

AGE: 3

GIRLS: 1st - Frances Sherburne
BOYS: 1st - Jameson Cann, 2nd - Weston Corey, 3rd - Emmett Baker, 4th - Parker Costa, 5th - Thomas Mears

AGE: 4

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GIRLS: 1st - Erin Meehan, 2nd - Isabella Nicholas, 3rd - Sara Varbero
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BOYS: 1st - Nolan Lombard, 2nd - Tristen Sylvia, 3rd - Theo Blainey, 4th - Coby Lehir, 5th - Elijah King, 6th - Maximus Baptista

GRADE: 4

GIRLS: 1st - Avery Hardy, 2nd - Bella Landers, 3rd - Zella Ledetto, 4th - Madeline Hutton, 5th - Samantha Bourque
BOYS: 1st - Jaxson Rhodes, 2nd - Braden Brett, 3rd - Noah Couture, 4th - Thomas Place, 5th - Vincent Baptista

GRADES: 5

GIRLS: 1st - Julie McGrail, 2nd - Shea Burns, 3rd - Corey Watlington, 4th - Emma Stanley, 5th - Morgan Gracie, 6th - Natalie Bergeron
BOYS: 1st - Finley McDonald, 2nd - Everett Red, 3rd - Eli Pell, 4th - Christopher LaFleur

GRADES: 6, 7 & 8

GIRLS: 1st - Reagan Red, 2nd - Sylvia Blainey, 3rd - Irene

Costa & Loxley Tetreault, 5th - Calleigh Enos, 6th - Emily Amoroso
BOYS: 1st - Ben Pell, 2nd - Antonio Pinhancos, 3rd - Noah Ginski, 4th - Matthew MacLeod, 5th - John Paul Miller

200 METERS

GRADE: 2

GIRLS: 1st - Dylan Burns, 2nd - Naomi Darcy, 3rd - Brittney Gomes, 4th - Evelyn Amaral, 5th - Mackenzie Bergeron
BOYS: 1st - Landon Coble, 2nd - Zion Smiley, 3rd - Cooper Stanley, 4th - Nolan Gallo, 5th - Logan Enos, 6th - Jackson Janeiro

GRADE: 3

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BOYS: 1st - Finley McDonald, 2nd - Everett Red, 3rd - Eli Pell, 4th - Christopher LaFleur, 5th - Grayson Gildae

GRADES: 6, 7 & 8

GIRLS: 1st - Irene Costa, 2nd - Sylvia Blainey, 3rd - Reagan Red, 4th - Calleigh Enos, 5th - Addie Miller, 6th - Emily Amoroso
BOYS: 1st - Ben Pell, 2nd - Antonio Pinhancos, 3rd - Noah Ginski, 4th - Matthew MacLeod, 5th - John Paul Miller

400 METERS

GRADE: 4

GIRLS: 1st - Avery Hardy, 2nd - Kaydence Davignon, 3rd - Bella Landers, 4th - Madeline Hutton, 5th - Zella Ledetto, 6th - Samantha Bourque
BOYS: 1st - Jaxson Rhodes, 2nd - Braden Brett, 3rd - Noah Couture, 4th - Vincent Baptista, 5th - Thomas Place

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GRADES: 6, 7 & 8

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CROSS COUNTRY

GRADES: 3 & 4

GIRLS: 1st - Avery Hardy, 2nd - Bella Landers, 3rd - Samantha Bourque, 4th - Krissey Varbero, 5th - Madeline Hutton, 6th - Zella Ledetto
BOYS: 1st - Blainey, 4th - Coby Lehir, 5th - Elijah King, 6th - Tristen Sylvia, 3rd - "Q" Roderick, 4th - Gordon Sherburne

GRADE: 5

GIRLS: 1st - Julie McGrail, 2nd - Morgan Gracie, 3rd - Emma Stanley
BOYS: 1st - Everett Red, 2nd - Jaleel Howell, 3rd - Eli Pell, 4th - Christopher Lefler, 5th - Grayson Gildae

GRADES: 6, 7 & 8

GIRLS: 1st - Irene Costa, 2nd - Mackenzie Lee, 3rd - Reagan Red, 4th - Calleigh Enos
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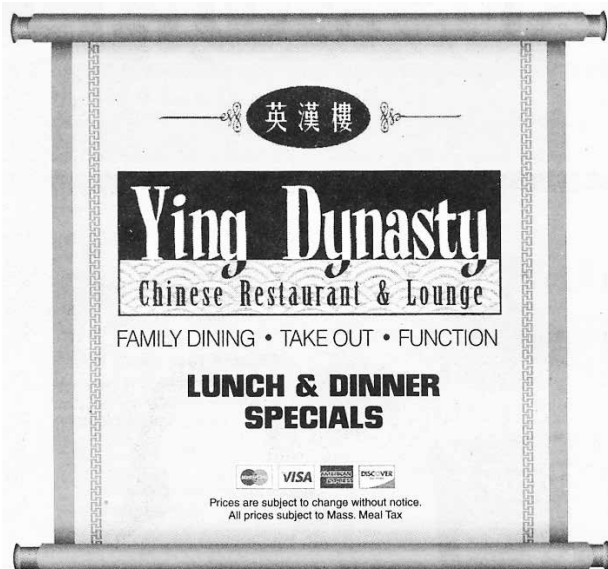
To the Editor;

I have created a Citizen's Petition in Mattapoisett to request a Special Town Meeting to return Mattapoisett to a three-member Select Board. This petition would ask the town to vote in favor of rescinding Article 34, now House Bill #4245 passed by about 100 voters at the May 12th Town Meeting which expands the Select Board to 5

members. My petition requires 200 verified signatures, about twice the number who voted for it.

Some accusations have been made that this petition is: 1) A Mattapoisett GOP or RTC effort; 2) An anti-democratic effort; and 3) Will subvert the "will of the people."

The answer to these untrue, politically charged and purposely misleading statements can easily be disproved. My petition was a response to many citizens who felt that the actions taken at the Town meeting were not indicative of what most of Mattapoisett's registered voters wanted. Many like me thought this was the first step in moving for a Town Election Ballot measure. Many were surprised at the declaration that it was impossible



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for us to decide that issue beyond a Town Meeting - an election on this issue was not allowed by State law. This appears incorrect as Weston, MA (MA H4158) has asked for approval to do just that in a Special Town Election.

It is true that I am the Co-Chair of the Mattapoisett Republican Party. While much of the Town's business is discussed at our Monthly public meetings, never was it proposed or voted on for the RTC to support or sponsor any Petitions. It is not in my power to do so without that majority vote. The allegation is simply false. It should be retracted.

The Petition I am challenging is the work of the Chair of the Mattapoisett Democratic Party. While their social media accuses me of such behavior, should I then assume that the DTC did sponsor the Petition? It was not my original assumption.

I am at a complete loss to understand the logic of calling my petition undemocratic. I have followed all the rules provided by Local, County and State law. My efforts and means mirror the same procedures of the original Petitioner. Is she undemocratic? I hope not.

I also am struggling to understand that somehow my petition is subverting the will of the people and any "do over" negates the people's wishes. One can only derive that the writers of such verbiage believe that once we vote for someone or something the people are not allowed to alter or negate that decision by established and legal means So, an elected official cannot be voted

out of office but only be removed by death or term limits? Does that mean in the extreme that Prohibition or slavery should have remained in perpetuity. Please explain to us the logic of such an absurd claim.

If allowed I plan to follow up with another Letter to the Editor on why I and many fellow supporters want to maintain the great government provided in Mattapoisett by our current three select Board system with the support of the Town Administer's office. And then, I will be able to answer why such accusations are being made and why its supporters are afraid that the will of the people will be enacted.

Paul Criscuolo, Mattapoisett

League of Women Voters SouthCoast


The League of Women Voters SouthCoast (LWVSC) continues to champion civic engagement across the region with a series of successful spring events and the announcement of its upcoming Community Luncheon this fall.

In April, LWVSC hosted two well-attended Candidates' Night forums: one in Marion on April 29 and another in Mattapoisett on April 30. These forums offered voters the opportunity to hear directly from candidates running in town-wide elections. Volunteers, including skilled moderators and timekeepers, ensured the events ran smoothly and impartially. Following League tradition, an out-of-town moderator was appointed to uphold neutrality and prevent conflicts of interest.

At the Mattapoisett Annual Town Meeting on May 12, residents approved a proposal to expand the town's Selectboard from three to five members. The change aims to strengthen local governance through improved checks and balances, greater accountability, and a more equitable distribution of responsibilities.

On May 29, LWVSC held a Voter Registration event at Old Rochester Regional High School, engaging students in the democratic process and underscoring the importance of civic participation from a young age. This initiative is part of the League's commitment to fostering informed, active citizenship among youth.


Looking ahead, the League is pleased to



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Thursday July 31, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
8:30 AM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Betsy Dunn
9:30 AM Rochester Historical Society - Revolutionary War Veterans Ceremony
10:30 AM Sippican Historical Society - Percy Brown House
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
3:00 PM Buzzards Bay Music Fest - Chamber Music
4:30 PM Buzzards Bay Music Fest - Orchestra
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 NolanFest 2025
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Friday August 1, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
9:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US
9:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
10:00 AM Southcoast Matters
11:30 AM Easton Fire Department - Close Before You Doze
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 The Collective Chat
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Tri-Town July 4th Events 2024
3:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Betsy Dunn
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Women's Involvement in the History of Preservation in New England
6:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - From Submarine Vents to Life on Other Ocean Worlds!
7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
8:30 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
9:00 PM A Conversation With...
9:30 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
10:00 PM For Your Health
10:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Saturday August 2, 2025

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:30 AM Tri-Town Memorial Day Events
10:30 AM Easton Fire Department - Close Before You Doze
11:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
1:30 PM The Human Truth - with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Cynthia Bryden
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Cathedral at Notre Dame
6:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Mysteries of the Midwater
7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
8:30 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
9:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 PM A Conversation with...
10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
10:30 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday August 3, 2025

6:00 AM Health Source
6:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian

Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church
11:00 AM Easton Fire Department - Close Before You Doze
11:30 AM For your Health
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
1:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
2:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Shift
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
3:30 PM NolanFest 2025
7:00 PM Old Colony Graduation
10:00 PM Old Colony Senior Awards Night
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday August 4, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
9:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US
9:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
10:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Shift
10:30 AM A Conversation With...
11:00 AM For Your Health
11:30 AM Money Matters
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters
2:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
3:00 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
3:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
4:30 PM The Human Truth
5:00 PM Tri-Town Memorial Day Events
6:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
6:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Peggs Francis
7:30 PM Sippican Historical Society

- Women's Involvement in the History of Preservation in New England
8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - From Submarine Vents to Life on Other Ocean Worlds!
10:00 PM The Collective Chat
10:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Tuesday August 5, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM For Your Health: Nicotine Pouches
8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
10:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning
10:30 AM The Collective Chat
11:00 AM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Easton Fire Department - Close Before You Doze
1:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
5:00 PM Four Deep Sports Talk
6:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Percy Brown House
8:00 PM The Beacon Hill Report
9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Wednesday August 6, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Cape Conversations
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM Tri-Town Memorial Day

Events
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday
3:00 PM A Conversation With...
3:30 PM Old Colony Graduation
4:30 PM ORR Graduation
5:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
6:00 PM Building the Future
6:30 PM Pete on the Street
7:00 PM World Fusion Show
7:30 PM Buzzards Bay Music Fest - Orchestra
9:00 PM Buzzards Bay Music Fest - Chamber Music

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
7:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission
8:00 AM Marion Planning Board
10:00 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
11:00 AM Marion School Committee
12:30 PM Marion Finance Committee
1:30 PM Marion Stewards of Community Open Space
2:30 PM Marion Open Space Committee
3:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
4:00 PM Marion Board of Health
4:30 PM Marion Marine Resources Commission
6:00 PM ORR School Committee
8:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
9:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission
9:30 PM Marion Planning Board
11:30 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals

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GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen

7:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
8:30 AM Rochester Planning Board
9:30 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
10:00 AM Rochester School Committee
12:00 PM ORR School Committee
12:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee
2:30 PM Rochester Select Board
3:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
4:30 PM Rochester Planning Board
5:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
5:30 PM Rochester School Committee
7:30 PM ORR School Committee
8:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee
10:00 PM Rochester Select Board
11:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM ORR Joint School Committee
9:30 PM ORR School Committee
11:30 PM Bulldog Sports
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM ORR Theatre Class - Shrek's Shakespearean Adventure
2:00 PM ORR Theater Class - Barbie and Ken's Shakespearean Adventure
3:30 PM ORR Boys Baseball vs Case
5:30 PM Old Colony Skills USA Awards Ceremony
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM Old Colony Drama - Shakespeare on the Green
8:00 PM ORR Volleyball vs Bourne
9:00 PM ORR Football vs Fairhaven
10:30 PM ORR Football vs Bishop Stang

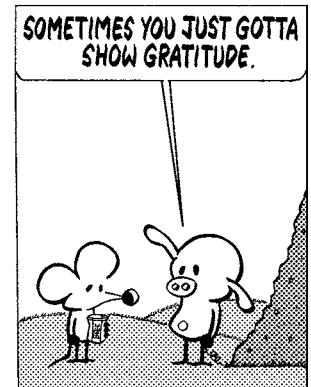
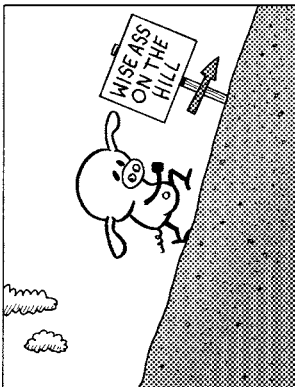
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announce its Community Luncheon, scheduled for September 10, 2025, at the Wamsutta Club in New Bedford. The event will feature Ms. Celia Canavan, Executive Director of the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts (LWVMA), as the keynote speaker.

Ms. Canavan, a respected policy professional and community organizer, brings deep experience in civic development and intergovernmental affairs. As Director of Government Affairs for the City of Brockton, she led efforts to streamline federal funding applications, fostered civic engagement across municipal departments, and co-managed the early stages of the Brockton High School Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) project, the largest school building initiative in the Commonwealth.

A Brockton native and founding member of the LWV Greater Brockton Unit, Ms. Canavan earned her degree in Political Science with a minor in International and Global Studies from the University of Maine at Farmington. She is dedicated to advancing the mission of LWVMA and strengthening collaboration among local Leagues throughout Massachusetts.

The League of Women Voters SouthCoast invites community members to attend the luncheon and join in celebrating and promoting civic participation at all levels. About the League of Women Voters SouthCoast

The League of Women Voters SouthCoast is a nonpartisan organization that encourages informed and

active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

For more information, visit: lwvsouthcoast.org

Rochester Grange Fair

Here's a reminder to mark **August 16** on your calendar. Once again, Rochester Grange will hold its agricultural fair, our 113th. Printing of our books has been completed and are being distributed throughout the Tri-Town. Here's what you need to know.

The fair will be held on Saturday, August 16 from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Our Ham & Bean Supper will be at 6:00 pm. Tickets for adults are \$10.00 and children-under-10 \$5.00. There will be an auction of produce, flowers and baked goods from the fair and raffle drawings beginning at about 7:15 pm.

Entries will be taken in on Friday August 15 from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm (a time change from the book) and again at night from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm (also a change). Judging will start as soon as all entries are in place. Having the entry form in the book or a list on a sheet of paper filled out ahead will help greatly. Remember, anyone can enter from any town and age. If a child is old enough to pull weeds, they are old enough to enter in to the fair. The Youth categories are up to the age of 16 as of January 2025.

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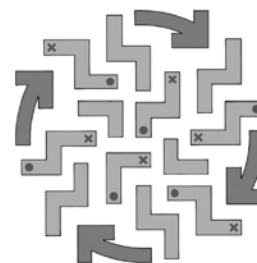
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Edward J. Sylvia, 84, of Mattapoisett passed away peacefully in his sleep at home on Monday, July 21, 2025, surrounded by the members of his family who loved him - Susan, his wife of 56 years, his caring daughter Marjorie Lee and loving grandson EJ, who gave their endless love and support during his courageous battle with cancer, along with his sister Kathleen and several close friends.

Ed was born in Wareham, MA and grew up in a farmhouse in Mattapoisett, MA with his mother, father, three brothers, and their little sister. One of Ed's favorite stories to tell was how he would ride his horse, "Sparky", to elementary school and leave him to graze in the field while he was in class.

Ed graduated from Fairhaven High School before proudly serving in the United States Air Force as a Basic Airman from 1961-1964, when he received an Honorable Discharge. Ed was so proud of his country and would happily let anyone and everyone know about it. He subsequently went on to receive his BS in Business Administration at Southeastern Massachusetts University, and his MBA at Loyola University in Chicago.

Ed met Susan in 1967 and they married in 1969. They were each other's second half. They lived in Longmeadow, MA for 30 years where he and Susan raised their two children. Ed was an avid sports fan. He enjoyed coaching little league baseball and watching his children participate in various sports. His daughter Marjorie was truly his pride and joy and "Daddy's little tomboy", who he so proudly raised to be one of the top athletes in Western Mass.

Ed worked as a Loan Officer for Bank of Boston in Springfield, MA, then fulfilled his life-long dream of owning a sporting goods store, before retiring as an Auditor for the Commonwealth. Ed and his wife retired to his hometown of Mattapoisett, MA in 2008 and spent 17 years of joyful retirement together, which included yearly vacations in Florida to visit friends and family. During retirement, Ed enjoyed his morning coffee with "the men" at the Galley and watching his grandchildren play competitive sports. Ed and Susan always looked forward to their daily chats and weekly visits from their grandson, EJ, and traveled far and wide to watch him play soccer, baseball, and hockey. Ed was so thankful to have been able to watch EJ play college hockey at Bridgewater State University this past winter. Ed held a special place in his heart for his grandchildren.

Ed leaves behind his loving wife of 56 years, Susan (Briggs), his daughter Marjorie Lee, her husband Eric, and their son EJ, of Carver, MA, his son Matthew, of Southwick, MA, and his children, Joshua Edward, Katelyn, and Megan, his daughter Lauren Applebee, her husband Tom of Levant, ME, and their two children, James and Kaitlin, along with

several great grandchildren. He is also survived by his two brothers Albert and John, and his sister, Kathleen, along with several cousins, nieces and nephews. He was pre-deceased by his brother Robert.

A loving and heartfelt thank you to all of the friends who became our immediate family during this difficult time, and to the doctors and nurses at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford, MA, the doctors and nurses at SouthCoast Health Cancer Center in Fairhaven, MA, the nurses and staff at SouthCoast Hospice, Veterans Affairs in Mattapoisett, MA, as well as our caring private home health care nurses, who allowed him to spend his last months comfortable at home.

Ed's Funeral Service will be held Monday, August 11, 2025 at 12:30 pm in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. Burial will follow in the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne. Visiting hours will be Monday from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ed's memory may be made to Knights of Columbus Council 4190, P.O. Box 483, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 or SouthCoast Hospice, 200 Mill Rd., Fairhaven, MA 02719. For directions and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Thomas M. Bibeau, loving husband of Nancy DeCosta Bibeau of Marion passed away Saturday July 26, 2025 at home from a courageous battle with multiple myeloma. He also leaves behind his fur babies, Lola and Luna.

He was the son of the late Robert W. and Joan F. (Laurendeau) Bibeau. He was the brother of Robert E. Bibeau and his wife Mary of Canton, Gail Crocker of Osterville, John K. Bibeau of Lynn, and Edmund F. Bibeau and his wife Lisa of Millis. He is also survived by many nieces and most of all his numerous family of friends.

Thomas was born in Arlington, MA and spent summers at Little Harbor in Wareham. He graduated from Arlington High School in 1973 and attended Bentley University. He was a service technician for IBM and Toshiba until his illness.

He loved boating, gardening, feeding the birds, and riding his Simplicity tractor with his helmet on! Neighbors and friends could always count on him to lend a helping hand. He was known for his great sense of humor, his belly laughs, and his dance moves! He will be truly missed by all who knew him.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his graveside service at Evergreen Cemetery, Marion on Saturday August 2nd at 10 am. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the MSPCA. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

call Sue at 508-295-8908 or email sash48@comcast.net.

Mattapoisett Yacht Club Race

B Fleet protest hearing: Fir Na Tine won the protest over Kinsail in last week's B fleet race which moved Chickadee into first place, Lindisfarne into second, Fir Na Tine third, Big Dipper fourth and Seven Belles into fifth for that race. Kinsail was disqualified.

This week, Kinsail got some revenge as it beat Fir Na Tine by two minutes to take first place on a windy night. Chickadee place third and Lindisfarne place fourth. Big Dipper and Seven Belles did not compete. With one more race scheduled in the July series Chickadee leads the fleet by one point over Fir Na Tine. Next week should be exciting with the series title up for grabs.

A Fleet - Kindred Spirits took the honors in A fleet until the entire A fleet was protested by Restless for sailing an incorrect course. Kindred Spirits has withdrawn acknowledging their mistake however the rest of the fleet may contest the Restless protest. That hearing will be held next Tuesday night.

Tuesday Night Ensign Race Results - The battle between Black Ice and Odyssey continues, this week Black Ice winning the tiebreaker. There is however a protest filed by Black Ice against Hamburglar in the first race that might shake up the results.

As it stands now:

Black Ice: third and first

Odyssey: first and third

Brou Ha Ha: fourth and second

Hamburglar: second and fourth

Brass Monkey: fifth and fifth

Recess: sixth and sixth



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Next week's protest and races will determine the hotly contested July series.

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Patrick William Cooney December 8, 1991 - July 21, 2025

Patrick William Cooney passed away peacefully on July 21, 2025, in Boston, Massachusetts, surrounded by his loving family. He was 33 years old.

Born on December 8, 1991, in Newton, MA, Patrick grew up in a close-knit community where his love for the outdoors and adventure began. He spent his childhood in Newton but found his heart at Crescent Beach in Mattapoisett, MA, where he summered with family, formed lifelong friendships, and developed a deep connection to the sea. It was this connection that eventually led him to settle in Mattapoisett.

Patrick pursued a life at sea, working as a Merchant Marine and earning the rank of Second Mate. His career took him across the globe, and he embraced the adventures and

challenges that came with life on the water. Whether navigating a ship or telling stories about his travels, Patrick carried a quiet strength and commitment to his craft.

Outside of work, Patrick's greatest joys came from the simple pleasures of coastal life - swimming, sailing, and quahogging. He also had a deep love for travel and treasured the time he spent with his nephews, Thomas and Theo, who brought him endless pride and joy.

Patrick is survived by his devoted mother, Judith Howley, and his loving brother, Tom Cooney. He leaves behind a wide circle of friends and family who will remember his kindness, adventurous spirit, and unwavering loyalty.

His Memorial Mass will be held Monday, August 18, 2025 at 11 am in St. Anthony's Church, 26 Hammond St, Mattapoisett, MA 02739

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.

TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



*Kite flying at Ned's Point.
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*A hummingbird enjoying the view. Submitted by
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After the film and a brief discussion, we will walk over to the Mattapoisett Town upweller located at the Town Wharf to see this year's crop of baby oysters and learn what happens to them after their time in the upweller. (5-10 minute walk from the Library, level ground with sidewalks).

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The British Invasion (Music from Across the Pond)

The Marion Concert Band continues its summer concert series with a program of music from the British Isles on Friday, **August 1**. The program features several classic British Brass Band pieces as well as the music of Petula Clark, Gerry and the Pacemakers, and the Beatles. There may even be an appearance by members of the Cape Cod British Car Club, LTD (CCBCC). The program is as follows:

Colonel Bogey - K. J. Alford

Second Suite in F for Military Band - G. Holst

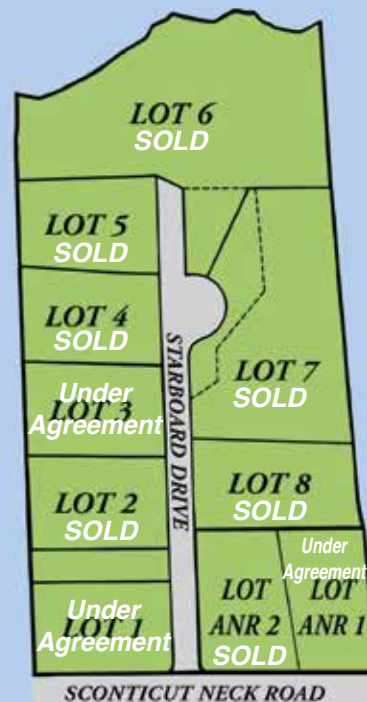
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MOVIE REVIEW

MCU Blue

By Rob Gonsalves
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***The Fantastic Four: First Steps.* Starring Pedro Pascal and Vanessa Kirby. Directed by Matt Shakman. Running time: 114 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. Now playing in theaters.**

How did Iago put it? “Trifles light as air.” I was certainly not looking to *The Fantastic Four: First Steps* for a heavy contemplation of the human condition, but even by Marvel Cinematic Universe standards this thing is fairly thin and forgettable. It takes off like a rocket and remains in furious flight for almost two hours, and that’s part of the problem. The film’s characters and concerns seldom seem weighed down to the earth, the very place the heroes are trying to save. The movie has no sense of gravity, and maybe we’ve seen these cosmic, world-threatening stakes a few times too many. (It’s not the usual MCU world anyway — it unfolds on Earth 828, in honor of comic-book god Jack Kirby’s birthday on August 28.)

The Fantastic Four, created by Kirby with Stan Lee back in 1961, are deftly realized here. The actors are not the problem — not Pedro Pascal (brilliant scientist Reed Richards, who has stretching abilities), not Vanessa Kirby (Sue Richards, who can create force fields and turn invisible), not Joseph Quinn (Johnny Storm, Sue’s younger brother, who commands fire), not Ebon Moss-Bachrach (Ben Grimm, aka The Thing, gifted with super strength but cursed to look like an ambulatory brick wall). This quartet convey true teamwork and deserve better scripts. The one here pits them against Galactus (Ralph Ineson), a mighty being whose hunger is so great he has to go around consuming the energies of entire planets. Earth 828 is on the menu, but Galactus is willing to leave the plate on the table if our heroes simply turn over Reed and Sue’s infant boy Franklin, who has untold powers.

A lot of the movie is devoted to the nuts and bolts of how the Fantastic Four figure out how to evade, block, dispel, or otherwise defeat Galactus. A large part of one solution depends on the entire population of the planet agreeing to turn off all their electricity. That doesn’t quite work anyway, but I felt a pang of envy for a planet that would have comported itself with much more fellow-feeling over the last five years than we have. The only bits of the film that generate much excitement involve the Silver Surfer, or Shalla-Bal (Julia Garner),



Galactus’ herald, who scouts out planets for him to eat in exchange for his sparing her planet. Shalla-Bal is sleek and dangerous but also divided in her loyalties. The Silver Surfer is maybe the kind of concept that only really played when Jack Kirby drew it (think about the character for a minute and it just sounds goofy), but the Surfer fits in this retro universe fairly well.

This and *Superman* seem to be stumping for a return to innocence and primary color and kindness in comic-book movies. I’d be on board with that goal if the stories weren’t so dualistic: Good is over here, content to be Good, if not for Evil rising over there and making Good fight Evil. Good wins because Good is good and Evil is evil. At least here, Galactus would rather not be Galactus — he’s tired of being hungry all the time, and is looking for a replacement in Franklin. He’s only evil in that what he wants interferes with our heroes’ wants, which is basically to keep their baby and their world. Not too much to ask.

The mildly bickering dynamic of this team is faithfully observed, and I enjoyed that Sue Richards — who started out in the comics with the moniker *Invisible Girl* — has plenty of agency and power, and the day is saved largely because of her. The Thing here doesn’t sound as gruff and, well, urban-Jewish as in past iterations (Ben Grimm has always been understood as a stand-in for the gruff New York Jewish Kirby), but CGI brings out the emotions that Kirby often bestowed on Ben. Pascal’s Reed is traditionally distracted but never distant, unlike the jerky Reed by other hands. And we don’t have to sit through an extended origin story — it’s taken care of via selected media bites at the start, and then we’re into the story, which doesn’t have much suspense because inevitably it’s just another cog in the MCU machine. After Marvel Studios lost a good chunk of their money-printing superheroes with the Snap, and then sweated through a few box-office letdowns, it seems doubtful they’re going to do likewise to other heroes that make money. Until the money stops, that is.

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The concert, under the direction of guest

TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights July 20 – July 26

- Point Rd – Animal complaint
- Point Rd – Road hazard
- Mill St – MV collision
- Point Rd – General service
- Point Rd – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious activity
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Spring St – Larceny/past
- Wareham Rd – Animal complaint
- Main St – Parking enforcement
- Mill St – Larceny/past
- Spring St – Road hazard
- Rt 195 – MV collision
- East Ave – General service
- Spring St – Health/welfare
- Oakdale Ave – General service
- Rt 195 East – MV complaint
- Mill St – Disorderly person
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Riverview Ln – Suspicious person
- Front St – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Water St – Officer wanted
- Beach St – Paper service
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Rt 195 West – MV collision
- Crapo St – Health/welfare
- Island Wharf Rd – Parking

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights July 20 – July 26

- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Water St – Suspicious MV
- Holly Woods Rd – Follow up
- Mechanic St – Parking violation
- Pearl St – Parking violation
- Beacon St – Health/welfare
- Channel St – Health/welfare
- Wildwood Ter – Medical/assist
- North St – Health/welfare
- Aucoot Rd – Animal control
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Hawthorne St – Animal control
- 195 West – MV crash
- Reservation Rd – Follow up
- Main St – MV crash
- Linhares Ave – Animal control
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- Water St – Unwanted person
- Church St – MV violations
- Mechanic St – Medical assist
- Wildwood Ter – Medical alarm
- Park St – Animal control
- Dupont Dr – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Cannon St – Medical assist
- Acushnet Rd – Complaint
- Hammond St – Property lost
- Fairhaven Rd – Notification
- Driscoll Ln – Medical assist
- Union Ave – Assist citizen

ROCHESTER

Log highlights July 20 – July 26

- Marys Pond Rd – Animal control
- Rounseville Rd – Message
- New Bedford Rd – Erratic MV
- Stuart Rd – Harassment
- North Ave – Suspicious activity
- New Bedford Rd – 911 call
- Cranberry Hwy – General services
- Dexter Ln – General services
- North Ave – MV stop/arrest
- Marion Rd – Animal control
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Dexter Ln – Investigation
- Dexter Ln – Animal control
- Williams Way – General services
- Haskell Ridge Rd – 911 call
- Rounseville Rd – Assist other
- Snipatuit Rd – Firearms licensing
- Walnut Plain Rd – Assist other
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Neck Rd – Animal control
- Snipatuit Rd – Animal control
- Neck Rd – Road hazard
- Burgess Ave – Road hazard
- Cushman Rd – Animal control
- Pine St – General services
- Franklin St – MV stop/citation
- Marys Pond Rd – Well-being
- Ryder Rd – Suspicious activity
- Walnut Plain Rd – Suspicious

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

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ACROSS

- 1 Predicaments
9 Metallic car trims
16 Sporty German cars
20 Cosmos
21 What a flushed person has
22 Uncommon
23 Start of a riddle
26 Advance, as money
27 Japanese pond fish
28 Bad with musical pitches
29 Letter-shaped girder
33 Feared fly
37 Wine barrels
38 Riddle, part 2
44 Before now
45 Indent keys
46 Poodle, e.g.
47 Org. fighting trafficking
48 Particular mag. edition
51 Letter following 36-Down
52 Supports for broken arms

- 55 Supersonic speed unit
57 Scissor cut
58 Fetuses-to-be
60 Riddle, part 3
64 BLT offerer
65 Listen (to)
67 Post-workout discomfort
68 Swelled head
70 Queued up
72 Comedic sort
73 Like the pope
77 Trattoria
80 Wee bits
83 Riddle, part 4
85 Ottawa's province
87 Seoul
88 "A little dab'll —"
89 Noisy napper
91 Marina — Rey
92 Corrosive cleanser
93 Place to input a PIN
94 Frat party dispenser
97 Language of Pakistan
98 — Fridays (restaurant)
99 End of the riddle

- 104 Father of Hector and Paris
107 Ready to go, as a car
108 Actor Dick Van —
109 Reaps
112 Spunk
114 Use a keypad
118 Riddle's answer
125 Beef cut
126 Attacked with a jump
127 Refrigeration slows it down
128 Paquin of "The Piano"
129 Intertwists
130 Tinkered (with)

DOWN

- 1 Two-in-one
2 Facts or stats
3 — fire under (roused)
4 No matter whether
5 Sea, to Jules
6 "Rocky III" actor
7 Bat wood
8 Try to find
9 Sailing outing
10 "You! Look over here!"

- 11 Nutrition fig.
12 Frequently, poetically
13 Lusterless photo surfaces
14 Cave sound
15 Not hidden
16 Like many white gowns
17 Features of zebras' necks
18 Inflict, as havoc
19 Medieval menials
24 Cousin of emo
25 Joe causing no jolt
30 Itsy —
31 Like a clock with hands
32 Giovanni of "Avatar"
34 Roush of baseball
35 Albeit, for short
36 18th Greek letter
38 Abhorred
39 Best competitive effort, slangily
40 Surprised second look
41 IRS datum

- 42 Like Popeye and Rambo
43 Former anesthetic
48 Apropos of
49 Knights, e.g.
50 1974 CIA spoof flick
53 Pop's Stefani
54 Big scissors
56 "Plus" point
57 Hyundai model
59 The "R" of ERA
61 College "Eli"
62 Bracelet sites
63 Hem, e.g.
66 French spa city
69 "Nice one!"
71 Twelve p.m.
73 Key near Alt
74 Cry on a ship
75 Samsung or LG product
76 "Where — from ..."
78 Really hot
79 In the future
81 San — Padres
82 Not at all iffy
84 Made of a certain sturdy wood
86 Place for a car jack

- 90 "— Lips Are Sealed"
93 "Bibleman" star Willie
95 Nest nugget
96 "Aw, shucks"
99 Cuban capital
100 Sight-related
101 Simple putts
102 Greek Mars
103 In fine — (doing well)
104 Big city in Penna.
105 Betray by blabbing
106 Novelist Shaw
110 Store lure
111 Subsequently
113 "You! Look over here!"
115 Calendar unit
116 Calendar unit
117 — out a living (barely scraped by)
119 H.S. transcript stat
120 & so forth
121 "The Simpsons" tavern keeper
122 Fed. cleanup group
123 DeLuise of "Silent Movie"
124 Drink a little

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Technology snafus tax your patience. But before you throw your computer or other bulky hardware into the trash, take a deep breath and call someone knowledgeable for help.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Don't be too upset if your generosity goes unappreciated. These things happen, and rather than brood over it, you should move on. Meanwhile, a new friend could open up some exciting possibilities.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A loved one helps you get through an especially difficult emotional situation. Afterward, spend the weekend immersed in the restorative powers of music and the other arts.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You are pretty much in charge of what you want to do this week. However, it might be a good idea to keep an open mind regarding suggestions from people you know you can trust.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Another chance to shine (something always dear to the Lion's heart) might be resented by others. But you earned it, so enjoy it! The weekend brings news about a family member.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A suggestion that never took off could become viable again. Dust it off, update it if necessary, and resubmit it. In your personal life, a new relationship takes an "interesting" turn.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Confronting a new challenge to your stated position could work to your advantage. You can settle all doubts once you're able to present a solid defense that is backed up by equally solid facts.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You enjoy doing nice things for others, but this is a good time to do something nice for yourself as well. You might want to start by planning a super-special getaway weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Some changes you feel like you need to make might be reasonable and appropriate. But others might lead to new problems. Think things through carefully before you act.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Good instincts usually keep the sure-footed Goat on the right path. What others might see as stubbornness on your part reflects your good sense of what is worth supporting.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A period of introspection could lead to some surprising conclusions and equally surprising changes involving a number of your long-held positions on several issues.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The financially practical PISCES might want to take a sensible approach to spending as well as investing. Being prudent now pays off later. In other news, a romantic situation moves into another phase.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your sense of curiosity keeps you continually alert for what's new about people, places and things. You know how to stay on top of trends or even start them yourself.

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conductor Philip Sanborn, will begin at 7:00 pm, weather permitting, at the Robert Broomhead Bandstand, Island Wharf off Front Street in Marion. 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.

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

On Sunday, **August 3**, The Rev. Marc Eames, Rector at St. John's Church, New Canaan, CT, will conduct services at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, next to the Town Beach in Mattapoisett. The 8:00 am and 10:00 am services use the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. All are welcome.

Mattapoisett Town Band

The Mattapoisett Town Band would like to thank everyone who attended our 125th anniversary special concert last week. We would also like to thank Representative Mark Sylvia for presenting us with a few citations from the state. We would also like to thank the town of Mattapoisett Select Board's office for their involvement in our special celebration.

Please join us for our next concert on **August 6**, at 7:00 pm. The theme will be songs from the Billboard top 100. Song selections will include hits made famous by the Beatles, Stevie Wonder, Neil Diamond, Tom Jones, Jerry Lee Lewis, and others. We will also pay tribute to Ozzy

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Rochester Republican Town Committee

The Rochester Republican Town Committee will hold its August meeting at the Ponderosa Sportsman's Club on Monday, **August 11**, at 6:30 pm. The Ponderosa is located at 242 Robinson Road, Acushnet. All are invited to attend.

New Bedford Harbor Sea Chantey Chorus

Please join the Mattapoisett Museum, 5 Church Street, on Saturday, **August 23**, at 3:00 pm for a free concert by the New Bedford Harbor Sea Chantey Chorus.

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The Mattapoissett Triathlon took place on Sunday, July 27. The event, hosted by the Mattapoissett Lions Club, saw over 100 competitors begin from Town Beach, swim 0.25 miles, bike 10 miles north of town and back, and finally run a 5K past Ned's Point and back around to the beach. Photos by Robert Pina



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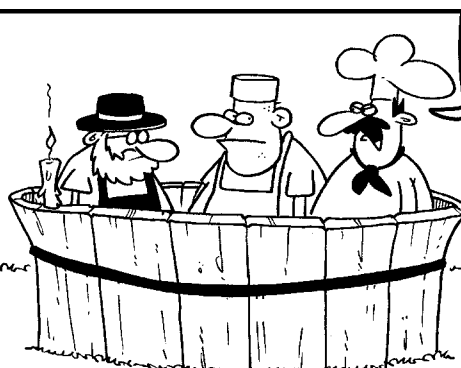
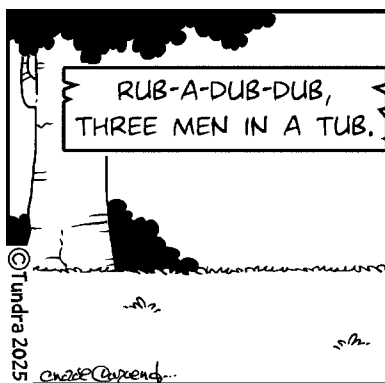
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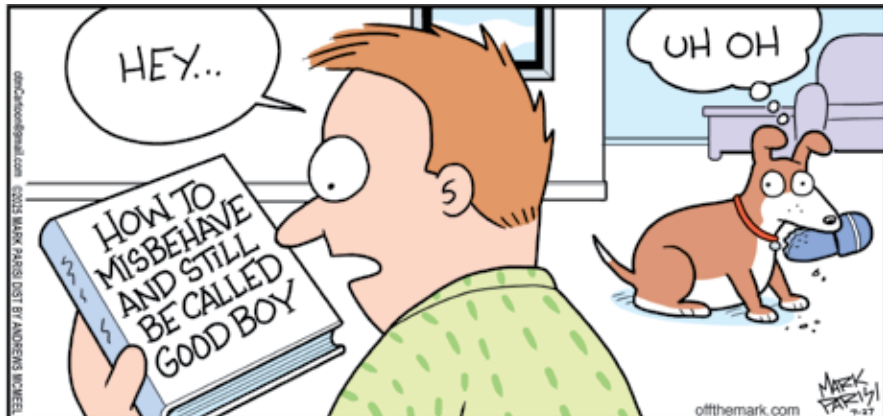
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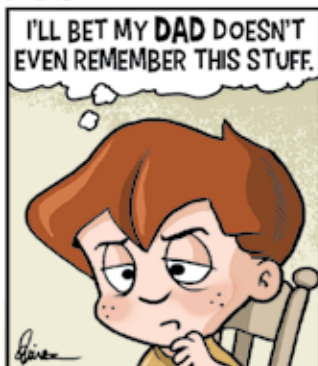
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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



North America, the Cape Verde Islands, and the British Isles. Be ready to have fun and learn how to "rant and roll like a true-born sailor!" Also performing with the chorus will be Butlers Flats, a group of chorus members who will also sing sea chanties.

The New Bedford Harbor Sea Chantey Chorus is a volunteer group of the Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey. This event is free, but donations are gladly accepted.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

In the 1880's in Rochester, there were no appropriations made by the town for public safety, neither police nor fire. By 1888, an article came before town meeting to vote to offer a fixed payment for forest fire fighting. With its abundance of forested land, the biggest fire concerns centered around forest fires. There were fire towers throughout the area to alert towns of potential danger. One was on Mendall Rd. in Acushnet well into the 1950's.

Early fires were fought by volunteers and by 1890, town records show that payments were made of \$1.60 for each of five men. After 1894, a bad year for fires, 31 firefighters were listed in town for 1895.

In 1910, town meeting appropriated money to be spent in 1911 for fire extinguishers. In an article in "Rochester Journal #4", George "Fred" Randall recalls

that at the age of seven, "I would go with my father in the back seat of a 1936 Plymouth. My job was to hold two soda and acid extinguishers". This was an important job for a seven yr. old, especially with his father's instructions, "Don't let the damn things tip over".

In 1921, Daniel E. Hartley was the first appointed Fire Warden, and he was allotted 3 deputies. The deputies stored the fire extinguishers at their houses. In 1925, the three Deputy Wardens were L.C. Humphrey, Clarence Maxim and Freeman Fuller.

In the 1940's, there were finally appropriations passed to create a fire department.

In 1945, after the town appropriated \$3000.00 for the purchasing of a fire engine, an old army truck was purchased in New Bedford and sent to the Maxim Company in Middleboro to be retrofitted. A 500-gallon water tank, a small air-cooled pump and some hoses were installed in the back of what was essentially a pickup truck. Additional hoses and ladders were attached to the side and a siren was added. The truck was painted



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<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT ROAD CLOSURE PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>The owners of Harbor Acres Lane are closing this road to the public on August 20, 2025. William E. Mansfield 7/31, 8/7</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DEVELOPMENT OF A HARBOR MANAGEMENT PLAN</p> <p>The Town of Marion, acting through the Office of the Town Administrator and Chief Procurement Officer, invites sealed bids from qualified responders to provide professional services to the Town of Marion and develop a Harbor Management Plan.</p> <p>Proposal Documents may be obtained electronically only; downloaded directly from the Town of Marion website: www.marionma.gov/Bids.aspx starting at 8:00 am on July 25, 2025. Proposal deadline is 2:00pm on August 28, 2025. The Town of Marion reserves the right to reject any and all bids if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so. Minority and Women's Business enterprise are encouraged to submit bids for this project. Geoffrey Gorman, CPO Town Administrator. 7/24</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 13, at 7:05 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by the Zelia E. Kenyon Trust - 2024 for a proposed pier and float improvement project at 302 Delano Road.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 4 on Marion Assessors' Map 5. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair *Please contact Olivia Prior at oprior@marionma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 7/31</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 13, at 7:15 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request to Amend an Order of Conditions, SE 041-1416 submitted by Janet & Laurence Reinhart for modifications to the approved Site Plan including reorientation of the boat ramp and a proposed elevated deck at 13 East Avenue.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 3 on Marion Assessors' Map 71. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair *Please contact Olivia Prior at oprior@marionma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. 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The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 7/31</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 13, at 7:40 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applica-</p>	<p>bility, submitted by Ryan Burke, for the grading and resurfacing of existing roads on Dexter Road, Doran Way, Wilson Road, Cole Road, Harnum Way, Julian Road, Shady Lane, and Seahorse Way.</p> <p>The site is further identified as adjacent to Multiple Lots on Marion Assessors' Map 5A. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair *Please contact Olivia Prior at oprior@marionma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 7/31</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 13, at 7:45 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by Chip O'Hare, for cobble and sand beach nourishment at 136 Point Road.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 17A on Marion Assessors' Map 1. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair *Please contact Olivia Prior at oprior@marionma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 7/31</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 13, at 7:55 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Jack and Jill Realty Trust for house renovations including porch repairs, installation of water and electric services and connection to municipal sewer system at 14 West Drive.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 24 on Marion Assessors' Map 6. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair *Please contact Olivia Prior at oprior@marionma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 7/31</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 11, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Michael Dahill, 24 Crystal Spring Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to install a platform and steps over an existing stone revetment to provide access to the beach. The project is located at 0 Shore Drive and is further identified as Lot 4.0 on Assessor Map 14.0. **Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 7/31</p>

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Thanks to Betty Beaulieu for the compilation of most of the data included.

Come to the Yard Sale

On **August 2 and 3**, we hope to see you all at our annual yard sale. On Saturday, we'll be open from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and on Sunday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. We have good quality used furniture, toys, small kitchen appliances, toys, exercise equipment, a nautical corner, pillows and towels and did I mention toys (think Barbies, stuffed animals, etc.) as well as books and puzzles and much more. We hold this sale every year to help pay the expenses (especially oil) that keep our museum functioning.

While here you can learn about our upcoming August meeting and even pick up a membership form. We're looking forward to seeing you.

August Events at the Mattapoisett Library

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library Artist Series presents Ad(h)orable by A. Santos. The exhibition, entitled "Ad(h)orable: Half Horrible, Half Adorable," begins on **August 2** and is free and open to the public.

Our six-week Summer Yoga Series continues on Thursday, **August 7**, at 10:30 am and concludes on Thursday, **August 14**. Stretch, unwind, and relax with a beginner-friendly yoga flow series. This adaptable experience suits all ability levels and is recommended for ages 12 and up. Class will be held outside, weather permitting—please dress accordingly. No registration required.

Join K&A Creations on Tuesday, **August 12**, at 5:30 pm for a fun-filled evening of creativity. K&A Creations will lead patrons through a step-by-step painting lesson. Paint a cozy snail or do your own thing. This program is intended for patrons aged 13 and above only; it is not suitable for children. Space is limited. Registration is required. Please dress accordingly, as paint can be messy.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library is scheduled for Wednesday, **August 13**, at 6:00 pm. All are welcome to attend. A Zoom link

to the meeting is available upon request. If you have any questions, please contact the library at mfpl@sailsinc.org. We can pass along your message to the Friends.

The Friends are also still accepting jewelry donations. If you have gently used or unworn jewelry or accessories you'd like to donate, the Friends would love to take them off your hands. Please drop these items off at the circulation desk. Thank you. Your contributions are appreciated and will help support future library events.

Join us for a hands-on, screen-free photography adventure on Saturday, **August 23** at 11:00 am. Weather permitting, a rain date will be announced if needed. Families will meet at the library and walk to Munro Park to take photos with provided cameras, then return to the library's Media Lab to create custom scrapbooks. This event is perfect for all ages, from 6 to 106. Bring your kids, grandparents, or the whole crew. An adult must accompany children under the age of 8. Space is limited. Registration is required; please register on the library's website.

Drop by the library on Tuesday, **August 26**, at 6:00 pm for the next Sippizine writing group. Meredith is stepping up to lead this summer's sessions in the Marine Room while Alanna Nelson is away. Bring your favorite writing accessories (e.g., paper, pen, computer) and get ready for the spark as ideas pop up in this creative writing session. No registration required.

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 11, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by William F. Madden, 11 Melissa Anne Lane, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to construct a 26'x60' detached garage with pea stone driveway on all sides. The project is located at 11 Melissa Anne Lane, and is further identified as lot 7T on Assessor Map 20.

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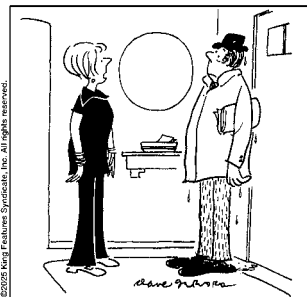
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Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

There are limited spots available for Kim Savoie's glass working programs at the Elizabeth Taber Library on Saturday **August 2** at 12:30 pm and Saturday, **August 9** from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Call the Library to register for this free program, ages 10+.

The Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library will be hosting "Donation Days" in anticipation of the annual Summer Book Sale on Friday and Saturday, **August 8 & 9**, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Marion Music Hall located at 164 Front Street. Friends will accept donations on Thursday, August 7 and Friday, August 8 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Marion Music Hall. Books in good condition (no textbooks) are requested, as well as items like DVDs, puzzles, games, and Legos. All proceeds support programming at the library. Please do not bring donations to the Elizabeth Taber Library outside of the Friends' hosted Donation Days.

Prepare your stuffed animal for a special sleepover. Kids of all ages are invited to drop a stuffed animal off at the Library before 6:00 pm on Thursday, **August 7** and then pick them up after 12:00 pm on Friday, August 8. You'll be able to read all about their adventures and receive a special picture of your stuffie.

Get in the summer spirit with Campout Storytime on Tuesday, **August 12** at 6:30 pm. Bring a blanket or towel to sit on the library lawn and listen to camping themed stories, explore a tent, and even make s'mores. This program is recommended for kids ages 0-5 and their adults.

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For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library visit us at www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org or email the library at ETLibrary@sailsinc.org.

Marion Town House Renovations

The Marion Town House will undergo renovations starting **September 1**.

Town House functions will move to the Town House Annex, 14 Barnabas Road at Sippican Office Park. Specific dates are:

August 11 to 15 - Town House closed for routine business (limited access to emails and phones).

August 18 - Town House Annex opens for normal business.

Summer 2026 - estimated time for project completion.

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Mattapoisett Museum

The Mattapoisett Museum, 5 Church Street, is delighted to announce its upcoming events for August that are open to the community and are sure to please. For more information on all of these programs, please consult mattapoisettmuseum.org/events.

The Great Community Picnic will be held on Thursday, **August 7**, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Munro Preserve adjacent to the town wharf. This event, hosted by the Mattapoisett Land Trust and the Mattapoisett Museum, will provide tables, chairs, and tablecloths. Attendees bring their own food, utensils & plates. Live music will be provided by Gary Brown & Bill Santos. Tables available for 4 (\$160), 6 (\$240), 8 (\$320) or 10 (\$400) dinners. A place at the community table costs \$40. Buy a ticket for the community table or buy a table.

Tickets are available online and sales will end on Monday, July 28 or when they sell out, whichever comes first. Make plans now to join the Museum for this festive, memorable evening.

On Saturday, **August 9**, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm the Museum will host Hot Club Cheese Roll, back by popular demand with a trio that stars Jason Smith (guitar), John Birt (guitar), and Mark Russell (violin). Founded by guitarist Jason Smith in 2016 and inspired by the music of Django Reinhardt and Stephan Grappelli of The Hot Club of France, they will perform a mix of music of pre-WWII jazz and of jazz standards as well as more contemporary hits interpreted in the gypsy jazz/hot club style. Entrance to hear The Hot Club Cheese Roll costs \$18.00 to Mattapoisett Museum's members; non-members' entrance fee is \$20.00.

Mark T. Small will perform on **August 16** from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Museum. Mark is an internationally recognized musician and entertainer who has performed in numerous venues throughout the United States & Europe. His CD was named Best Acoustic Blues Album in 2014, and his recordings have reached the top 20 on National Music Charts.

You will hear Mark's signature, foot stomping blues, boogie, early rock and honky-tonk selections. Instrumental selections include: *America The Beautiful*, *Amazing Grace*, *Autumn Leaves*, *Maple Leaf Rag*, and many other dazzling, fancy guitar arrangements. Entrance to hear Mark T. Small costs \$18.00 to Mattapoisett Museum's members; non-members' entrance fee is \$20.00.

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Bridgette Sullivan	July 31
Devin Smith	July 31
Ken MacKenzie	July 31
Lisa Bindas	July 31
Niamh Sullivan	July 31
Tom Jackivicz	July 31
Annie-Alice Scaduto	August 1
Arisa Underhill	August 1
Betsy Sylvia	August 1
Cara Butler	August 1
Kevin Delehanty	August 1
Nicholas Risko	August 1
Roger N. Bolduc	August 1
Benjamin Schwartz	August 2
Christine Gibbons	August 2
David Mann-Wirth	August 2
Isabella Marotta	August 2
Lillie Farrell	August 2
Liz Adams	August 2
Pam Fleming	August 2
Stephanie Bailey	August 2
Beckett Elger	August 3
Bill Feeney	August 3
Camerin Zell	August 3
Hayden Silva	August 3
Jim Feeney	August 3
Jodi Jones	August 3
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Aidan Ridings	August 4
Connor Kelley	August 4
Drew Weaver	August 4
Nora Dreher	August 4
Dianne McBroome	August 5
Jeffrey Mello	August 5
John Schluter	August 5
Kara Jahn	August 5
Ken Pacheco	August 5
Sam Austin	August 5
Susan Mello	August 5
Vince Cragin	August 5
Christine Deneault	August 6
Dante Anacleto	August 6
Lauren Bousquet	August 6
Stephen Lombard, Sr.	August 6



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Stevens (Sunday Matinees), Natalya Carreiro, Ben Freeman, Rachel Richardson, Cynthia Johnson

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Shadow Director: Phoebe Van Inwegen

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The performances will be on **August 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, and 24** with Friday and Saturday shows at 7:30 pm and Sunday shows at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 for MAC members and \$23 for nonmembers. More information and tickets: marionartcenter.org/events
Tickets are on sale now for members and will go on sale to the general public on July 18.

Miss Witherspoon is a hilariously thought-provoking comedy about a woman's reluctant journey through reincarnation and the afterlife. The title character, Miss Witherspoon, has given up on life but finds herself caught in the "Bardo," a cosmic waiting room. Guided - or rather prodded - by Maryamma, an unwavering yet kind South Asian woman, Miss Witherspoon confronts her resistance to reincarnation and learns unexpected lessons through her short-lived lives on earth. With biting wit and poignant moments, this play explores themes of mortality, growth, and redemption with a humorous touch.

Summer Members' Show Call for Entries

The Marion Art Center is issuing a call for entries for its Summer Members' Show, which runs from August 21 to September 19 at the MAC, located at 80 Pleasant St, Marion. The opening reception will be held on Thursday, **August 21** from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm. This year, the MAC asks members to submit only one piece to allow enough room for all to participate without overcrowding (Our artist membership has grown but our building has not). Drop-off dates for the show are from Saturday, August 16 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and Tuesday, August 19 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

This year, in an exciting collaboration with the Sippican Lands Trust, the MAC encourages members to utilize the new "en plein air" benches now located at Osprey Marsh, Peirson Woods, and White Eagle for their entries for the Summer Members' show. Works



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created on SLT properties will be recognized as such in the members' show, with a special label to identify the location. Additionally, any artists (nonmembers invited) creating works as part of the SLT's Summer of Art event (sippicanlandstrust.org/events) are invited to exhibit their works during a pop-up event scheduled at the end of the MAC's Summer Members' show, Wednesday September 17 through Friday, September 19. The MAC will use floor and tabletop easels, and pedestals to display the additional SLT works for the final three days of the show. All pop-up entries must be delivered to the MAC on Tuesday, September 16 between 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, or by arrangement with a MAC staff member. Contact info@marionartcenter.org for more information.

Timeless Tunes, Tales and Tributes

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

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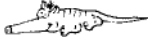
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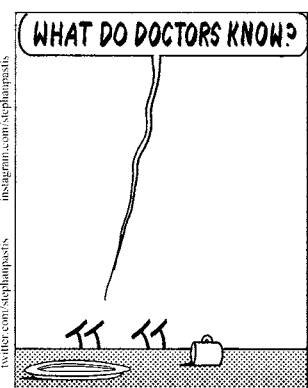
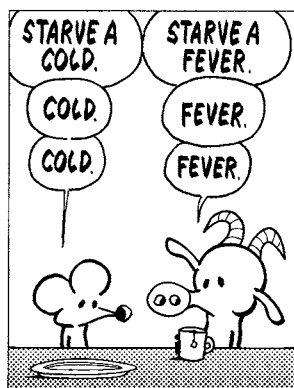
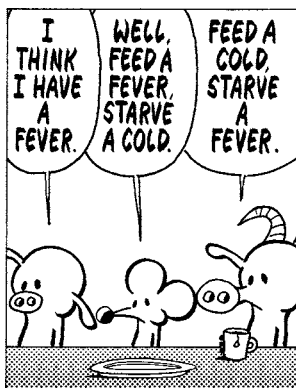
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



like "God Bless America," humorous novelty numbers, upbeat Broadway Show tunes and numerous movie scores and ballads. Stories and songs interspersed with audience sing-alongs promise a joyous, uplifting end of summertime.

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We are inviting all local Ensign owners to join us for low-key racing on July Tuesdays at 6:00 pm. These would be non-spinnaker races on courses about a mile in length. They will take 20 to 40 minutes depending on the wind. We will use just 4 basic rules designed to avoid collisions. Experienced MYC racers from our PHRF fleet will be on hand in powerboats to offer coaching and tips while you are on the course. Friends and family can watch the races for Ned's Point. All you need is an Ensign, a VHF radio and life jackets for your crew. After the race, enjoy a picturesque sail back to your mooring into the setting sun. Then join the regular ensign crews at the MYC clubhouse for some tall tales of racing washed down with appropriate beverages (BYOB). The top



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

ORR Class of 1975 50th Reunion

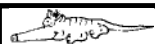
The 50th reunion will take place on Saturday, **September 20** from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Reservation Golf and Beach Club, 10 Reservation Road, Mattapoissett. Please share this information with anyone who may not have been contacted so that we can forward an invitation to them. Contact email: orrhs1975@gmail.com.

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		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	July 31	1:09	1:41	6:25	7:19
Friday	August 1	1:52	2:25	7:10	8:29
Saturday	August 2	2:36	3:11	8:04	9:46
Sunday	August 3	3:26	4:04	9:05	10:50
Monday	August 4	4:25	5:06	10:09	11:42
Tuesday	August 5	5:29	6:03	11:07	
Wednesday	August 6	6:23	6:50	12:27	12:05
Thursday	August 7	7:10	7:32	1:09	12:46
Friday	August 8	7:53	8:13	1:50	1:32
Saturday	August 9	8:36	8:54	2:28	2:19
Sunday	August 10	9:19	9:37	3:04	3:05
Monday	August 11	10:04	10:23	3:39	3:51
Tuesday	August 12	10:50	11:11	4:13	4:37
Wednesday	August 13	11:40		4:49	5:24
Thursday	August 14	12:02	12:33	5:29	6:18
Friday	August 15	12:57	1:28	6:14	7:30
Saturday	August 16	1:55	2:27	7:09	9:32
Sunday	August 17	2:55	3:30	8:15	10:56
Phases of the Moon		First Quarter	August 1st	Full Moon	August 9th
		Last Quarter	August 16th	New Moon	August 23rd



I Found the Aardvark!

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

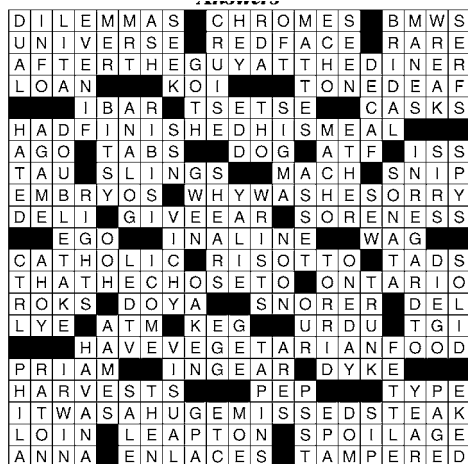
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1. Nudge 2. Lance;
3. Margin; 4. Avenge

Today's Word

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Sudoku Answer

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

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