

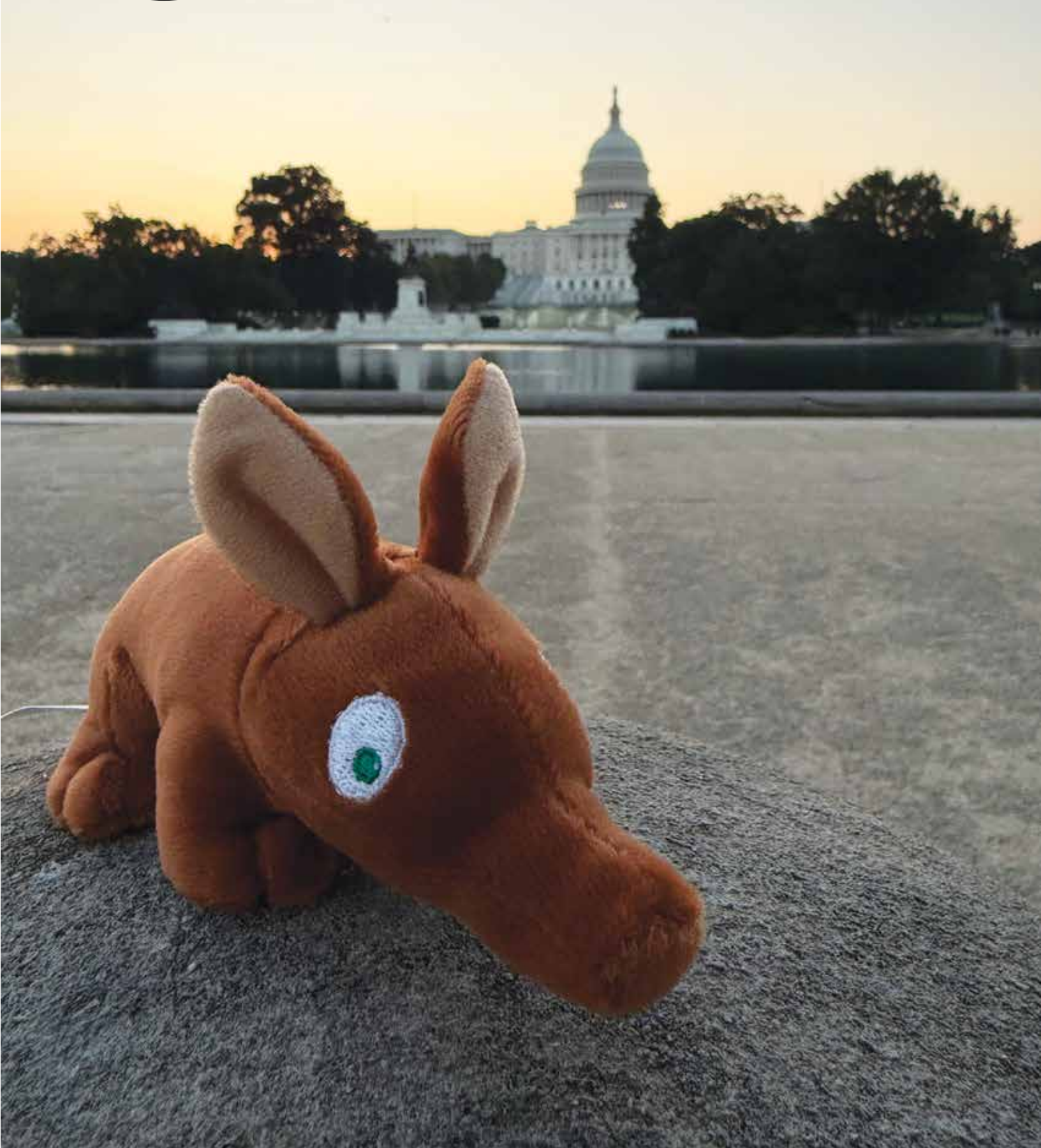


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Mr. Aardvark Goes to Washington

By The Aardvark

I've spent most of my life in the Tri-Town, bumping between burrows in Rochester, a sandy beach hole in Marion, or in The Wanderer's office in Mattapoissett (don't tell my boss I live there). I spend my days drinking iced coffee, walking the streets in search of cool goings-on, or looking for myself in pages of The Wanderer. For some reason, last week, I got the itch to travel.

I packed up all my belongings and put them in my duffle bag. Some snacks (mostly ants and cheese crackers), my Red Sox hat, the latest edition of The Wanderer (not product placement, I did bring it with me), and boarded one bus of many on my long trip south.

From the moment I stepped off the bus 14 hours later (public transport in the country needs some help), I knew I was in for an adventure - and a sweat! Did the bus dump me off in a bowl of hot soup? I was too busy fanning myself with a map of the National Mall to figure out where to go and get a reprieve from the heat. *I guess the swamp hasn't been drained yet.* So, I pressed on!

I began by walking towards what resembled that thing on the back of a penny. It was! Squinting up at Abe's enormous stone face, I decided to take a selfie. I also stayed under the shade with him for a moment, or ten, to get away from the blistering heat.

From there, I trotted down the Mall, occasionally stopping to take a sip of the reflecting pond. I did get an iced coffee here, but it just wasn't the same. It didn't help that all the ice melted after about 30 seconds.

I ran into the Air and Space Museum, where I

On the Cover: Recently, The Aardvark took a trip down south and visited the nation's capital, Washington, D.C. While there, he visited all the big tourist destinations, saw the huge white buildings that contain our government representatives, and sampled the National Mall's selection of ants. His favorite part of the trip was coming home! Photo by Sam Bishop

was told I *apparently* mistook a moon rock for a termite mound. It won't happen again! I also saw a ton of planes, old and new. How did the Wright brothers get that thing off the ground?

In another embarrassment, I was shushed in the Library of Congress. I only Whispered "way too loudly" how nice the carpet felt under my claws. It's true! It was marvelous and may I just add, again, the air conditioning is marvelous and necessary there. The books from Jefferson's personal collection would surely have melted otherwise.

It was all a lot to take in, and I really didn't have the time to take it in since every moment spent looking up at the huge white buildings and monuments was also spent under the brutal yellow sun. The Capitol did make me wonder how anyone got anything done in a building so fancy. Nearby, some people wearing blue buttons were near some others wearing red buttons. They were trying to talk to me about Medicaid this and

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immigration that. Unfortunately for them, they do not have my vote. I am a staunch voter of the unrepresented, single-issue AFAP, or Aardvarks for America Party. Passing some protests near the white house I told both sides to great applause "If I ran this country, there'd be a national holiday for naps."

The Washington Monument made me dizzy just looking up at it at night. I finally realized it was time to go home. After a long, sticky day and many, many miles walked, I can say confidently it was a great visit but next time, I'm going in October.

Special Reunion, Recognition for Band

By Marilou Newell

The July 30 concert in Shipyard Park was one for the record books. It was a celebration of the Mattapoissett Town Band's 125 years complete with recognition from the House of Representatives and the governor.

Representative Mark Sylvia (D - 10th Bristol) presented the band with an honorary citation for its 125 years of "musical excellence" for the community and a Governor's Citation conferred upon the band in recognition of its 125 years in existence. Band Director Jason Newell received these acknowledgements on behalf of the town and the larger community.

What followed were musical tunes selected for the occasion, including several pieces composed during the early life of the band.

During the festivities, small children under the age of 12 were asked to join the band by marching around the bandstand and in conducting the band as it played a variety of rousing tunes.

The diversity of the band includes high school and college students as well as professional musicians. But not to be forgotten are the musicians who have returned to playing their instruments after a long hiatus.

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Newell's lifelong passion for music in all its forms began at a very young age, possibly when he received a toy piano as a Christmas gift. Much later, as a birthday surprise, he received a Kimball piano. Lessons taken at the Marion Art Center were his first step towards achieving his end game – becoming a music educator. As for the Kimball, it enjoyed a very long life as Newell installed it wherever he was teaching, giving many young hands their first playing experience.

Newell's earliest teachers in the public-school setting encouraged his interest in music. One teacher,

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Newell is a music teacher currently sharing his musical knowledge and experiences with students at Durfee High School in Fall River. In his long career, he has shown countless students how to play instruments and how to read music.

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Reporter Marilou Newell is Band Director Jason Newell's mother.

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West Nile Is Back, But Don't Fret

West Nile Virus Cases Confirmed in Tri-Town Mosquitoes

By Sam Bishop

Similar to years prior, West Nile was confirmed in Tri-Town mosquitoes tested on July 24 by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. This is not irregular nor unexpected at this point, however, as state and local bodies have worked to mitigate the risks of spread.

Plymouth County Mosquito Control sprayed on July 31 and did so throughout the night from 2:00 am to sunrise. Marion says this spraying session mainly

focused on the center of town.

Mosquitoes are most active between dusk and dawn, especially near bodies of water. For prevention, it is recommended you move outdoor activities to the daylight. Insect repellent is also a good call, while DEET, permethrin, picaridin, IR3535, and oil of lemon eucalyptus are all recommended as well. Products with DEET should not be used on infants under two months of age, and oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age. Of course, wearing clothes that covers the skin can help, too.

Currently, the Tri-Town sits at a "low" for both West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) risk level, according to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. North of the Tri-Town, Middleborough sits at "moderate" risk. So far this year, statewide, 2 mosquitoes have tested positive for EEE and 61 for West Nile. No human cases have been confirmed at this time.

Eggs - Good or Bad for You?

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

I recently came across a study showing that eating 1 or 2 eggs a week modestly reduced the risk of

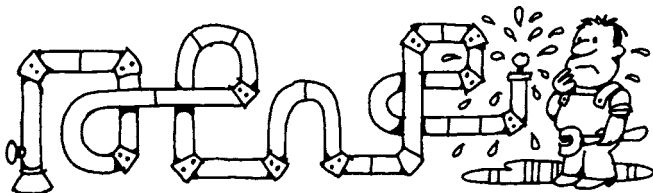
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Alzheimer's disease, postulated to be due to the high choline content of egg yolks. (Choline goes to form a protein that carries signals between nerves.)

My immediate reaction was to think "yes, but won't that increase your heart risk?" so I decided to dig further.

Eggs are nutrient rich, a good source of protein, lutein (important for eye health), choline and other nutrients and low in calories. (Leafy greens are another good source of lutein.) Eggs are also rich in cholesterol. One average egg yolk contains 186 mg of cholesterol, and standard diet advice is to limit our cholesterol to

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Most of us, some 70%, have no change in blood cholesterol after eating eggs. The other 30% do show an increase in cholesterol, but both HDL (good) and LDL (bad) rise.

Multiple epidemiologic studies have shown no increased heart attack risk associated with egg consumption, and a small trial using controlled diets found that increasing saturated fat in the diet raised LDL (bad) cholesterol, but eating two eggs a day did not.

So, if there is any heart risk from eating eggs, it seems to be the bacon, sausage and butter, all rich in saturated fats, that often accompany the eggs, that are the culprit.

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By Sam Bishop

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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. Last week, Washington, still focused on reorganization, was interrupted by a detachment of British ships leaving Boston and heading south. He sent warnings to Connecticut and Rhode Island to prepare for assault.

On July 30, 1775, Washington's General Orders appoint William Tudor of Massachusetts as Judge Advocate of the Continental Army. In another charge for discipline, he commands regiment drummers and fifers to attend to their Major at usual hours. Weighing on his mind, however, is not appointments but rather, his raid ordered the night prior. Washington was woken up today to alarms. A detachment of scouts came under fire, though were able to retreat after freeing two prisoners from British fortifications. He did not record much of this day as he was busy planning for the action ahead and awaiting a potential counterattack.

Major General Philip Schuyler (father of Schuyler sisters and Hamilton's father in-law) reports to Washington from Fort Ticonderoga, which was captured in May. The ongoing push into Canada is ill-fated, with Schuyler saying, "I am extremely anxious to hear from your part of the world, reports prevail that a body of troops have left Boston and are gone to Canada. If so I fear we shall not be able to penetrate Into Canada." So, that detachment mentioned last week wasn't going south, but instead is going north the resupply and reenforce the Canadian front.

Finally, the raid! Little Brewster Island, then just called "Lighthouse Island," sits at the mouth of the harbor coming into Boston. Minor raids on the island had happened before, but on July 31, 300 men under

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Washington would write, "The great advantage the enemy has of transporting troops by being masters of the sea will enable them to harass us by diversions of this kind; & should we be tempted to pursue them upon every alarm, The Army must either be so weaken'd as to expose it to destruction or a great part of the coast be still left unprotected." Little victories, including the destruction of an already damaged lighthouse into Boston Harbor, was a large victory against British logistics. Washington would personally thank Major Tupper and his men. Prisoners captured were to be marched to Worcester.

As was an issue for the entire war, Washington and the army needed supplies. On August 1, Elbridge Gerry of the Massachusetts Committee of Supplies informed the Commander that of 200,000 small arms cartridges requested, only 36,000 are available. He also states there are only 36 barrels of powder "this side of Maryland." Though he states they are expecting shipments from the West Indies. Interestingly, though much of the Caribbean islands were loyal to Britain,

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they had many economic ties to the American colonies. Of course, the French and Dutch islands were heavily relied on for arms and ammunition. The following day, August 2, General John Sullivan writes Washington from Winter Hill northwest of Boston, saying he is low on powder and "scarcely any balls" of ammo.

On August 3, Washington discusses looting, a timeless tradition of war. Basically, whatever troops pillage from the enemy in wartime must be brought back to headquarters and auctioned off, saying, "an auction will be held in the front of the encampment for the sale thereof – and the money arising therefrom, is to

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Talks are now exclusively on supplies. Not enough powder, not enough ammunition, and not enough clothes for the troops. In his General Orders on August 4, Washington reminds his troops "with indignation and shame," to stop firing guns in the camp and wasting ammunition. The severity of this shortage is a major subject of stress, with him adding, "Any person offending in this particular, will be considered in no other light, than as a common enemy, and the guards will have orders to fire upon them as such." A daring plan is in the works, as Washington writes to Nicholas Cooke in Providence detailing the potential of a heist: the powder magazine on Bermuda.

At this point, the Tri-Town (then, just the Town of Rochester), is also within the range of Washington's orders. Young men would be able to leave town and in about a day's time, be able to join up at headquarters in Cambridge. The orders to preserve ammunition would also hold in Rochester, as would the collection and purchase of food by use of the army up north.

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Parking Solutions and Road Improvements

Marion Select Board

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

The Marion Select Board on Tuesday agreed to have officials create approximately 75 temporary lined parking spots on Island Wharf to alleviate the parking shortage in the village area.

Also, at Tuesday's meeting in the Police Station meeting room, the board agreed to 28 items, or around \$3,000,000, of road improvements on Point Road, including concrete-based sidewalk improvements.

The Select Board earlier this spring approved

the formation of a subcommittee to study parking around Island Wharf, an area shared by boaters with trailers, concert goers at the town bandstand, residents who visit the grass area for picnics, and patrons of local businesses.

The topic of village parking has been debated at Marine Resources Commission, Planning Board, Open Space, and other town boards and committees over the last few months.

At issue is a grassy open space area, and officials have debated whether that area, designated as open space, should be used for parking, especially for those

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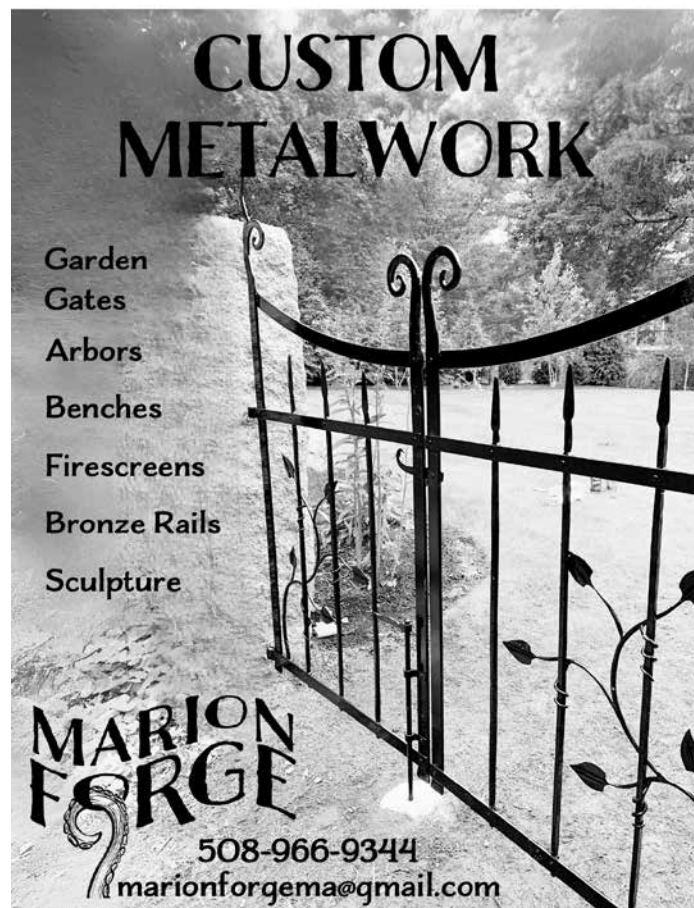
who visit the area for passive recreation. Select Board Chair Randy Parker proposed looking at the original deed.

The board, however, was not in full agreement with some of the recommendations. Select Board member John Hoagland said the grass area should be restricted to only weekend parking. Select Board member Norman Hills said residents and other visitors should be directed to park on Spring Street and other adjacent side roads during the busy weekend. Parker took issue with that point, as well as Harbormaster Adam Murphy.

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Murphy said if boaters park on the side streets during their permitted 72-hour parking period, it would be a nuisance for both boaters and officials to get boaters in and out of the area quickly.

"You are going to deter parking for someone to go out on their boats," Parker said.

Planning Board Chair Andrew Daniel took issue with limiting parking within the grass areas, especially for new and other businesses looking to generate patronage and revenue.

Officials on Tuesday also talked about the safety of some trailers and boats being parked within the adjacent open space grass area, especially when that area is jammed with concert goers looking to navigate a jammed parking area that has trailers and other marine-based equipment.

Select Board members voted to allow Murphy, also a town police officer, and the Department of Public Works to use baseball chalk to create parking and one-way traffic on the wharf.

Officials agreed it would help direct traffic and create more parking spots. They also agreed to further review Hoagland's list of recommendations and allow the MRC to weigh in on the subcommittee report before taking further action.

Police also recommended creating vegetated barriers in the grass area to prevent some motorists from crashing into trailers or boat vessels.

The Select Board went through 28 items of road improvements on Point Road, some of which had been approved at the last Town Meeting. The board agreed that the sidewalks should be updated and some of the curves in the road should be modernized.

Parker mentioned that he has fielded many complaints about the surface of the road, as well as the road layout, and lack of sidewalks.

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Department of Public Works Director Jody Dickerson said by the end of this construction season, a new asphalt coating should be on the road, making an immediate improvement.

The board also discussed a letter from town counsel about developer Sherman Briggs' proposed multi-unit condominium project off Spring Street.

The 10-building project is looking for a residential sewer rate, as opposed to a commercial rate.

The board described the project as falling within a commercial development but Briggs, Daniel and other officials, as well as project proponents, mentioned that both the zoning and status of each dwelling is a condominium and would be owned by individual families.

Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman and board members proposed that Briggs deliver a PDF of his plans and have Town Council review updated plans.

Many at Tuesday's meeting noted that Town Council might have been using older data when it made its determination.

Continuing Development of Long Wharf

Mattapoissett Marine Advisory Board

By Sam Bishop

In their monthly meeting on Thursday, July 31, the Mattapoissett Marine Advisory Board primarily discussed ongoing talks with Childs Engineering on development of Long Wharf.

At the beginning of the hybrid meeting, the chair of the board, Carlos G. DeSousa, asked for Harbormaster Isaac Perry to sit at the main table with the board members. Before getting into discussions, DeSousa also said, "This is an advisory board. So, anything that's said at this meeting is not to be given as direction. Direction can only come from the Town

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Administrator through the Board of Selectmen [Select Board].”

Getting into Long Wharf, the chair asked if anyone had thoughts on the current pump-out trailer at the end of the wharf and what opinions there were on a permanent, with plumbing, facility for the wharf. Currently, there is a trailer that is removed and winterized at the end of the season. For winterization, Harbormaster Perry explained it is done by both Water and Sewer and Harbormaster Department employees.

Andrew Nilson, representative from Childs Engineering, stated his organization had asked that of the town in the past and hadn’t been given a definitive answer. He said “our intent was to maintain a similar system” but added he and Childs Engineering would like to know if the town wishes to upgrade their system as soon as possible. It was discussed that the current location of the trailer, at the end of the wharf, is a prime spot and it should be freed up for other use and not be as visible.

Nilson explained many other marinas use more permanent-based systems and the town would be able to get a new system “off the shelf.” He did add, “I do think they would be rather pricey for the application,

citing “over \$30,000 for the system, maybe closer to \$50,000.” The end of the dock is also known to flood, with the board members and harbormaster discussing the need for preventative action should a tank be situated at the end of the wharf.

The chair then said there are issues with the timber-pile-supported pier at the end of Long Wharf jutting out too far past the floating docks, resulting in the potential risk of boats clipping it when they leave dock. Nilson stated Childs Engineering has created a setback for the pier in their plans, “so it avoids that issue.”

There was talk on electrical issues and the spacing in between lights and boat hookups. Due to the wharf still being used for town functions, the need for good lighting and high light poles (8 to 10 feet tall) was reiterated. Nilson and Childs Engineering are continuing to work with town representatives and are regularly updating and changing plans for the wharf area.

The planning stage is ongoing, and the next meeting of the Mattapoisett Marine Advisory Board is scheduled for Thursday, August 28 at 7:00 pm. The meeting is hybrid and is available in person in Town Hall or accessible on Zoom.

Roof Pitch Muddies Plans for Colonial

Rochester Historic District Commission

By Michael J. DeCicco

The lot at 28 Marion Road, Rochester, that has been vacant since a fire destroyed the bakery and cafe there in 2011 may finally see a house built upon it. First, however, the plan must get approval from the town Historic District Commission.

Acushnet engineer Nelson Bernardo, who had already received a building permit and had a bulldozer



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and material on site when he learned the parcel was in the town's Historic District, met with the commission on July 31 so the panel could review his permit application.

He explained he wants to build a 34x40-square foot, two-story Colonial-style house with white trim and windows and a 6-degree angle roof pitch. Commission member Sarah Johnston was first to note her concern. She said a steeper, 8-pitch roof would be more authentic in the Historic District. Bernardo said the roof pitch is a financial consideration. A smaller roof



pitch will not require the expensive use of staging in the construction phase. He said he would increase the roof pitch if he finds he can cut costs in other ways.

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Chair Matthew Monteiro said his commission might mandate that condition if no one else in district has the same roof design. His main concern, however, was the need for a public hearing on this petition to seek the abutters' input.

He added that there should be a one-time hearing, not a continued one as the town has seen with larger, more complex projects. Then he instructed Bernardo on the next steps: Send notices to all his abutters in 300-square-foot circumference, refine his plan, and wait through the 14 days that must elapse while the hearing is posted in *The Wanderer*.

The resulting tentative public hearing date was set for August 26. Bernardo asked what construction work he could do until then. "You mean I have to wait a month?" he asked. "I need to get going with things."

Monteiro advised Bernardo the commission has no jurisdiction over the foundation, landscaping and the footprint so he can do "some work." He then explained the new building commissioner was unaware the lot was in the Historic District. So, the Building Department has instructed the commission to deliver a list of all the addresses in the district to avoid a similar problem in the future.

The Rochester Historic District Commission's next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 26 at 6:30 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Reviewing the MS4 Bylaw Draft

Marion Planning Board

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Planning Board met on Monday to discuss a subdivision on Front Street and to approve Field Engineering Co., Inc.'s amendment to their Engineering Service Agreement for 78 Wareham Road.

Following the approval of minutes with some minor grammatical and structural changes, the board then moved on to an Approval Not Required endorsement from William and Dina Quinlan of 586 Front Street. The applicants are looking to divide the lot into two, A and B. Lot A would be about 25% larger and would maintain driveway access for both properties. The board spoke over their worries of possible non-conformities that would come with the division and possible new constructions on the lots. The board said the Zoning Board of Appeals will be involved in talks on this as well. The Planning Board granted the Approval Not Required with a unanimous vote.

Chair Daniels said there was "nothing out of the ordinary" regarding the amendment to Field Engineering Co., Inc.'s Engineering Service Agreement for work on the housing development at 78 Wareham Road. Discussion on this topic was short, and the amended Special Permit was approved by the board.

Finally, the board returned to reviewing the draft for the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Bylaw. The board is required to have the draft done and submitted by the next Town Meeting, per order from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). "Time is of the

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essence” said Member Ryan Burke. Daniels said the deadline would therefore be September 2. Town Planner Doug Guey-Lee said there would likely need to be advertisements for a public hearing on MS4, three weeks prior or mid-August.

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, August 18 at 7:00 pm at the Marion Police Department or on Microsoft Teams.

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To the Editor;

I am circulating a petition that asks Mattapoisett citizens to support a Special Town Meeting. This requires 200 signatures and is substantially greater than the 10 signatures required for the petition we seek to revoke. Those petitioners have used inflammatory language falsely claiming it was a Mattapoisett GOP effort and branding me as an enemy of democracy, part of a vast right-wing conspiracy and circumventing the will of the people. Why? Because they have nothing to defend their petition except to call their neighbors names.

John Adams stated that facts are stubborn things. Because "they confuse the issues with logic" that expose false statements and fiery demagogues. Facts are "just plain hard" to dispute. Shame on me for sticking to them.

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Compare this to the list of "nice" things the proponents of 2 additional Select Board members claim. They have no real examples of any actual "illnesses" their "medicine" can cure. After 12 FOIA requests where are the results? There are none.

They argue that a Corridor Improvement Project" Advisory Committee was never appointed. What they won't say is the Select Board had the sole authority to appoint those members. They have had experts at their disposal since the onset. They had no need for a new set of advisors. They clearly stated they would seek help among our populace as needed.

Remember many of those screaming once again are the reason the project has been delayed for 12 years and has soared from \$6 million then to over \$18 million today. State funders are losing patience. They never asked for a citizens advisory board and were very skeptical of its value. How does \$18 million added to our town tax bills sound to you?

I ask those shouting "Foul," Where's the Beef? There isn't any. So, what's their beef? Maybe they're just vegetarians?

Ask yourself, "What's the real reason for not wanting a Special Town Meeting to vote on such a critical issue to our Town?" Shouldn't such an important issue be decided by more than 110 "Yes" hands raised? It only carried by a majority of about 20, We don't really know the correct numbers since we never had a hand count. Why not a written ballot that can be counted and verified?

Why don't the name callers want to give us an opportunity to reconsider? Why do they call neighbors names? Why haven't they supported their arguments with actual Town shortcomings? Simply, they don't have any? And they don't want us to know what's next. And that should be a warning to all. Facts are very stubborn things.

Paul Criscuolo, Mattapoisett

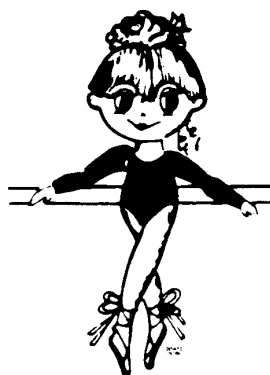
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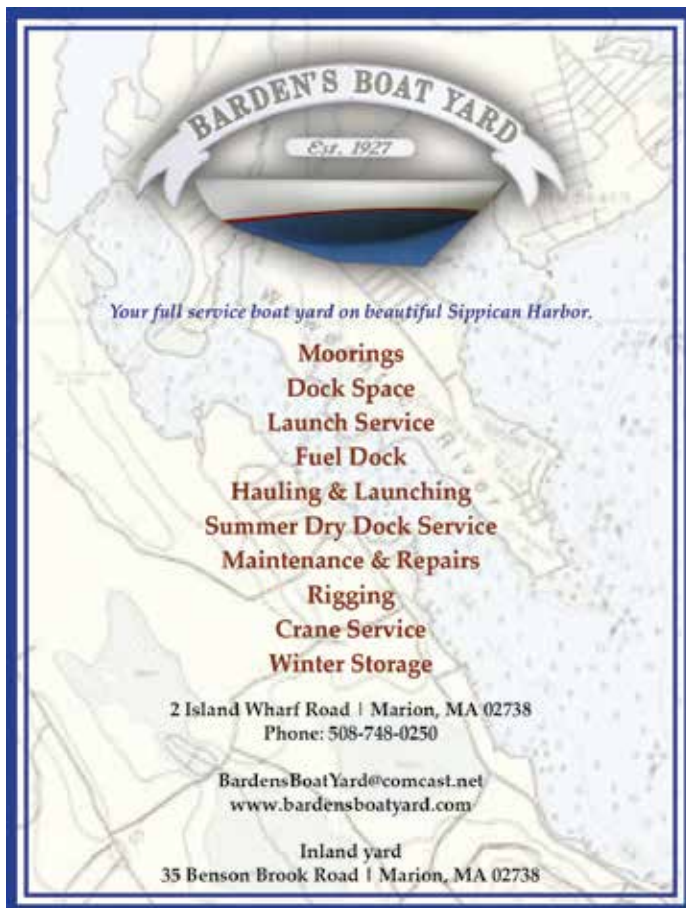
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I've watched how real estate transactions in Town have grown more complex over the years. What used to be handled by a few, now requires more time, more coordination, and more oversight. As an example, there has been an increase in the amount of time prospective or actual homeowners must wait for town boards to approve changes or permits for their properties. Expanding our Select Board to 5 members will enable faster and more responsive handling of real estate transactions such as permit approvals, easements, negotiations or town land sales. A five-member board increases capacity, availability and



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The May 12th vote should be respected. Let Home Rule prevail.
Jocelyn Demakis Daluz, Mattapoisett

To the Editor;

I would like to publicly thank Mr. Jody Dickerson, Director of the Marion DPW, and the entire Marion Department of Public Works crew for their prompt response in carefully removing two dead trees that posed a significant hazard along the busy Mill Street roadway. We understand and appreciate the importance of prioritizing public safety - especially in high-traffic areas.

Mr. Dickerson, your proactive work ethic not only helps prevent potential hazards but also shows a commitment to the well-being of both our environment and our community. Again, the residents of Marconi Village are grateful for the care you and the entire team take in making these tough decisions and for your ongoing efforts to keep Marion safe and beautiful.

With deep appreciation,
Eileen J. Marum and the entire Marconi Village community

'Cruising with the Cops' Boat Tour

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson is excited to share that a group of Old Rochester Regional's SAIL summer program students successfully embarked on a "Cruising with the Cops" boat tour with officers from the Marion, Rochester, and Mattapoisett police departments.

"We met at the Marion Maritime Center where students were given a safety tutorial, life jackets, and then went into the boats," said Old Rochester Special Education Teacher Danielle Dore. "The Harbormasters and officers took us to Bird Island, toured the light house, walked the beach, and more. The smiles of all the students





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were unforgettable, and on the way back to campus they voted that it was the best community outing of all time.”

Officers from each department participated in the event on Wednesday, July 23.

“As always, the efforts of our community police went above and beyond yet again and we appreciate all they do to support our students in the community,” Dore added.

“Thank you to all of the Tri-Town Officers involved for providing the kids with this experience,” said Marion Police Chief Richard Nighelli. “We remain committed to our strong partnership with the Old Rochester Regional School District and this program is another example of that commitment.”

The students who took the cruise are enrolled in the Summer Adventures in Learning (SAIL) program, which is open to both Tri-Town residents and non-residents.



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"I am always saying how fortunate we are to have the partnerships that we do with our three local police departments," said Superintendent Nelson. "What an incredible opportunity and what a memorable day for all involved."

Rochester Police Chief Michael A. Assad Jr. shared words of gratitude for the law enforcement professionals who helped make Wednesday's cruise possible.

"I want to extend my sincere thanks to Marion Harbormaster Adam Murphy, the Mattapoisett Police Department, and the Rochester Police Department's

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Smith of Mattapoisett joyfully announce the wedding of their daughter **Anne Kathryn Smith** to Georgi Hristov Vasilev, son of Mr. Hristo Vasilev and Mrs. Stoyka Vasileva, Bulgarian residents of Dublin, Ireland, on **August 8, 2025** at Saint Anthony's Church in Mattapoisett. Ms. Smith is a graduate of Old Rochester Regional High School ('12) and Bridgewater State University ('15, G'19) who teaches English at the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, RI. She formerly wrote for the *Wanderer* from 2009 to 2015 and taught at St. John Paul II School in Hyannis, MA from 2015 to 2024. Mr. Vasilev, a proudly naturalized U.S. citizen, is a graduate of Paisiy Hilendarski High School ('02) in Plovdiv, Bulgaria and Quincy College ('18). He works for Seaward Services as an Able-Bodied Seaman on the Crew Transfer Vessels (CTVs) supporting the Vineyard Wind project. He recently obtained his 100-ton Master and 200-ton Mate merchant mariner credentials.

incredible Community Engagement Team for making our Cruising with Cops Boat Tour a huge success," said Chief Assad. "We were able to take some amazing young adults out on the high seas today. Not sure who had a more enjoyable time, the cops or the kids."

Chief Assad credited the successful cruise to a combined Tri-Town effort. He said Marion Police Chief Richard Nighelli and Mattapoisett Police Chief Jason King "were instrumental in making it happen."

"This event would not have been possible without the dedication, coordination, and teamwork displayed by everyone involved," said Chief Assad. "The support on the water by the Marion Harbormaster, Mattapoisett Harbormaster and the hard work of our Community Engagement Team onshore and behind the scenes turned a vision into reality - and brought our community together in a truly unforgettable way. Thank you all for showing what partnership and public service can accomplish when we work together. Here's to many more successful cruises ahead."

Chief King praised the "ongoing dedication" of Mattapoisett Police Department's Marine Resource Officer Isaac Perry and Marion Harbormaster Adam Murphy, "whose commitment has been instrumental to the continued success of this important program."

"Their unwavering focus on youth outreach and community engagement reflects the highest standards of public service," said Chief King. "Equally vital is the strong and effective partnership among the Rochester, Marion, and Mattapoisett Police Departments. This collaborative effort continues to serve as the foundation for making programs like this possible, strengthening public safety and deepening community trust across the Tri-Town area. We hope all our boaters had a safe and enjoyable day on the water."

"A program like this requires a lot of cooperation from our community partners in law enforcement," said Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Jaime Curley. "Thanks to their dedication and willingness to help us enrich our students' SAIL experience, these children will likely never forget the day they first set sail."

Coastline Elderly Nutrition Program

Monday, August 11: BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes, brussels sprouts, Hawaiian roll, apple.

Tuesday, August 12: Meatballs & marinara w/ parmesan cheese, whole grain pasta, mixed vegetables, wheat roll, orange.

Wednesday, August 13: Chicken w/ pineapple-mango salsa, yellow rice, black bean & corn succotash, dinner roll, pound cake, diet: fruit.

Thursday, Aug 14: Hot dog, potato wedges, hot German slaw, wheat hot dog bun, peach, ketchup.

Friday, Aug 15: White fish Florentine, rice pilaf, mixed root vegetables, wheat dinner roll, pudding, diet: fruit.

Academic Achievements

William Thomas of Mattapoisett, a student at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Florham Campus in Madison, NJ, has been named to the Honors List for the Spring 2025 semester.

MAC Auditions

The MAC Theater is auditioning for roles in the award-winning play, *Proof*, by David Auburn, directed by Richard Sherburne. Auditions will be held at the MAC Theater, located at 80 Pleasant St., Marion on Saturday, **August 16** from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and on Sunday, **August 17** from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Catherine has been dealing with a lot. For four years, she has been the sole caretaker for her father,



Robert, a genius mathematician who was dealing with mental wellness. After his death, she's left wondering if her advanced penchant for mathematics indicates an inclination toward mental illness in herself. This concern is shared by her sister, Claire, who encourages her to leave her family home and live with her in New York. Along the way, Catherine becomes involved with Hal, one of her father's admirers and former students. Catherine is put in the position of proving that some of the mathematical genius left behind in Robert's office was actually her own work.

The available roles are: Catherine, 24, Claire, her

The advertisement for Michael William Associates features a logo on the left with a stylized tree and the text "michael william ASSOCIATES landscape design and build". To the right of the logo, there is a large, dark, curved shape that contains text. The text reads: "Outstanding service and results from a team of experienced landscapers". Below this, there is a paragraph: "At Michael William Associates, our commitment to creativity and craftsmanship is unparalleled. Experience is reflected in everything we do, from free on-site consultations, to the creative design of your dream outdoor space, to the execution of each detail. For free consultation, please call 508.758.2232". At the bottom of the curved shape, there is a list of services: "landscape design/build", "landscape lighting", "masonry", and "irrigation". On the left side of the advertisement, there is a section titled "Winner of: BEST OF Mattapoisett" and the website "www.michael-william.com". At the bottom left, there is a Facebook logo and the text "Follow us on Facebook".



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sister, late 20s, Hal, Robert's former student, late 20s and Robert, a professor, 50s+. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. More information can be found at marionartcenter.org/auditions.

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

On Sunday, **August 10**, The Rev. Robert Malm, Interim Rector, St. Peter's on the Canal, Buzzards Bay, MA, will return for the second time during St. Philip's 141st Summer Season. Services, using the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, will be held at 8:00 am and 10:00 am. All are welcome to this historic church next to the Town Beach in Mattapoisett.

A Latin-American Festival

The Marion Concert Band will present a Latin-American "Festival" of music on Friday, **August 8**. The diverse program includes music from Mexico, Spain, Brazil, and the Caribbean, as well as familiar music that demonstrates the influence that Latin-American musical styles have had on American popular music. To add to the festive atmosphere of the evening, the audience is encouraged to wear tropical or Latin-American attire. The program is as follows:

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Granada - A. Lara

Montego Bay (samba) - S. Nestico

Serenata - L. Anderson

Blue Mambo - M. Sweeney

Malagueña - E. Lecuona

The concert, under the direction of Tobias Monte, will begin at 7:00 pm at the Robert Broomhead Bandstand, Island Wharf Park 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.

Timeless Tunes, Tales and Tributes

Who wrote "White Christmas", one of the most popular holiday songs on Earth? Many people think it was Bing Crosby. It was not.

Who wrote "God Bless America," a beloved patriotic song? Many people think it was Kate Smith. It was not.

The answer to both - and to thousands of America's most memorable tunes - is a poor immigrant from Siberia, named Irving Berlin.

This September, Marion audiences are invited to discover the genius behind the American songbook in a dazzling live performance:

Timeless Tunes, Tales and Tributes shows are **September 5** and **6** at 7:30 pm and **September 7** at 4:00 pm at the Congregational Community Center, 144 Front Street, Marion

Directed by Paul Sardinha, this lively, joy-filled revue features singers, musicians, and local narrators, with the first public performance on the church's newly restored Truman Terrell grand piano.

The evening blends legendary melodies, behind-the-scenes stories, and spirited sing-alongs into a tribute to one of the most influential composers in American history.

Berlin couldn't read music and composed primarily on the black keys of a special transposing piano - yet he wrote more than 3,000 songs, including scores for 30 Broadway shows and 17 Hollywood films.



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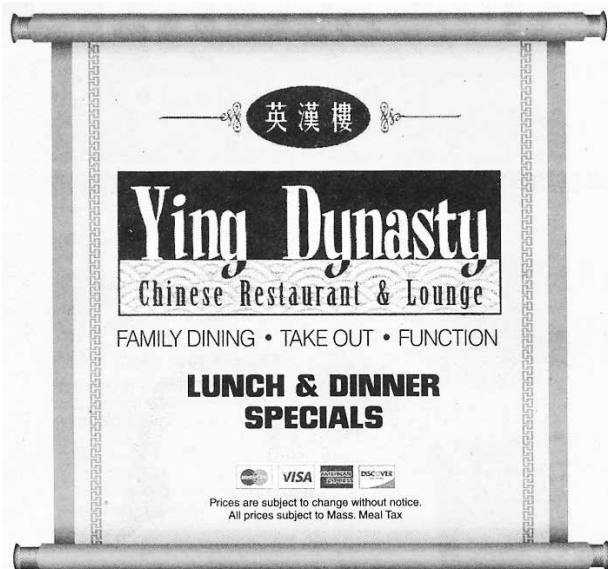
Berlin's restless imagination gifted us with songs like "There's No Business Like Show Business," "Cheek to Cheek," "Puttin' on the Ritz," "Easter Parade," and "Anything You Can Do (I Can Do Better)." Composer Jerome Kern said, "Irving Berlin has no place in American music - he is American music."

Tickets are \$35 and available online or at the Marion General Store, the church office, Penny Pinchers, or by emailing office@marionfirstchurch.org. The venue is equipped with a stairlift.

This night of celebration will give all of us

something more to celebrate.

Proceeds from this event will support the ongoing restoration of our historic E. Howard clockworks and bell - installed just after the Civil War. The community has already rallied behind the cause, and this special concert brings everyone one step closer to hearing those hourly chimes ring out once more. Don't miss your chance to enjoy the timeless music you love - live, local, and lifted by the spirit of community. For more information, call 508-748-1053 or visit marionfirstchurch.org.



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It's Jazz Jam Time

Once again, the MAC invites musicians from across the SouthCoast to join us for the annual Jazz Jam at the MAC. On Saturday, **August 30**, become part of the long tradition of the jazz jam session, complete with participation from community musicians. The event will begin at 7:00 pm and will take place at the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater located at 80 Pleasant St, Marion.

Our house band - Matt Richard on piano, Paul Del Nero on bass, and Gary Johnson on drums - will support the improvisers as they interpret many "jazz standards" in various style formats. Learn about the inner workings of a jam session as trombonist Phil Sanborn leads a question-and-answer



session and explains how the songs are structured and how the "road map" for each selection helps the improvisers.

Join us to listen in, or if you're a musician, sign up to join us on stage. If you'd like to join the Jazz Jam players on stage, please email info@marionartcenter.org with "Jazz Jam" in the subject line. Please include your name, phone number, and list how you want to participate (instrument, vocals, etc.). Band leader Phil Sanborn will contact all players before the event.

Tickets for the event are on sale at marionartcenter.org/events and cost \$20 for members and \$25 for nonmembers. Musicians may join for free, but donations in any amount are always appreciated.


Mattapoisett Yacht Club

July 2025 Racing Series is in the books. Ensigns Series - Odyssey wins both races Tuesday night and captures the hard-fought battle with Black Ice and Brou Ha Ha for the July series. Black Ice got a 2nd and 3rd which finished them second for July. Brou Ha Ha finished 3rd and 2nd, placing them 2nd for the night in a tie breaker over Black Ice but third overall in the July series. Rounding out the rest of the fleet were Brass Monkey with a 4th and 5th, Uncle Fester with a 5th and 6th, and Hamburglar with a 6th and 4th. Recess broke a shroud in the first race and had to retire.

Brou Ha Ha will be traveling to Cleveland, OH this weekend to compete in the Ensign Nationals. Best of luck.

Also on Tuesday night, the ORR Sail Team showed off their skills in a four-race series. Lots of action and close racing in these windward-leeward courses with all boats vying for bragging rights for the night.


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Thursday August 7, 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 - Doug Crocker
9:30 AM Rochester Historical Society - Revolutionary War Veterans Ceremony
10:30 AM Sippican Historical Society - Percy Brown House Review Show
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
3:00 PM 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 8, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
9:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US
9:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
10:00 AM 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 - Doug Crocker
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 9, 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 10, 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 on Europe
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 11, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
9:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US
9:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
10:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Shift on Europe
10:30 AM A Conversation With...
11:00 AM For Your Health
11:30 AM Money Matters
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters
2:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
3:00 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
3:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
4:30 PM The Human Truth
5:00 PM Tri-Town Memorial Day Events
6:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
6:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Doug Crocker
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 12, 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 13, 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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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 Stewards of Community Open Space
1:30 PM Marion Open Space Committee
2:00 PM Marion Finance 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 Marion Separate Storm Sewer System Subcommittee
7:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
8:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission
8:30 PM Marion Planning Board
10:30 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
11:30 PM Marion School Committee

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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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7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM RMS 5th and 6th Grade Concert
8:30 AM RMS Chorus Concert
9:00 AM Sippican Spring Concert
10:00 AM Old Hammondtown Spring Concert
11:00 AM Old Hammondtown School News
11:30 PM Bulldog Sports
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
1:00 PM ORR Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony 2024
3:30 PM ORR Hall of Fame - Buddy Thomas
4:00 PM ORR Hall of Fame - Undeclared Football Team 1993
4:30 PM ORR Hall of Fame - Women in Sports at ORR
5:30 PM ORR Promenade
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM ORR Girls Varsity Basketball vs Seekonk
8:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Dighton Rehoboth
9:00 PM ORR Boys Soccer vs Apponequet
10:30 PM ORR Field Hockey vs Joseph Case

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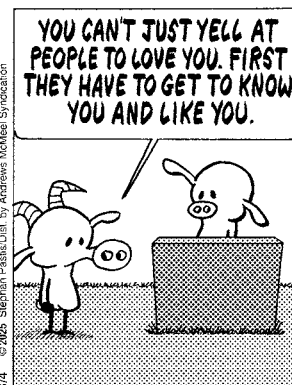
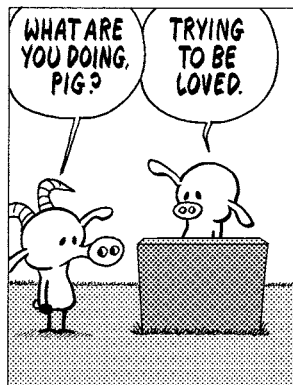
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

by Stephan Pastis



Spirits; Fir Na Tine claim July Series in their respective fleets.

After being disqualified in last weeks' race, Kindred Spirits showed the A fleet they were still number one by winning the last July race in a 6-mile contest.

No Quarter Given finished 2nd in the race and 2nd for the series. Restless finished 3rd in the race and 3rd for the series. Rounding out the night were Surprise in 4th and Coconuts in 5th.

Fir Na Tine, with a 2 second win over Kinsail took first place for the night and also locked up first place for the July series in B fleet. Chickadee, which finished 3rd in the race placed 2nd with a one-point advantage over Kinsail in July. Lindisfarne finished 4th and Big Dipper 5th for the night.

Women-On-Target Program

The Sippican Rod & Gun Club is pleased to announce its annual NRA Women-On-Target program which will be held on Saturday, September 27, located at 215 Dexter Lane, Rochester. The program will begin at 8:30 am and finish at 5:00 pm. The program's morning session will teach the NRA Home Firearm



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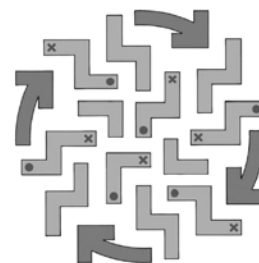
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OBITUARIES



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of **Jordan Anthony Hansen**, age 25, who tragically lost his life in a motor vehicle accident on July 25, 2025.

Born in New Bedford, son of Timothy and Sarah (Hansen) Murray, he lived in Mattapoisett all his life.

Jordan graduated from Old Rochester Regional High School in 2018 and subsequently obtained an Associate's Degree in Automotive Technology from Massachusetts Bay Community College. He served as an Automotive Technician at Robertson's GMC in Wareham, where his expertise, commitment, and strong work ethic earned him the respect of both colleagues and clients.

Jordan was known for his caring and compassionate nature, always ready to lend a hand to anyone in need. With his warm heart and a generous spirit, he made a lasting impact on those lucky enough to have known him.

Outside of work, Jordan enjoyed the simple pleasures of life—fishing, preferably down at the Mattapoisett train bridge, snowboarding in NH, playing pool, and biking. He seldom missed an opportunity to spend time with his friends. His sense of humor and love for good company will be deeply missed.

While Jordan's life was tragically cut short, he will always be remembered as a wonderful son, loving brother, adored grandson and cherished friend.

Survivors include his parents, Timothy and Sarah Murray; his siblings, Liam and Ella Murray; his grandparents, Eric and Jane Hansen, and Susan and William Murray; his Mom Mom, M. Dolores Hansen Fitzgerald; his *mémère*, Estelle Vigeant; his aunts, Nicole Dennison and her husband John, Kaitlin Mayberry and her husband Jacob, and Lisa Ando; his uncles, Ryan Hansen and his wife Mary-Louise, and Andrew Murray; and his cousins, Sophie, Mackenzie, Ava, Noah, Ava, Henrik, Charlotte, and Oscar. As well as a large group of extended family and friends.

He is predeceased by his uncle, Daniel P. Vigeant.

His Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, August 9th at 9 am at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 16 Temple Place, Fairhaven. The public is invited to meet directly at the church. Burial will follow at Riverside Cemetery. Visiting hours are on Friday, August 8th from 4-8 pm at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation in Jordan's memory to the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick c/o the Scholarship Fund, PO Box 4021, New Bedford, MA 02741.

For online guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com



William Salvatore Bruno passed away on July 30, 2025 at the age of 91 at his home in Mattapoisett, MA, surrounded by his loving wife of sixty-two years, Ann (McMorrow) Bruno, and their five children, Julie (Bruno) Vasil, Beth (Bruno) Oberlander, Paul Bruno, David Bruno, and Maria Bruno. William is survived by his wife and children, their spouses Steve Vasil, David Oberlander, Ann Lightcap Bruno, and Caroline (Gallagher) Bruno, his grandchildren Henry Oberlander, Cal Oberlander, Oscar Bruno, Isabella Bruno, Ada Bruno, Lucy Vasil, Juliana Bruno, Clara Bruno, and William T. Bruno, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Born in Mansfield, MA on February 19, 1934, William was the youngest of seven children born to Salvatore and Orsola (Cutillo) Bruno who immigrated to the United States from Candida, a village in the province of Avellino, Italy. He is preceded in death by his parents, his siblings, Madeline (Bruno) Galvani, Francis Bruno, Carmella Bruno, Christina (Bruno) Salachi, Clara (Bruno) McClellan, and Anthony Bruno. He had a long career working as an elementary school teacher and principal at the Assawompsett Elementary School in Lakeville, MA, the Lillie B. Merrill Elementary School in Raynham, MA, and the Holy Name School in Providence, RI. After his years as an educator, William worked as a textbook sales representative and was a fixture at the Bay Club in Mattapoisett, doing all manner of jobs from driving golf carts to shining shoes.

Over the years, William enjoyed mentoring young athletes as a coach and referee, singing in the choir of the First Congregational Church in Marion and the Harpoon Harmonizers of New Bedford, volunteering at Damien's Food Pantry and serving as a eucharistic minister at Tobey Hospital. William's greatest joy in life was gathering with his large, spirited, close-knit family. He cultivated the importance of gratitude, hard work, faith, and food, all of which were central to the Christmas Eve Vigilia celebrations he and his wife hosted for years. An excellent cook, he regularly put together sumptuous pasta dinners and pizza parties for his family, and also for his faculty and staff; upon his retirement, it was fitting that the Merrill School cafetorium was named in his honor. Beyond food-related gatherings, William loved cheering on his grandchildren at sporting events and writing them notes of encouragement, as well as slipping them each a dollar at family events. As "Dad" and as "Nonno" he loomed large in the lives of his children and grandchildren, creating a legacy of goodness, meaningful work, and devotion.

William's oft-quoted sign-off was "Peace and love." Another favorite was, "Just be kind and love one another." To William, these expressions, though simple, were the essence

Safety Course, which qualifies participants to apply for a Massachusetts License-To-Carry (LTC), or Firearms Identification (FID) card. Following a catered and healthy lunch, the women will individually be provided practical and safe shooting experiences by rotating through the club's pistol range, 50- and 100-yard rifle ranges, and shotgun trap range. The \$100.00 fee includes all training materials, eye and ear protection which will be yours to keep, use of the club facility, morning snacks, lunch, ammunition, and use of firearms. If any questions, please contact Michelle Pierce at 508-690-8865, or email: srgcmemberships@gmail.com. To register please provide: your full name (including middle initial), mailing address, email address, telephone number, and date of birth, along with a check made out to the "Sippican Rod & Gun Club" and mailed to:

Sippican Rod & Gun Club, PO Box 182, Rochester, MA 02770. The class is limited to the first 24 participants registered. When the full class is registered, further information of the program details will be provided via email. Considering that previous programs have had a waiting list, all those interested are encouraged to apply soon.

Mattapoisett Town Band

The Mattapoisett Town Band would like to thank everyone who attended and made our concert last week such a success. Next week's concert, on **August 13**, will be songs from movies. The Town Band is also seeking requests for our final concert of the season, scheduled for August 20. Please message us on our Facebook page with any requests.

OBITUARIES

of who he was and how he lived his life.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Nativity Preparatory School of New Bedford, 66 Spring St. New Bedford, MA 02740, or to Community Nurse, 62 Center St. Fairhaven, MA 02719 or at CommunityNurse.com.

Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend visiting hours on Thursday, August 7th from 4:00-7:00 pm at the Sherman & Jackson Funeral Home, 55 North Main Street, Mansfield.

His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, August 8th at 11:00 am in Saint Mary's Church, 330 Pratt Street (Route 106) Mansfield. Burial, accompanied by military honors will follow at Saint Mary's Cemetery in Mansfield.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Nativity Preparatory School of New Bedford, 66 Spring St. New Bedford, MA 02740, or to Community Nurse, 62 Center St. Fairhaven, MA 02719 or at CommunityNurse.com.



Lois E. (Bourdon) Alves, 74, of Mattapoisett died July 29, 2025 at St. Luke's Hospital.

Born in New Bedford, daughter of the late Raymond L. and Alice T. (Bienacka) Bourdon, she lived in Mattapoisett most of her life.

She was formerly employed as deli manager at Falmouth Stop & Shop for many years until her retirement.

Survivors include her brother, Robert Bourdon of Mattapoisett; a sister, Deborah Denham and her husband Barry of Mattapoisett; a niece, Lisa Denham and her fiancé Jeff Perry of New Bedford; and a great-nephew, Justin Perry.

She was the aunt of the late Andrew Denham.

Her funeral service will be held on Thursday, August 7th at 11 am in Sacred Heart Cemetery Chapel 559 Mt. Pleasant St. New Bedford. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Diane R. (Lemieux) Kinney, 68, of Mattapoisett passed away Friday August 1, 2025. She was the wife of Samuel W. Kinney, Jr.

Born in Acushnet, the daughter of the late Raymond A. Lemieux, Sr. and Claire (Fleurent) Lemieux, she lived in Marion and Mattapoisett for most of her life.

Diane was formerly employed as a food service worker at the Sippican School and later worked for Advanced Auto Parts.

She is survived by her husband Sam; her children, Louis Ouellette, Jr. and his wife Sandra, and Jaime Oliveira and her husband Chris; her stepdaughter, Heidi Kilpatrick and her husband Andrew; six grandchildren, Owen, Olivia, Emily, Elizabeth, Ryleigh, and Briella; her cousins, Gail and Rocky Fleurent; and several nieces and nephews.

Private arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

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What's Next at Rochester Historical Society Museum

Our monthly meeting will be on **August 20** at 7:00 pm at the museum, 355 County Rd., Rochester. The program will be "Cemeteries, Genealogy, and the Revolutionary War." We want to discuss ways to find and honor Rochester veterans of the Revolutionary War who are buried in our town cemeteries. This would be a project starting now and completed in 2026, as part of the 250th celebration of the United States. This project would be done in collaboration with the Rochester Historical Commission. All are welcome.

Thanks to all who contributed to and/or shopped at our annual yard sale. We were very successful and should have no trouble paying for this winter's oil (fingers crossed).

If you visited the sale and have lost a debit card, call 617-750-2818. We have it and will be happy to find its owner.


From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By **Connie Eshbach**

Looking through some newspaper articles assembled in a notebook by Betty Beaulieu, I came across a 1951 Standard Times article about Rochester and its controversy over building a new school. Previously, I had mentioned that it took about 30 years for discussions on building a new school to actually result in the Rochester Memorial School, pictured here. This article actually sets out the pros and cons as told to reporter Norman M. Bryden.

According to his article, Rochester's quiet ways were roiled by a vote taken at a special town meeting that authorized \$250,000.00 for the building of a new school. As soon as news of the vote reached townspeople (many who had not bothered to vote),





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there were cries by many, including one town official, that the town would be bankrupted and people would move out rather than pay higher taxes.

At this time, Rochester was known as a town that was run debt-free and usually had a surplus in its treasury. While this was admirable in many ways, it also meant that little money was spent on improving or modernizing public facilities. Many of those opposed to the new school saw no need for the building as school enrollments had not increased enough to warrant it, with only 29 more students in 1950 than in 1901.

Other concerns were the town with only a valuation of \$1,365,502.00 (in 1950) could not afford the \$250,000.00, voted and that only 120 people had voted for it which was only 20% of registered voters. Of course, they failed to mention that out of 624 eligible voters in town, 474 chose not to attend or vote at the well-publicized special town meeting. There were also somewhat silly complaints that those who voted for the school only did so because they had children and that it was just about "keeping up with the Joneses."

On the flip side, those in favor of a new building, noted that Rochester had one of the lowest valuations around and the building committee in 1949

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***The Naked Gun*. Starring Liam Neeson and Pamela Anderson. Directed by Akiva Schaffer. Running time: 85 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. Now playing in theaters.**

Bringing back the *Naked Gun* franchise, I fear, is a little like bringing back the *Airplane!* franchise. Both were parodic responses to a specific genre at a specific time. The *Airplane!* movies, of course, took on *Airport* and the many all-star disaster movies of the '70s. And the *Naked Gun* films began life as the short-lived, hilarious *Police Squad!* TV show, which lampooned the cop shows of the day, and the three movies that followed goofed on the cop movies of the '80s. But what's the target of the new *Naked Gun*, starring Liam Neeson as Frank Drebin Jr., detective and son of the original Frank (Leslie Nielsen)? It's been 31 years since the last *Naked Gun*, and even then the comedic pickings were starting to grow slim.

This *Naked Gun*, while frenetically farcical and appropriately short (74 minutes not including the end credits, which as per tradition are filled with gags), seems to stand out there alone; it doesn't seem to be a response to anything, or relevant to anything. Perhaps laughing at cops blithely operating outside the law is a bit more difficult just now. And what was the last cop movie to clean up at the box office? (The last one to finish in the year's top ten box office was *Bad Boys for Life*, by default, in 2020 pre-lockdown.) Superhero movies supplanted cop movies, and so much else in the action and sci-fi genres, and they're hit or miss lately too.

Liam Neeson can be funny (one viewing of 1990's *Darkman* shows you that), but he might only be funny in certain contexts. These days, he wears a sad gravitas like a heavy coat, which helped his credibility in any number of action-thrillers. But when his Frank Jr. talks here about being a widower and having a hard time getting back into dating, we remember that Neeson himself is a widower and it takes us out of the movie. We also know from the coverage of the film that Neeson has gotten together with Pamela Anderson, who plays his love interest here, Beth Davenport, whose brother was killed by the movie's villain (Danny Huston). It's a lot of extratextual stuff that muddies



what should be clean but goofy water.

Still, Neeson throws himself into the task, and a few of the gags work the way they've always worked. I missed, though, the crack timing of the original *Naked Gun*, and the pleasures of watching a classic slapstick sequence build and pay off, like the scene in the original where Frank Sr. accidentally sets an office on fire while examining it, or the whole baseball scene with "Enrico Pallazzo" giving his all to the national anthem ("Bunch of bombs in the air"). Here, the longest-sustained bit of craziness, involving salacious-seeming silhouettes, is a direct swipe from the *Austin Powers* films. And *those* films, at least until the franchise became self-impressed, emerged from Mike Myers' sincere appreciation of '60s spy films. The previous *Naked Gun* films and *Police Squad!* also tipped their hats to the cop genre. This one is like *Naked Gun* fan fiction; its fealty is to its franchise. It seems to have been made by people who liked the *Naked Gun* movies.

And maybe there's some comfort in that. Hey, remember when you laughed at this stuff? Here's more stuff in that tradition, though not necessarily new stuff. If we take out the self-driving electric car (star of another not-bad sequence here) the movie could've been made in 1988, or 1991, or 1994 — the years the first three films came out. Remember who you were thirty-odd years ago? Remember being young and watching this sort of anything-for-a-gag stuff with a packed and howling audience? *The Naked Gun* is something of a Gen-X nostalgia trip; I have no idea what it'll have to say to zoomers, many of whom were in grade school when Leslie Nielsen died in 2010. Nielsen was a stolid, stalwart dramatic actor of no special distinction until, in *Airplane!*, he found his groove as a born-again farceur. Neeson following in his footsteps sounds funnier on paper than it is in practice. He may be too convincing a dramatic actor to re-invent himself as a clown — too heavy in spirit now to be light.

determined that in the first year only, there would be an increase in the tax rate of \$7.10 if the school project went forward. It was also pointed out that most people worked out of town and had much better wages than earlier residents, so the tax increase would not drive them away.

Probably the biggest reason put forward for a new school was that no one school in town could house all the students. That meant that grades 1-5 were in East Rochester at the Pierceville School and grades 6-8 at the Waterman School. Both schools were "ancient" and still had outdoor toilets. The Waterman School by then had been cobbled together with two other buildings which meant three furnaces needing to be fueled in the winter. Putting all students together in one building would, it was believed, provide a better, more cohesive educational environment.

In the end, a lot was selected across from Sherman Cemetery, bids were accepted and the new school with all students under the same roof was built. The town didn't go bankrupt, the tax hike did not drive people out of town, rather population increased and eventually, all the bitterness and acrimony died down.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

The Elizabeth Taber Library is launching our brand-new Makerspace. Marion Makes will launch on Tuesday, **August 19** from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Join us for giveaways, demos, and crafts. Meet our new in-library and circulating crafting equipment including sewing and embroidery machines, paper and laser cutters, and so much more. Become a maker with Marion Makes. This Makerspace is supported by grant funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services as administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library

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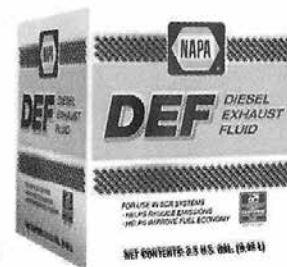
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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Relationships continue to thrive, but watch for any telltale signs of potential problems. Take the necessary action now to set things straight before they become troublesome later.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your powers of persuasion backed up, of course, by your considerable expertise help you establish your case even to the most dubious decision-makers in your workplace.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might still be a bit reluctant to face up to some less-than-pleasant realities. But the sooner you accept the facts, the sooner you can set about making some needed changes.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Expect to make adjustments, even where things seem locked up and ready to go. But cheer up! At least one change could lead to something you've been hoping for.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The success of a recent project should do a lot to boost your self-confidence. You might want to start now to check out ways to make a long-deferred bigger and bolder move.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Ease up on the pressure you might be putting on the new person in your life. It takes time for a budding relationship to blossom. Show more patience and understanding.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You have lots of inner strength in your reserve.

Use some of it to resist intimidation from those who might try to impose on your good nature for their own reasons.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The good news is that your on-the-job status is improving. One cautionary note, however, involves a personal situation that you might have been ignoring for too long.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Congratulations! Once again, your sharp Sagittarian "horse sense" helps you work through a complicated situation that would leave most people confused.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Plan on indulging yourself in some well-earned good times through much of the week. Then be prepared to face some thought-provoking issues by next week.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Positive factors continue to dominate following a recent change in both your professional and personal lives. Expect to make contact with someone from your past.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Workplace stability allows you to continue making progress on your projects. But don't ignore your personal life. Spend more quality time with your loved ones.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for making people feel special. Maybe because you know how unique you are and what you can offer others.

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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.

Celebrate the end of summer reading with Mini Golf from One Up Games on Friday, August 15 between 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm. Rain or shine you can come play 9 holes of glowing golf at the Library.

Learn all about Disc Golf at a family disc golf clinic presented by the Elizabeth Taber library and the ORR Disc Golf Club, Saturday **August 16**, 11:00 pm to 1:00 pm at Old Rochester Regional High School. Learn the rules of the game and where you can play, throw some discs and play a round at ORR High School's new



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Marion Republican Town Committee

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On Saturday, July 30, the Mattapoisett Town Band held its 125th anniversary concert at Shipyard Park. The band, under Band Director Jayson Newell, played songs from throughout their long history. Photos by Marilou Newell



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Carol Rhoads had this Skunk visit at Little Neck Village.



The bay from the Mello Wharf in Mattapoisett. Photo by Ruth Griffin

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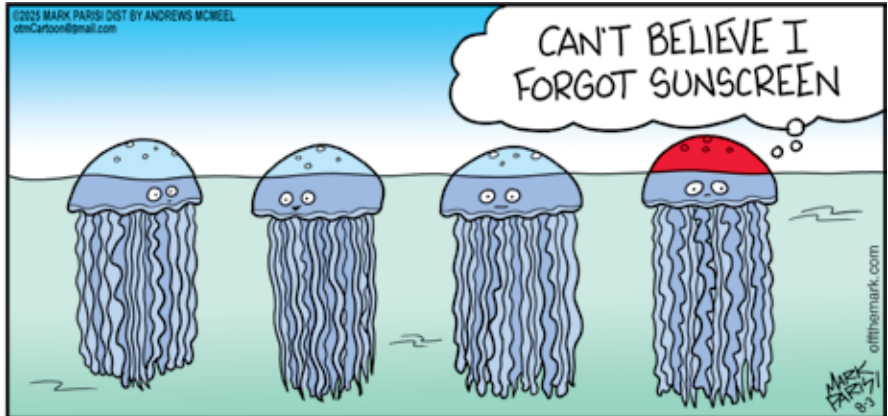
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Rochester Grange Fair

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 the fair. The Youth categories are up to the age of 16 as of January 2025.

Hope to see many of you there. For information call Sue at 508-295-8908 or email sash48@comcast.net.

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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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT

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TOWN OF MARION

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #832

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, August 28, 2025 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Mark Verville, for a Special Permit under section 230-6.1.C of the zoning by-law to allow the removal of a 10'x13' shed to be replaced by a 16'x24' shed that would be closer to the lot line than allowed by zoning.

The property, located at 74 Allen Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 16 as Lot 19.
Cynthia Callow, Chairperson. 8/7, 8/14

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT

BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings are held in the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference room, 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted). New format of meetings; the start time is 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, August 21, 2025.

Continuation of CASE #1563. This will be the last continuation for the Petition of: Michael and Elizabeth King, Wyandotte Farm, 88 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Location of premises: 84 North Street, Property owner: Christopher and Jessica Ferguson. The property is further described as Lot 39, Sub Lot 16 on the Assessor's Map. The lot is in Zoning District R30 & RR30. It is recorded in the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book 40970, Page 50. The Variance Permit is to meet the requirements of the Massachusetts Food Code of the Board of Health. Michael and Elizabeth King, Wyandotte Farms, request a Variance for a Farm to Fork Stand and Farmers Market.

The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, August 21, 2025.

LEGAL NOTICES

CASE #1572 Petition of: Richard Cantwell, 611 Belleville Ave. New Bedford, MA. 02061 RE: The applicant is requesting a Special Permit as provided by Article 3, Section 3.1.2.2 of By-Law and as provided by Paragraph 7.2.2.2 thru 7.2.2.2.7 Location of premises: 11 Mechanic Street, Property owner: Richard Cantwell. The property is further described as Map 9.0, Lot 118.0 on the Assessor's Map. The lot is in Zoning District RR80. It is recorded with the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book 59571, Page 256. The applicant proposes to add second-floor dormers.

The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, August 21, 2025.

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

Sincerely,
Susan Akin, Chair
Tony Tranfaglia, Colby Rottier, Jordan Rodrigues
8/7, 8/14

TOWN OF MARION

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Marion Department of Public Works Salt Shed Installation

The Town of Marion, acting through the Office of the Town Administrator and Chief Procurement Officer, invites sealed bids from qualified, licensed, and registered contractors to provide Construction /Installation and all other services required to complete the installation of a Calhoun HT Series Salt Shed modular building owned by the Town of Marion.

Bid documents are only available electronically.

RFP Packet with complete specifications may be obtained on the Town of Marion's website at <https://www.marionma.gov/161/Bids-RFPs>. On or after Wednesday August 13, 2025.

Bid deadline is Thursday August 28, 2025 at 10:00 am. 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. 8/7

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF ROCHESTER

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1223

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Jorge Rodriguez for property located at 12 Mayflower Ln, identified on Assessor's Map 21A, Lot 43, who is seeking a Special Permit to conduct a personal fitness training business out of his home, pursuant to Chapter 20.40, Section F.6., of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws.

The public hearing will be on Thursday, August 28th, 2025, at 7:15 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA.
Donald Spirllet, Chairman. 8/7, 8/14

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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.

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.

The drop-off boxes for payments will be available at the Town House at 2 Spring Street until September 1. At that time, the drop-off boxes will be relocated to the Annex.

If you need emergency assistance during the week of August 11th, please call 508-748-3540 and leave a message for the department you need to contact. Messages will be answered in a timely manner. Emails will be replied to as soon as possible.

We appreciate your patience during this transition.

Music From Land's End

Music From Land's End Wareham announces its 2025 Summer Concerts. On **July 26** and **August 8** at 7:00 pm, concert musicians will perform two programs at St. Gabriel's Church in Marion. In July, enjoy songs by Beethoven, Schubert, Theodorakis and others. In August, Iconic Piano Trios with Pianist Gideon Rubin will complete the series. Entrance is by donation with free seating.

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MAC Theater presents "Miss Witherspoon"

The MAC Theater Presents the darkly funny Christopher Durang classic, Miss Witherspoon, directed by Kate Fishman. Performances are held at the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater, located at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion.

The cast includes: Maura Van Voris, Laura Stevens (Sunday Matinees), Natalya Carreiro, Ben Freeman, Rachel Richardson, Cynthia Johnson.

- Director: Kate Fishman

-Shadow Director: Phoebe Van Inwegen

-Stage Manager: Andrea Audette

-Light/Sound: Steve McManus

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.

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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 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.

Mattapoisett Museum

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

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

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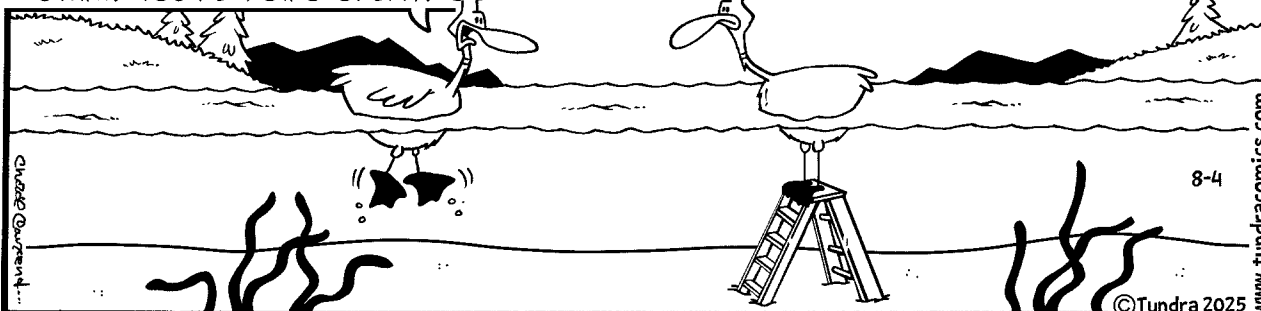
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Ticket sales begin on July 1st. The show will be held in the Congregational Community Center in the village at 144 Front Street, Marion. Handicap accessible. Tickets are \$35.00. Available at Marion General Store, Church office, Penny Pinchers, office@marionfirstchurch.

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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, Mattapoisett. 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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Marion Vaccination Information

The Marion Board of Health would like to let residents know that they still have flu and COVID-19 vaccines available.

If you are in need of in-home vaccination appointments, these are administered through the Marion Community EMS Program.

Please contact Maureen at the Board of Health at 508-748-3530 then press #1 if you are interested in scheduling an appointment for a vaccination.

Mattapoissett Congregational Church

The Mattapoissett Congregational Church's

steeple is lit nightly and is a beacon of welcome and comfort to all. The Beacon of Light was started as a way to celebrate and honor loved ones or special occasions. If you would like the steeple to be lit in remembrance of, in celebration of, or in honor of a loved one or blessed event, please call the church office at 508-758-2671 or email mattcongchurch@gmail.com for more information. We welcome and encourage multiple entries each month. This is a special way to celebrate our beautiful steeple, as a Beacon of Light in Mattapoissett, and to financially support our church. Thank you for your donation.

American Legion: Florence Eastman Post # 28

All Southcoast Active Service Military, Reservists and Veterans are invited to join the monthly meetings of the American Legion: Florence Eastman Post #28.

(Serving the Tri-Town area of Mattapoissett, Marion, Rochester and beyond).

We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 1900 (7:00 pm).

Florence Eastman Post is located at 3 Depot Street, Mattapoissett. Tri-Town Veterans Office: www.tri-townveterans.org.

TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights July 27 – Aug 2

- South St – Health/welfare
- Mill St – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Point Rd – Suspicious person
- Wareham Rd – General service
- Lady Slipper Ln – Officer wanted
- Front St – Suspicious person
- West Ave – B&E/past
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Barros Dr – Parking enforcement
- Water St – EMS/medical
- Front St – MV collision
- Olde Meadow Rd – Animal complaint
- Wareham Rd – MV stop/citation
- Delano Rd – Suspicious person
- Route 105 – MV collision
- Pawkechatt Way – Animal bite
- Front St – MV collision
- Spring St – Suspicious activity
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Indian Cove Rd – Disturbance
- Front St – Smoke investigation
- Oakdale Ave – Disorderly person
- Cove Cir – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – MV stop/citation
- Crapo St – Larceny/past
- Crapo St – Follow up investigation
- Lewis St – Officer wanted
- Mill St – MV collision

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights July 27 – Aug 2

- Driscoll Ln – Medical assist
- Water St – Assist citizen
- Wolf Island Rd – General service
- North St – Health/welfare
- Upland Way – 911 call
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- North St – Suspicious persons
- North St – MV violations
- Driscoll Ln – Suspicious persons
- Mattapoissett Neck Rd – MV crash
- Angelica Ave – Animal control
- Mendell Rd – MV violations
- Bay Rd – General service
- Mechanic St – Soliciting
- I195 West – Assist other agency
- Angelica Ave – Health/welfare
- Homestead Ct – Ambulance request
- Fairhaven Rd – Disturbance
- Fairhaven Rd – Assist other agency
- Channing Rd – Officer wanted
- Split Rock Ln – Animal control
- Barstow St – Parking complaint
- Wolf Island Rd – General service
- Water St – 911 call
- Main St – MV crash
- Railroad Ave – Complaint
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Beach Rd – Complaint
- Church St Ext – MV violations

ROCHESTER

Log highlights July 27 – Aug 2

- Bennett Rd – 911 call
- Marion Rd – MV stop/citation
- Cranberry Hwy – MV collision
- Snows Pond Rd – Suspicious activity
- Snipatuit Rd – 911 call
- Bishop Rd – Marine incident
- Pine St – Medical
- High St – Vehicle complaint
- Paradise Ln – Soliciting
- County Rd – Suspicious activity
- Mattapoissett Rd – Animal control
- Mendell Rd – Animal control
- Walnut Plain Rd – Road hazard
- Neck Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Benjamin Dr – Well-being check
- Marion Rd – Assist other agency
- North Ave – Disturbance
- New Bedford Rd – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity
- New Bedford Rd – 911 call
- Benjamin Dr – Well-being check
- Walnut Plain Rd – Burglar alarm
- Wolf Island Rd – Fire alarm
- Bradford Ln – MV collision
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Edwards Ln – Animal control
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- North Ave – MV stop/citation

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

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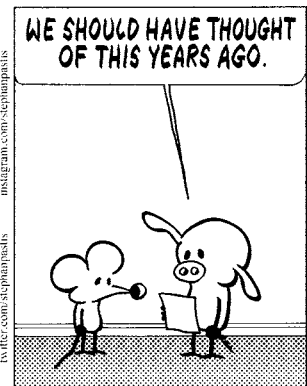
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



Birthday Parties at the MAC

The Marion Art Center's Arts & Crafts instructor Aylin Cetik is offering birthday parties in the MAC Studio. Parties for ages 4 and up will be scheduled on Saturdays and Sundays, with 15 to 20 minutes reserved at the end of the party for a sweet treat. Available times are 10:00 am to 11:30 am or 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Suggested party themes include: mermaids, fairies, outer space, pirates, art and science, or custom. The cost is \$275 for up to ten guests and \$15 for each additional child with a maximum of 15 children. Add-on options include outdoor lawn games or other activities by request, for an additional fee. For more information and to inquire about dates, email aylincetik@gmail.com.

Marion Natural History Museum

Attention Pre-Schoolers and Home Schoolers, the Marion Natural History Museum is now open to the public on Friday mornings. The museum features collections of minerals, fossils, butterflies, birds of prey, and many other specimens. Appointments may be made for field trips. If you would like to schedule a time to come in and view these specimens as part of a lesson or just for fun, please contact the director for an appointment. We are open on Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and Fridays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Emergency Preparedness

This is the perfect time to think about and prepare for emergencies and disasters as Massachusetts faces a variety of hazards – weather-related or otherwise throughout the year.

If you feel that you would require assistance in an emergency, we would like to have a discussion with you so we can prepare a plan that will be ready to go when needed. If you rely on medical equipment at your residence that requires electricity. If you would require transportation to a shelter when such a need arises or live in a known flood zone. If you have a communication-related disability, we need to know the



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best way to communicate in an emergency state. If you take medications, we need a list.

If there is any other targeted assistance that you may need.

Please call the Council on Aging at 508-748-3570 so we can compile this information which will be reported to Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). We want to be prepared.

We encourage residents and family members who may reside out of town to sign up for E-alerts from the Town of Marion (visit: marionma.gov/subscribe).

Tri-Town Against Racism

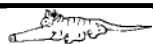
Tri-Town against Racism (TTAR) announces they have developed a system to document discriminatory incidents experienced by community members in the Tri-Town. Collecting this information will help to identify how to best support the Tri-Town Region. The incident report can be completed online, either on a computer or mobile device, anonymously if preferred. Community members can also choose to identify themselves to TTAR in the report. Their personal identifying information will never be shared outside of TTAR. The incident report allows for individuals or families to share their stories to inform local change. Completing the form and sharing your experiences with TTAR will help to make a positive impact. The incident report can be found by visiting this link: forms.gle/UGEsEmjBCZTEYKX56.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS			See past listing on our website: www.wanderer.com		
Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Mattapoisett, Offshore IV Ltd	Farrell, William Farrell, Erica	35 North St	Mattapoisett	07/16/2025	1,625,000.00
Shivay Realty LLC	Rochester Properties LLC	621 County Rd	Rochester	07/17/2025	1,200,000.00
Harvey, Peter	Brennan, William J Brennan, William H Est	45 Benjamin Dr	Rochester	07/17/2025	540,000.00
Arnold, Chase Arnold, Nicole	Testa, Giovanni J TR 2 Pine Ridge Lane RT	2 Pine Ridge Ln	Mattapoisett	07/18/2025	1,360,000.00



Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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
Monday	August 18	4:00	4:40	9:34	11:57
Tuesday	August 19	5:09	5:49	10:53	
Wednesday	August 20	6:13	6:48	12:47	12:05
Thursday	August 21	7:08	7:38	1:32	12:50
Friday	August 22	7:57	8:24	2:11	1:38
Saturday	August 23	8:43	9:06	2:42	2:23
Sunday	August 24	9:27	9:46	3:08	3:06
Phases of the Moon		Full Moon		August 9th	
		Last Quarter		August 16th	
		New Moon		August 23rd	
		First Quarter		August 31st	



I Found the Aardvark!

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

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

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the July 31, 2025 edition the Aardvark was on page 52

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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HISTORICAL	ONEMAN	ERR			
FAIRYTALE	ENCODING	JOE			
UNCASE	OAK	GARDENS			
NEST	MISSION	TOMARCOS			
TAROTS	ALIA	METRO			
INCOHERENT	DANGER	SEN			
TEARED	MSS	LUMP			
ATTIMES	KIDNEY	BEACON			
LITA	AWEB	COOL	OPINE		
IPA	PRECOCIOUS	FEW	TAM		
COLBY	TRON	NEAP	WYLE		
STORMSCOURGE	NONAMES				
OTOE	GAI	QATAR	I		
BBC	DEACON	OFSTUDENTS			
AEIOU	NANO	ENDEAR			
SECOND	MYREGRETS	SCAB			
SHAPIRO	SOO	SAHARA			
SID	COBALTS	SUPPLEMENTS			
AVA	EMILIA	STAMPEDOUT			
XES	FELLER	TAUNTS	ERE		

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Chore 2. Sonic;
3. Scribe; 4. Niche

Today's Word

RECESSION

Sudoku Answer

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

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32 oz. Selected Variety
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5.25-10 oz. Selected Variety
Near East
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8 oz. Grated
Food Club
Parmesan Cheese

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7.25 oz. Original
Kraft
Mac & Cheese

2/\$3

24 oz. 6 pk. Selected Variety
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Apple Sauce

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10 oz. Selected Variety
Ro-Tel
Diced Tomatoes

2/\$4

16.9 oz. Pure
Food Club
Olive Oil

\$7⁹⁹

7.5 oz.
Fluff
Marshmallow Fluff

\$1⁵⁹

8 oz. Original
Green Mountain Gringo
Tortilla Strips

\$2⁷⁹

4.25 oz. Selected Variety
Blue Diamond
Nut-Thins Crackers

2/\$7

48 oz. Selected Variety
KEMPS
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\$4⁹⁹

WINE

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Austin Paso Robles 750 ml. California
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\$17⁹⁹
 Reg. - \$20.99

Alamos - 750 ml. Argentina
Malbec
\$10⁹⁹
 Reg. - \$13.99

Cantina Zaccagnini - 750 ml. Italy
Montepulciano D'Abruzzo
\$16⁹⁹
 Reg. - \$18.99

Apothic - 750 ml. California
Red Wine
\$10⁹⁹
 Reg. - \$12.99

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\$9⁹⁹

Pint
Mango Salsa
\$10⁹⁹

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Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Packaged
Egg Salad
\$10⁹⁹ lb

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Packaged
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Cheddar Cheese
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Pasta**
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Whole Chicken
Thighs Broil**
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lb



7-8 oz. Selected Variety
**Cabot
Cheese Slices
or Cuts**
2/\$7



32 oz. Selected Variety
**Stonyfield Organic
Yogurt**
\$4⁹⁹



QUALITY PRODUCE



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Blueberries **\$3⁹⁹**

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Fresh
Zesty Limes **2/\$1**



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Cara Cara Oranges **\$5⁹⁹**

Fresh
Green Peppers **\$2⁹⁹**
lb

Fresh
Cucumbers **79¢**

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