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## Four New Eagle Scouts in Rochester

*Rochester Troop 31 Eagle Court of Honor*

**By Sam Bishop**

On Monday night, August 25, Rochester's Boy Scout Troop 31 gathered at Grange Hall with their families to celebrate and conduct an Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony. Four boys were rising the ranks to become Eagle Scouts: Logan, Noah, Quinn, and Reece.

The boys had achieved their medals over the last few months, but all agreed to wait until they had all finished so they could hold a ceremony together, having spent years together in the Boy Scouts program, as said by Assistant Scoutmaster Kevin Gretton.

The Grand Hall was packed, with family members, fellow Boy Scouts, other Eagle Scouts both young and old, state government representatives, and Troop 31 leadership, who conducted the ceremony.

The event began with the boys seeking promotion coming in and sitting at the opposite end of their peers, with one of the four boys, Quinn, choosing to sit out the ceremony and instead work on his truck for an upcoming road trip as said by his father, Dave Andrews. The ceremony was conducted by Scout Leader Kevin Gretton and Chaplain Dave Andrews, who went through the script and itinerary of Eagle Court of Honors held across the country.

Following the scouts saying the Scout Oath, twelve current scouts rose and lit twelve candles, reciting the "12 points" of Scout Laws, those being: trust, loyalty, helpfulness, friendliness, courtesy, kindness, obedience, cheerfulness, thriftiness, bravery, cleanliness, and reverence. Then, the three boys received their Eagle Scout Badge, placed an Eagle Mother Pin on their mothers' collars, and placed a pin on their individual mentors for their now completed Eagle Projects.

The event concluded with the Boy Scouts and new Eagle Scouts cutting into a cake that bore their four names.

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***On the Cover:** On Monday, August 25, four Boy Scouts of Rochester's Boy Scout Troop 31 received their medals and other accolades in their Eagle Court of Honor ceremony held at Rochester Grange Hall. The new Eagle Scouts are Noah, Logan, Reece, and Quinn (not present). Photo by Sam Bishop*

## Ribbon Cut at 1 Island Wharf Road

*Marion Maritime Center Ribbon Cutting*

**By Sam Bishop**

At long last, Marion's new Maritime Center is officially opened as of Tuesday, August 26. This momentous feat has been years in the making, and those present at the event signify its importance. The ribbon cutting took place about six months after February's open house, with the new \$3.5 million facility now fully operational.

At the event were Executive Office of Economic Development Interim Secretary Ashley Stolba, State Senator Kelly A. Dooner, State Representative Mark D. Sylvia, Select Board Chair Randy L. Parker, Seaport Economic Council Director Ellen Cebula, Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman, Police Chief Richard B. Nighelli, Harbormaster Adam Murphy, Marine Resources Commission Chair Vin Malkoski, and many others from the community.

Gorman spoke first and talked about the incredible feats completed in order to get through about five years of planning and roughly 10 months of actual construction. Both state representatives then spoke,

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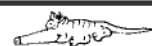
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followed by Stolba, who said this was her final event as Interim Secretary. She stated she was happy it could be in such a beautiful location. \$1.9 million of the final price tag came from a Seaport Economic Council grant through the Massachusetts Executive Office of Economic Development.

Finally, Select Board Chair Randy Parker spoke, detailing his and the board's collaboration with everyone present to finish the build. "I'd be two times a day" he said, detailing his walks around the construction site and on-the-fly problem solving as issues arose. Following his speech, he grabbed his big scissors and headed up the stairs with other representatives to officially cut the ribbon.

Ashley Stolba with Kelly Dooner cut the ribbon, thus ending the long project and officially beginning the new site at 1 Island Wharf Road's projected long history of managing Marion Harbor.

## 'A Proclamation for Suppressing Rebellion and Sedition'

*This Week in Revolutionary History...*

By Sam Bishop

This week in Revolutionary War History, let's discuss what was going on 250 years ago in and around the colonial Province of Massachusetts Bay. Last week, Washington concluded his spout with General Thomas Gage, gunpowder was successfully stolen from Bermuda, and Washington appointed Thomas Mifflin to Quartermaster General in continuing attempts to curb the Continental Army's supply crisis.

On August 20, 1775, Washington writes to General Philip Schuyler at Fort Ticonderoga apologizing for supply delays. He says he has met with members of the Continental Congress from Philadelphia, who assured Washington powder will be forwarded north. He also instructs Schuyler to "seek a strict neutrality of the Indian Nations," or don't engage in battle with local tribes as to not push them into allying with the British. He also says, if possible, broker offensive alliances. Washington then outlines the most important message of the letter, "The design of this express is to communicate to you a plan

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of an expedition, which has engrossed my thoughts for several days: It is to penetrate into Canada."

While we now benefit from hindsight, the Continental plan was to march north from Ticonderoga, go around Montreal, traverse along the Saint Lawrence River and assault Quebec City. Quebec had, by far, the most population of any Canadian city. Capturing it would secure the loyalist colony and disallow the British from supplying in the region. That's the thought, at least. There was also the prevailing sentiment that the French Quebecois, having been conquered by the British about 15 years earlier, would ally with the 13 Colonies. Washington promises to send Schuyler an additional 1,000 to 1,200 and envisions Colonel Benedict Arnold leading the incursion.

A couple days later in keeping with the theme of supply shortages, Jonathan Trumbull of Connecticut writes to Washington saying, "We are greatly exhausted" and states no powder has arrived following his request. He states he and the state General Assembly have encouraged the people of the state to collect saltpeter and

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sulfur, issuing bounties for both materials essential in powder creation.

On August 22, Washington's General Orders stray away from supplies and instead focus on something else. "The General does not mean to discourage the practice of bathing, whilst the weather is warm enough to continue it; but he expressly forbids, any persons doing it, at or near the Bridge in Cambridge, where it has been observed and complained of, that many men, lost to all sense of decency and common modesty, are running about naked upon the bridge, whilst passengers, and even ladies of the first fashion in the neighborhood, are passing over it, as if they meant to glory in their shame: The guards and [s] entries at the Bridge, are to put a stop to this practice for

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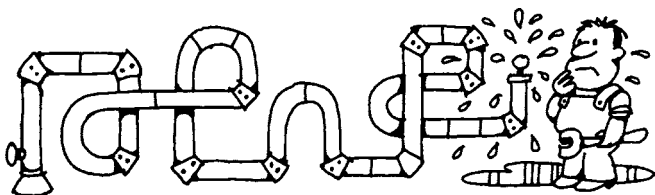
the future." Incredible. Again, the ragtag group of farmers seriously lacks discipline.

We move across the pond to London, August 23, 1775. King George III issues and signs a proclamation at Saint James Palace. It is titled, "A Proclamation, by The King, for Suppressing Rebellion and Sedition," more generally known as the *Proclamation of Rebellion*. The King states the colonies, "misled by dangerous and ill designing men," are hostile in their obstruction of commerce and law. Britain now officially sees itself in a full state of war, with the King telling subjects "to use their utmost endeavors to withstand and suppress such rebellion." There is also a hunt for traitors and conspirators. The *Olive Branch Petition*, sent to London by the Continental Congress on July 5, was therefore rejected and ignored by King George III.

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In further escalations, on August 25, General Richard Montgomery leads 1,500 men out of Fort Ticonderoga, officially beginning the Quebec Campaign. Benedict Arnold will depart Massachusetts in a few weeks to link up with the general, in an effort to flank Quebec City.

## Do You Need Electrolyte or "Performance" Drinks?

*What Does The Doctor Say?*

**By Dr. Edward Hoffer**

One of my favorite cartoons showed two young men walking off the basketball court, one saying, "I am bushed; I must be really low in electrolytes;" Response: "yes, we really need some electrolytes right away." First man: "What are electrolytes?"

Electrolytes are minerals, predominantly sodium, potassium and calcium in the human body, that both circulate in the blood and are inside our cells, that regulate our fluid balance. The body tightly regulates the levels of electrolytes under most conditions.

You lose electrolytes, predominantly sodium, along with water when you sweat. If you lose enough, you become dehydrated and can suffer low blood pressure and feel faint.

Under most circumstances, drinking water is all you need to balance the fluid loss from heavy exercise and sweating. Rarely, if you are doing an endurance exercise such as running a marathon, particularly in hot weather, and are drinking large amounts of water, you can dilute down your serum sodium to dangerous levels. There have even been deaths.

Dozens of "sports drinks" promise to replace your electrolytes and improve your athletic performance. Most also contain lots of sugar, though sugar-free varieties are available.

Do you need these? Almost certainly not. For most sports activities, simply drinking water is fine. Remember that you also get electrolytes in your food. Bananas are rich in potassium; dairy products are rich in calcium and many foods contain sodium.

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There have been recorded cases of toxins such as arsenic in these commercial sports drinks.

So, save your money. Carry a water bottle when you exercise in warm conditions and have a few pretzels when you get home.

Another product of which to be wary are the "energy drinks" and "energy shots" such as Monster, Red Bull, Celsius and Rock Star. These contain large amounts of caffeine and are often consumed by people who should get off the road or put away their books and sleep rather

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## What's Up There?

*Astronomy Update for September*

**By Sam Bishop**

Summer vacation is over, and autumn is nearing. This month, be prepared to see some stars, planets, and meteors as the cool air chases away the humidity (hopefully).

The Aurigids Meteor Shower is ongoing from August 28 to September 5. Its peak will fall on September 1, producing around six meteors per hour. The comet of origin, C/1911 N1 (Kiess), passed by the Sun in 1911 and was discovered in 1935. It will pass again around the year 4400 with a 2,490-year orbital period.

This month's full moon, the "Corn Moon," will be on September 7. That is the same day as a lunar eclipse visible for most of the world's population – but not us. A total lunar eclipse will be visible over most of Asia and Oceania with a partial eclipse being visible across Africa and Europe. However, no luck for the Americas this time, with no visibility of the event for us (we're also missing out on a solar eclipse that will be partially visible across the Pacific on September 21).

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Another! The Epsilon Perseids Meteor Shower, not to be confused with last month's Perseid Meteor Shower, will take place September 5 to September 21. It peaks on September 9, and due to it falling two days after the full moon, meteor visibility will likely be hampered a bit by lunar light. The shower is unrelated from last month's Perseid, with the origin of these meteors not being wholly confirmed. Like the Aurigids, this shower won't be nearly as intense as the greats, with only around five meteors per minute.

On September 18 in Nevada, on the opposite end of the state as the ongoing Burning Man, the Great Basin Astronomy Festival starts on September 18 at Great Basin National Park. Be prepared to see some great pics on your

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On September 22, fall begins with the autumnal or September equinox.

There is always plenty to see and many apps, websites, and other resources to aid in identifying. NASA is always great for events (like the meteor shower) and ISS flyovers. Happy and lucky stargazing to you.

## Ethics of Appointments Debated

*Mattapoisett Select Board*

**By Marilou Newell**

During the August 26 meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board, the issue of ethics with respect to a short-term appointment became a flash point. The agenda listed "Action Items discussion and possible vote on Board of Health Interim Member to the Board of Health." The appointment would fill a vacancy expected on the board before the end of Alexandra Nicoloci's term ends.

It has been the practice of the town to fill short-term postings with residents willing to provide short-term assistance. But there was resistance to the board's selection of Douglas Schneider who was a candidate for the Board of Health ultimately defeated in the last election.

Select Board member Tyler Macallister advocated for Schneider's appointment saying he was qualified and had shown obvious interest in the position. But current BOH member Michelle Bernier lobbied for a replacement with a public health background, Kathy Eklund. Eklund had submitted a multipage curriculum verte that outlined her many years working in the public health sector.

There ensued a period of discussion that included questions about the number of times Schneider, a civil engineer will need to recuse himself due to business relationships a common occurrence with the current board given that the BOH chairman, Carmelo Nicolosi is also



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a civil engineer. Resident Donald Fleming, commenting from the floor, pointedly asked Nicolosi how frequently he recused himself from voting on matters brought before the BOH. He wasn't sure possibly four times a year.

Bernier stated that it was sometimes difficult to vote on projects brought before the BOH because of Nicolosi's affiliation with Charon and Associates. Naming another local engineer might not be prudent she believed. Bernier said that although the BOH deals with a number of septic related hearings, public health is also a large part of their area of responsibility.

Nicoloci said he had spoken to the state ethics board but when pressed by Fleming said it wasn't a written opinion. Fleming said, "... this whole thing seems to be evolving about ethics." The need for board members to recuse themselves from some matters due to their personal or business relationships requires the members to "self-report" town administrator Mike Lorenzo said.

Resident Nikki Demakis said that even the appearance of a conflict was problematic. "...they have an obligation under their appointing authority." She said, "It does not make sense not to appoint her (Eklund).

The Select board ultimately decided to take the matter up with legal counsel.

Another hot button item discussed was a citizen's petition to hold a Special Town Meeting specifically to hear voters in the matter of another citizen's petition that passed at the Fall Town Meeting. The petition,

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authored by Nikki Demakis sought to determine the public's appetite for increasing the Select Board from 3 to 5 members. It passed the Spring Town Meeting. Now the voters will be asked whether or not they wish to overturn that vote and leave the Select Board as a 3-member board. The Select Board will check schedules to determine viable dates to hold this one-article Town Meeting and will post that date one week before holding the meeting.

In other matters, the town received a check from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) in the amount of \$57,500.

They tabled a request from the Marine Advisory Board for a reduction of voting members from seven to five citing the difficulty in achieving a quorum especially

during the summer months. The board will ask the Chairman Carlos DeSousa to weigh-in before taking any action.

Also on the agenda was the official appointment of members to the Open Space and Recreation Steering Committee. The mission of the OSRC Steering Committee as noted in their charge is to advise the Select Board on matters related to open space and recreation. They will facilitate the development of the OSRC plan document which reflects and supports the committee's priorities and goals. It will establish goals that will examine issues for the future of open space and recreation. It will also establish a timeline for achieving goals.

The committee consists of nine members representing the Conservation Commission, the Bike Path committee, the Mattapoisett Land Trust, one member of the recreation staff, and four members from the general public. The committee's volunteers are Nathan Ketchel representing the Planning Board, Barry Lima representing the Conservation Commission, Richard Grahn representing the Bike Path committee, Marissa Hughes from the Mattapoisett Recreation Department, Kristen McCormack from the Mattapoisett Land Trust, and from the community at large Robin Lepore, Frank White, and Janice Robbins.

The committee is charged with working with town staff officials, the public and the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development in the establishment of goals and objectives, action items and review of all materials including the review of public feedback from surveys and public meetings. The synthesizing of all materials into coherent actionable strategies will be a key element of the OSRC's work.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9 at 6:00 pm in Town Hall or on Zoom.

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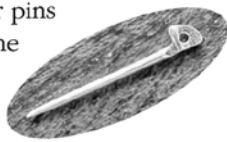
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## RMS Solar Array To Be Complete by December

*Rochester Planning Board*

**By Michael J. DeCicco**

Rochester's Planning Board Tuesday approved a modification of the Site Plan Review and Special Permit

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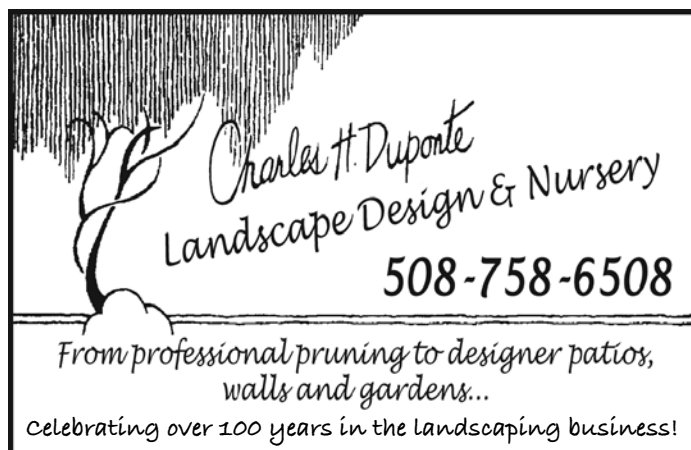
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for a large-scale solar photovoltaic array at Rochester Memorial School which will allow construction to happen during the school year.

The plan in question is to construct a canopy-mounted 250KW AC solar array system over a portion of the school's rear paved parking lot. Planning Board Chair Arnold Johnson said Tuesday one of the conditions of the permit was that construction was to take place over the summer vacation when no children would be around and the space would not be so busy. Circumstances around that plan have changed, he said. Now the contractor, Solect Energy Development, Hopkinton, is looking to start construction in September and finish work by the end of December.

Johnson began discussion by noting board members have visited the site and reviewed details such as the necessary performance bond for the work. He then asked if the work would impede student drop-off in the morning and pick-up in the afternoon and faculty parking.

RMS Principal Heidi Letendre answered that parents will be asked to extend their "que" line for drop-off and pick-up further around the front of the school and the time students will be allowed in the school will be altered. Solect consultant Clint Shuckel assured the board the contractor will not do heavy work between seven and eight a.m. (when students arrive for the school day) or 2:30-3:30 (student pick-up time), and sub-contractors



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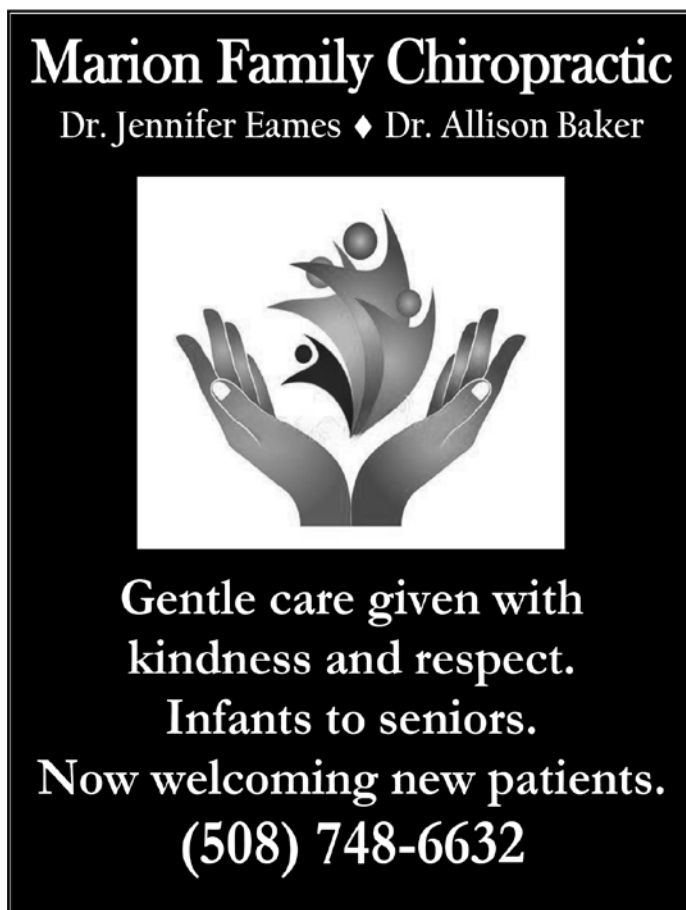
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are being instructed to not make deliveries during those times. He said work hours will be 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday to Friday, and no Saturday work hours.

Town Planner Michaela Shoemaker said Police Michael Assad has indicated concern over unauthorized personnel entering the school building. ORR District Facilities Manager Gene Jones responded that all personnel working in the school area have been CORI-checked (Criminal Offender Record Information).

Discussion ended with a decision that this was a minor rather than a major permit change. A major change would have required a public hearing. The approval vote was 4-1, with member Marc Rousseau voting against.

The board's next motions were continuations. The



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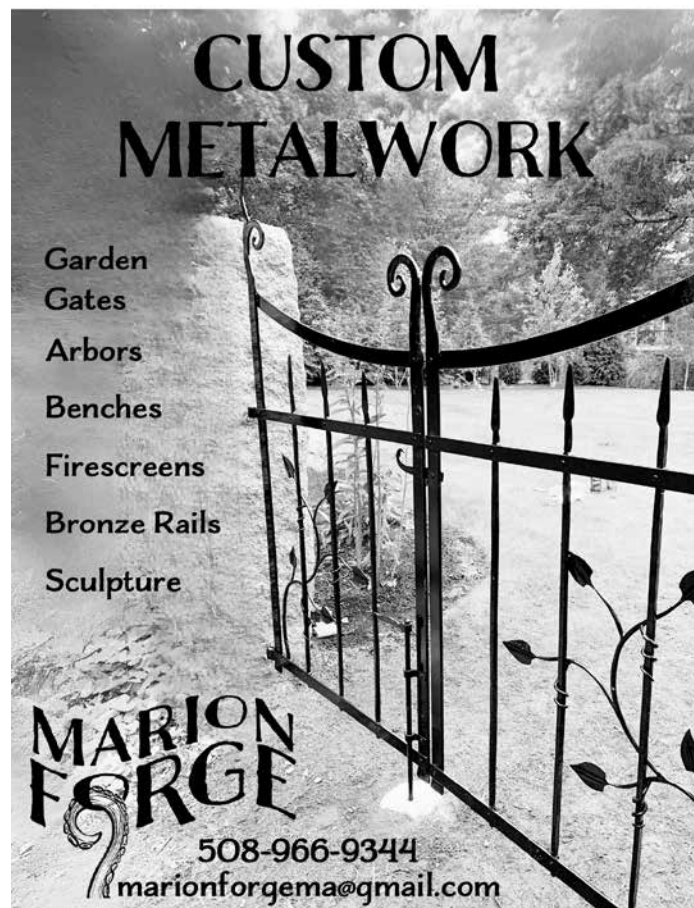
panel continued to its next meeting the Definitive Subdivision application hearing on turning an 8.67-acre parcel at 19 County Road into three lots after a lengthy discussion over the expensive road bond the petitioners are being asked to post.

The plan here is to retain the existing house lot and create two new lots for additional four-bedroom residential housing. Patrick Mulvahill, representing the petitioners Robert and Christine Murphy, said he had questions for the town's consulting engineer, Ken Motta, in response to the lengthy peer review letter with permit requirements that Motta recently issued. He wanted to know if covenant language in the permit waivers could address the high cost of the road performance bond. "This

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is money the Murphys did not foresee having to pay," Milvahill said.

Johnson explained a road performance bond protects the town and future residents of the homes should the contractor go belly-up before finishing the road. Consulting engineer Robert Espisito, appearing on Zoom, requested the continuance after concluding he will first speak with Motta on the details of the peer review and the road bond issue.

The board also continued to its next meeting the Special Permit and Site Plan Review hearing for the proposal from Logging Swamp Solar dba ReWild Renewables to install a ground-mounted, large scale solar panel array with associated site work on 49 acres in the area of 600 Snipatuit Road.

The board then continued to the same date its other large-scale solar project hearing: the Site Plan Review application for the construction of a floating and ground-mounted solar array with associated battery energy storage system at 53 Dexter Lane.

In other action, Johnson announced that long-time member Ben Bailey has resigned. But Bailey has agreed to stay on until the conclusion of the Logging Swamp Solar project, he said. The board needs a supermajority of its members to be present to legally vote on such a permit and Bailey has been involved in the hearings since the beginning. The board then elevated member Michael Murphy to Board Clerk to replace Bailey in that role and

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appointed Matt Bache as Assistant Clerk.

The board tentatively set September 3 as the date for its site visit of the Dexter Lane floating solar array project.

The Rochester Planning Board's next meeting will be Tuesday, September 9 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

### Farm Stand's Withdrawal Lacks Closure

*Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals*

**By Marilou Newell**

Michael King's variance petition case 1563 involving King's right to use 84 North Street as a farmstand came to an end on August 21. King, through his attorney James Marsh, asked for a withdrawal without prejudice which was granted by the Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals.


King's long journey to get a definitive ruling from the Building Department seemed to take a number of twists and turns, not the least of which was King's assertion that Mattapoisett is a right-to-farm community and that the farmstand is covered by the Dover Amendment which grants farmers certain rights over and above local zoning ordinances, and that the property in question had a history as a farm.

After a number of meetings including not only the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board, which subsequently approved his requested site-plan


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review, King withdrew his petition. However, that withdrawal did not include a discontinuation of what he referred to as "self-serve" operation for the sale of meats, fruits and vegetables. His ability to sell products from the stand was not challenged by the ZBA.

The board members were in agreement that a withdrawal could be granted; the case was quickly opened and closed, leaving abutters wondering if they could voice their objections. That was not to be the case. Chairman Susan Akin said, "This goes someplace else now," although where was not noted. She said, "We don't deal with this any longer."

Town Administrator Mike Lorenco said in a follow-up that, although the ZBA noted the Select Board

is now a likely route to a conclusion in this matter, that is not actually the case. He said the Building Department is the authority over this matter.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for Thursday, September 18 at 6:00 pm at Town Hall.

### **Parks Seek Doubled Budget**

*Rochester Park Commission*

**By Michael J. DeCicco**

Rochester's Park Commission on August 21 focused its discussion on needing a bigger budget for FY26.

Commission Chair David Sylvia said the board hasn't had a budget increase since he began serving on the board 21 years ago. Its annual allotment is \$25,000 for expenses and another \$7,000 for salaries. He said the department will likely exhaust its salary account by November due to a part-time employee, an Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School student who is currently maintaining the town's athletic fields.

The commissioners concluded they will ask for funding increases as high as double current levels when the next budget cycle rolls around, early next year. As examples of the dilemmas they face, commission member Kenneth Ross said fencing around the athletic fields needs replacing every year. Sylvia said the commission cut back on fertilizer for the fields' grounds in 2025 to use the funds on other important projects. That cut shaved from the budget \$2,000-3,000 for a single application, but the commission said it's a move that should not be repeated.

The commission cannot keep cutting back on fertilizer every year, member Nathan Reece said. "Rochester people don't want their fields to turn into a dust bowl," he said. The commission needs to update its budget to make it realistic, he noted, as the cost of everything keeps going up.

The commission agreed to seek some kind of budget increase based on exact calculations of what extra funding they need.

The commission did not set up its next meeting before adjourning.



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## Flags to Fly for Retiring Members

*Marion Marine Resources Commission*

**By Jeffrey D. Wagner**

The Marion Marine Resources Commission held a brief meeting on August 20 at the town's Maritime Center Conference Room. The meeting spanned less than 13 minutes but was filled with some unforgettable tributes. The Select Board and the MRC gave citations to retiring commissioners: Toby Burr, Greg Houdelette, Peter Borsari, and Eiv Strand.

Harbormaster Adam Murphy noted that the four Marion residents have collectively logged a "century of care and stewardship to the community." Adding up the numbers, Murphy said the four men have altogether more than 130 years of combined service.

Murphy and other officials said these years involved the creation of a harbor patrol, as well as increased use of the harbor and all the oversight needed for that expansion.

Houdelette has 38 years of experience serving on the MRC, according to Select Board Chairman Randy Parker. Strand has 36 years of service to the MRC; Burr also has 36 years of service, and Borsari has 22.

"We appreciate your time and work and time away from your family," Parker said. "It's a lot of time invested."

"The boating community has been nothing short of extraordinary," Murphy said, noting the benefit to the



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harbor and many boaters who have enjoyed the harbor. He joked that some have more experience in the MRC conference room than most people have in boating. "I had the pleasure of working with you all," Murphy said, who has been with the department for 13 years.

There will be four flags over the harbor. Retiring members will have flags flown in honor of their service at Old Landing, Island Wharf, and Bird Island. Each retiring member will choose the location, and the flag will be flown for the number of days equivalent to each member's years of service.

"Not a lot of people see the work they do," MRC Chairman Vin Malkoski said.

Houdelette and Strand spoke briefly after the citations, deflecting praise and thanks to those that came before them to lay the foundation for the marine division.

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They also thanked the work of the current Harbormaster and his staff.

The MRC is working on a harbor management plan and is installing floating docks at Island Wharf. Updates are expected at the next MRC meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 17 at 6:00 pm at the Marion Maritime Center Conference Room.

## EMC Shifts Focus to Education on Green Energy

*Marion Energy Management Committee*

**By Jeffrey D. Wagner**

If all goes as planned, author David Green will be coming to town with tips on how homeowners can save energy. This topic was one of many energy-saving ideas discussed via Zoom at the August 24 Marion Energy Management Committee.

Green is a graduate of Oxford University and Harvard Business School and is the author of *Zero Carbon Home*, which touches upon how heat pumps, triple-paned windows, and solar panels can help save money for homeowners.

Green has been in contact with one EMC member and would be willing to conduct a talk, according to committee members on Monday. If approved by Select Board members and a location is secured, the EMC is hoping to secure a talk by Green, a name fitting to the green initiatives he would talk about.

EMC members proposed that the Music Hall or the police station meeting room could be good candidates for this discussion. Committee members also said copies of his book would be available.

Seeing the town's strategy as short-sighted, the EMC unsuccessfully recommended against the May 12 Town Meeting vote that revoked Marion's participation in the state's Stretch Code, the building code that exceeds state law, prioritizing electric energy over fossil fuels. The vote rescinded Marion's membership in the commonwealth's Green Communities program, which awards grant funding to compliant municipalities based on incentives. The Town of Rochester had preceded Marion by becoming the first municipality to reject

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Massachusetts' Stretch Code and membership in Green Communities.

Another outreach opportunity was also discussed by the EMC. A video is in the works that highlights all the green initiatives in Marion from 2018 to 2024. The EMC is looking to master this product and release it on Old Rochester Community Television (ORCTV) and through other platforms.

Also revealed on Monday was that the town has received a feasibility grant through the state to assess potential locations to set up vehicle charging stations.

The EMC is looking to contact the ORR School District to assess school buildings and how the schools can save on energy costs and initiate other green strategies. According to EMC members, there is \$5,000,000 available for Massachusetts public schools.

The committee then set up a meeting with the Select Board about the potential for solar energy that could be used by the town. The EMC said that tax rebates and other incentives will be drying up at the end of this year.

Members said homeowners looking to procure solar panels or other energy savings through Mass Save should begin seeking out those plans before the end of the calendar year.

The next meeting of the Marion Energy Management Committee is scheduled for Monday, September 22, at 6:00 pm.


## To Rent or Buy? Harvesting Milfoil

*Rochester Water Commission*

**By Michael J. DeCicco**


The water-choking, invasive, plant species milfoil or water milfoils (*Myriophyllum*) was recently found growing in four of Rochester's ponds: Snipatuit; Snows; Leonard; and Hathaway. The Rochester Water Commission may have a unique solution to the problem by buying its own weed-harvesting equipment.

The Water Commission met on August 13 to discuss this and other concerns regarding the town's 900-acre pond system. Chair Fred Underhill said the notice about the milfoil problem originally arrived in an email



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from the Conservation Commission. "It's a problem we've been dealing with for a couple of months," he said. Underhill also said commission member Rick Charon has been studying the problem and has more data on it. Charon was unable to attend the August 13 meeting.

Water Commission member David Hughes noted the Town of Acushnet has started a clean-up program on Lake Street in that town with rented weed-harvesting equipment. That's when Underhill and Town Administrator Cameron Durant offered an alternative solution. Both men said they have reached out to State Representative Mark Sylvia for funding to buy a piece of milfoil weed-harvesting equipment for the town's regular use.

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Durant said renting such equipment would cost \$5,000 a day. However, to buy this equipment outright, it would cost roughly \$105,000. He is reaching out to Sylvia's office to apply for an Environmental Bond Bill grant to fund all or part of that purchase. He noted what rented equipment will return again in the future. "In a couple of years, we'll have to do it again," he said. The town would have that equipment to use on a regular basis.

He cautioned, however, that the clean-up won't happen until next summer, especially since Town Meeting action in May 2026 will probably be needed to fund part of the purchase. The Water Commission, nonetheless, signaled its full support of the plan.

In other action, the commission approved 19 County Road's request to access Wareham municipal water to the level of 900 gallons per day. Commission members elaborated that the property owner is now subdividing this lot.

Commission consultant and former Town Planner Nancy Durfee initiated discussion of a report that the commission received regarding water flowing north (leaving in the wrong direction) from Snipatuit Brook and Snipatuit Pond and the Mattapoissett River watershed. The goal, the report states, is to "explore ways to keep more water in the Mattapoissett River System." Durant elaborated, "Water is flowing in the wrong direction to benefit other communities."

The report proposes several solutions such as adding or repairing stop logs or installing a bulkhead with a relief valve. Underhill determined that, because the report was only received on August 13, discussion should be deferred to the commission's next meeting.

The Rochester Water Commission's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 10 at 4:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

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We are already working hard to make next year's Summer Reading program an even bigger success and have some fun events planned for Library Card Sign-up Month, as well as programs and activities heading into the Fall. We hope to see you in the library soon. Until then, keep reading.

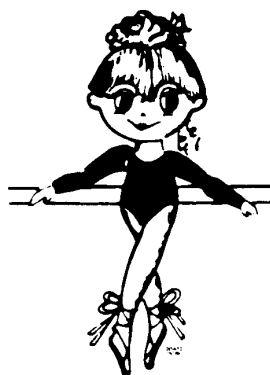
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## Academic Achievements

The University of Rhode Island celebrated its newest alumni during the University's 2025 Commencement on May 16-18, 2025, including:

-**Andrew Coucci** of Mattapoisett, graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Finance.

-**Mariana Ditata** of Rochester, graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences.

-**Quintin Palmer** of Marion, graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Cell and Molecular Biology.

-**Mason Tucker** of Marion, graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Music.

## ORRSD Welcomes New Human Resources Manager

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson is pleased to announce that Sarah George has been appointed as the new Human Resources Manager for the Old Rochester Regional School District and the MA Superintendency Union #55, effective August 25.

George graduated from Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Science in Human Resources Management and has spent the past several years working in human resources with a focus on hospitality on Cape Cod.



"In previous roles, I've been focusing on recruitment, employee relations, and building positive workplace cultures," George said. "I've had the opportunity to lead hiring efforts for hundreds of employees, both local and international, and truly enjoy creating welcoming, supportive environments where people can thrive."

In her spare time, George is an avid traveler and passionate hiker, especially in U.S. National Parks.

"My favorite is Zion National Park, in Utah," George said. "I've also explored 27 countries in Europe

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alone, and I'm always looking forward to my next adventure."

George, a Sandwich resident, is eager to get started.

"I'm looking forward to getting to know the staff and community and working together to support the District's mission, our students, and our team," she said.

"Join me in welcoming Sarah George to the Old Rochester Regional School District community," said Superintendent Nelson. "Her passion for recruitment and cultivating a healthy and enjoyable workplace environment will be invaluable skills as she takes on this challenging new role."



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## **Woodland Walk for Mushrooms**

Join the Marion Natural History Museum for an early autumn hike looking for what mushrooms are fruiting on Saturday **September 13**, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. We will chat about basic anatomy and diagnostic features for identifying mushrooms as well as how to identify a few beginner edible mushrooms and their closest non-edible look-alikes. Some potential species of fungi we may see at this time of the year include chicken of the woods, hen of the woods, shrimp of the woods, old man of the woods, various coral and ramaria spp, oysters, honey mushrooms, and the iconic fly agaric.

Adam Korejwa studied math at UMass Dartmouth where he focused on complex systems and networks before studying Ecological Engineering at Oregon State University where he studied coupled human and natural systems under climate change. He is a biophile, amateur naturalist, enthusiastic teacher, and proud father.

We will be meeting at the Shoolman Preserve, located near 204 New Bedford Road, Rochester, just west of Captain Bonney's Ice Cream. Off-street parking is available in the area marked with a Rochester Land Trust/Mattapoisett Land Trust sign. The kiosk is at the parking area. Please RSVP at [www.marionmuseum.org](http://www.marionmuseum.org) to enroll.

## **Mattapoisett Yacht Club Race Results**

Tuesday Night Ensign Races. August 19 - Uncle Fester Wins the Night beating Odyssey in a tie breaker for first, placing 4th and 1st in the two races. Odyssey placed 1st and 4th. The next four boats all tied with 8 points, with Hamburglar winning the tie breaker for third place for the night with a sixth and second place finish. Black Ice scored a second and sixth, Brass Monkey finished with a fifth and third, and Brou Ha Ha with a third and fifth. Recess placed seventh in the first race and a DNF in the second. Odyssey still leads in the series standings by 1 point over Black Ice but as you can see anything can happen with only one week left.

The ORR Bulldog sailors were also out racing Tuesday night with 5 very competitive teams

Wednesday PHRF Races. August 20 - With stormy weather throughout the night the sailors braved the wind and rain. Restless pulled off an 8 second victory over No Quarter Given in Class A. Surprise finished 3rd and Coconuts placed 4th.

In Class B Lindisfarne continues their winning ways followed by Kinsail and Fir Na Tine. In the Series standings, Restless holds a one point lead over NQG in Class A and Lindisfarne holds a more comfortable four point lead over Kinsail and Fir Na Tine in Class B.

Next week is a pizza night celebration on Wednesday for all the racers under the MYC tent after the races.

## Mattapoissett Yacht Club Cruise

Mattapoissett Yacht Club will hold a Labor Day Weekend Cruise on Friday, August 29 to Tuesday, September 2 to Cuttyhunk. Contact Cruise Captain Carlos with any questions or comments at [CruisingChair@MattapoissettYC.org](mailto:CruisingChair@MattapoissettYC.org).

We always have a BBQ on the beach with an open fire. Please bring a few pieces of firewood if you have them around. If you have a small portable BBQ, bring that as well (I will bring a small propane BBQ). The BBQ will be on Saturday night with a rain date of Sunday night.

There is also a Labor Day parade of boats on Monday morning. Other optional activities based on group interest. One possibility is breakfast at the Fisherman's Club.

Moorings are all first come first serve. The inner harbor has moorings and a few slips. The slips for this weekend get sold out months in advance. The moorings fill up fast, anchor locations are few and have extremely poor holding due to mud and eel grass. The outer harbor has many moorings and good anchoring but is exposed to North Winds. Normally winds are from the Southwest. Moorings are \$55 per boat.

Labor Day weekend is the busiest weekend of the year at Cuttyhunk. If you want to be sure of getting a mooring, it is best to show up on Friday, or before noon on Saturday. I believe (check for yourself) that you can raft two boats on the same morning, but each boat must



pay the \$55 fee.

Just grab any open mooring that is not marked "Private," and a boat will come by later to collect the money (cash or check).

There is no launch service, so it is best to bring a dinghy. If you don't have a dinghy, you should be able to hitch rides with other MYC cruise members.

## Rochester Cultural Council

Starting September 2, the Rochester Cultural Council (RCC) will be accepting online applications from organizations, schools, and individuals for grants to support community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs.



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The RCC is composed of volunteers appointed by the Rochester Select Board. Using funding provided by the Mass Cultural Council, each year the RCC awards money to arts, humanities, and sciences projects put forth by local groups to enhance the quality of life in the Rochester community.

Proposals may include programs such as school field trips, afterschool programs, concerts, festivals, lectures, theater, dance, music, film and STEM projects. In 2025 the RCC awarded \$5,800 to seventeen organizations including the Rochester Council On Aging, RMS PTO, Old Colony PTO, Marion Art Center, New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance and the Mattapoisett Historical Society. A full list of 2025 grantees can be found at our

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If you have a great idea for bringing culturally enriching programming to the Rochester area and need funding to make it a reality, We can help. All those who have questions regarding the RCC or the application process are invited to join us for an Applicant Support Workshop on Thursday, **September 11** from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester, as well as via Zoom at Meeting ID: 756 2867 5077, Passcode: 7hEwjA. Quick links to tips for grant writing and the application process can also be found at [bit.ly/RCCtips](https://bit.ly/RCCtips). The online application window will be open from **September 2 to October 16**.

Finally, the RCC is always looking to welcome new members. To find out more about us, check us out at [www.facebook.com/rochestermaculturalcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/rochestermaculturalcouncil), feel free to attend one of our open meetings, or email us directly at [rochesterculturalcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:rochesterculturalcouncil@gmail.com). We would love to have you join us.

### South Coast Chamber Music Series

The South Coast Chamber Music Series offers a Place to Pause. When life moves too fast and the world feels loud, we all need a place to pause. The South Coast Chamber Music Series returns this fall with five weekends of transformative musical storytelling designed to help you slow down, breathe deeper, and reconnect - with yourself, with others, and with the beauty around you.

From soulful string quartets to joyful piano quintets, this season invites you on a journey through soundscapes that stir the spirit and quiet the mind. Whether you're seeking inspiration, healing, or just a moment to exhale, there's space for you here.

Under the inspired direction of pianist and Artistic Director Janice Weber, the 2025-2026 season is a vibrant mix of the familiar and the unexpected - featuring beloved classics, boundary-pushing works by contemporary composers, and rare gems that surprise and delight.

Five unforgettable concerts. One intention: to leave you changed.

**Rach 'n Soul - October 4 and October 5** - Begin in breath, end in brilliance. From Reena Esmail's meditative Saans to Rachmaninoff's heart-pounding cello sonata, this program is pure catharsis.

**Quintessentials - November 22 and November 23** - Grace, warmth, and a whole lot of joy. Hear Louise Farrenc's rarely performed piano quintet paired with Schubert's "Trout" - a match made in musical heaven.

**Winter Fire - January 31 and February 1** - Melt the midwinter chill with fiery string quartets and Mendelssohn's soaring piano trio. Music to spark your spirit.

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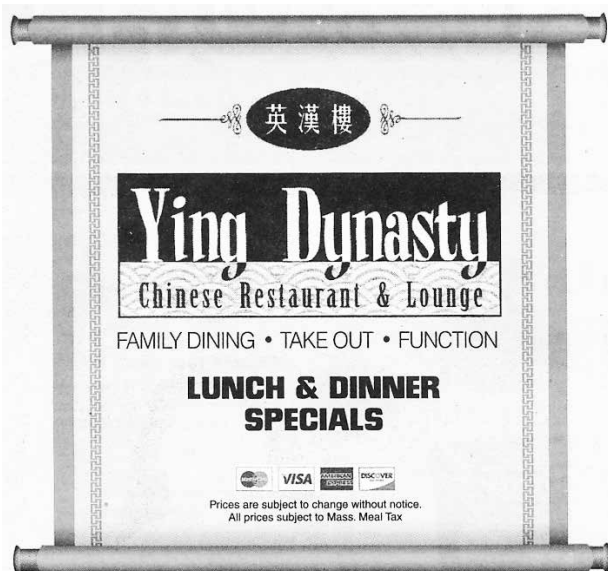
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## A Boston Pops Season Finale

On Friday, **August 29**, the Marion Concert Band will close its 2025 season with a concert in the style of the Boston Pops Orchestra. The program, which includes selections by Boston Pops arranger Leroy Anderson and former Pops conductor John Williams, is as follows:

*Montmartre March* - H. Wood

*Barber of Seville Overture* - G. Rossini

*Strike Up the Band* - G. Gershwin

*Belle of the Ball* - L. Anderson

*Flute Cocktail* - H. Simeone

*Bugler's Holiday* - L. Anderson

*Clarinet Escapade* - R. Ward

John Williams: *Evening at Pops* - arr. J. Higgins

*Mancini*. - H. Mancini

Young Person's Guide to John Williams - arr. J. Bocook

*The Stars and Stripes Forever* - J. P. Sousa

The concert, 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. The concert is free and open to the public. "Like" us on Facebook at "Marion Town Band" for up-to-date announcements and rain cancellation notices.

## Mattapoisett Museum

Please join the Mattapoisett Museum, 5 Church Street, on **September 4**, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm for its Annual Meeting. After a brief business meeting, noted

historian and author, and member of the Aquinnah Wampanoag, Linda Coombs, will speak on the subject of historical erasure - the systematic reduction or elimination of the presence of a people when history is being related by their colonizers of the original people. She will also discuss the Mattapoisett Museum's upcoming permanent exhibit about the Wampanoag, of which she was the primary author.

The upcoming exhibit, titled "From the Land to the Shore: The Wampanoag of Mattapoisett" will explore the history and culture of the Wampanoag People who have continuously inhabited this part of New England for



at least 12,000 years. Told from the Wampanoag perspective, in Coombs voice, it follows the story of the Early Contact Period and Colonization through King Philip's War and its outcomes to the Wampanoag culture and community as they exist today. The exhibit weaves in local, Tri-Town-Area-related examples of broader historical narratives whenever possible. However, the scarcity of these examples may

actually be pointed to as an example, in and of itself, of the thorough nature of historical erasure.

Coombs began her museum career in an internship at the Boston Children's Museum, and later worked there in the Native American Program. Coombs also worked for 30 years in the Wampanoag Indigenous Program (WIP) of Plimoth Plantation, now called Plimoth Patuxet, including 15 years as WIP's Associate Director; and 9 years at the Aquinnah Cultural Center. Presently she does independent museum consulting and cultural presentations.

In her latest book, *Colonization and the Wampanoag Story*, Coombs aims to educate students about the Wampanoag perspective of the European colonization of New England. It was published in September of 2023, as one of five titles in Penguin Random House's Race to the Truth series of similarly themed stories intended

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8:30 AM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Jonathan Howland & Mary Howland-Smoyer  
9:30 AM Rochester Historical Society - Historical Maps of Rochester  
10:30 AM Sippican Historical Society - Dr. Michael Moore  
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
2:00 PM The Collective Chat  
2:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
3:00 PM Buzzards Bay Music Fest - Chamber Music  
4:30 PM Buzzards Bay Music Fest - Orchestra  
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today  
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US  
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
8:00 PM NolanFest 2025  
11:00 PM Classic Movie

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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?  
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3:30 PM The Collective Chat  
3:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
3:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson  
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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 30, 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  
11:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
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 - Jonathan Howland & Mary Howland-Smoyer  
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Women Involvement in the History of New England  
6:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Amazing Animals  
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 31, 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?  
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3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
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11:30 PM Classic Movies

**Monday September 1, 2025**

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8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Amazing Animal Ambassadors  
8:00 AM The Collective Chat  
10:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
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**Tuesday September 2, 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 - Historical What If's with Kirt MEad  
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 September 3, 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?  
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11:30 AM Marion Planning Board  
1:30 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals  
2:30 PM Marion School Committee  
4:00 PM Marion Finance Committee  
5:00 PM Marion Open Space Committee  
6:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust  
7:30 PM Marion Board of Health  
8:30 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission  
10:00 PM Marion Board of Selectmen

## ROCHESTER

### GOVERNMENT

#### Comcast Channel 26

#### Verizon Channel 40

#### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen  
7:30 AM Rochester Conservation

Commission  
8:30 AM Rochester Planning Board  
9:30 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals  
10:00 AM Rochester School Committee  
12:00 PM ORR School Committee  
2:00 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  
10:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission  
11:30 PM Rochester Planning Board

## EDUCATION

### CHANNEL

#### Comcast Channel 8

#### Verizon Channel 37

#### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly  
7:30 AM RMS 4th Grade Concert  
8:30 AM OHS - Autism Acceptance  
9:00 AM OHS - 6th Grade Promotion Ceremony  
10:30 AM Sippican 6th Grade Promotion  
11:30 PM Sippican School Block  
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
12:30 PM ORR Girls Lacrosse vs Wakefield  
1:30 PM ORR Theater Class - Shrek's Shakespearean Adventure  
2:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Apponequet  
3:00 PM ORR Graduation  
4:30 PM ORR Senior Assembly  
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
6:30 PM ORR Girls Lacrosse vs Marshfield  
7:30 PM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs Fairhaven  
8:30 PM ORR Spring Concert  
10:30 PM ORR Class Olympics  
11:00 PM ORR Varsity Baseball vs Wareham

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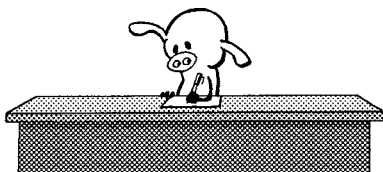
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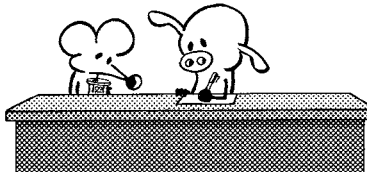
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE  
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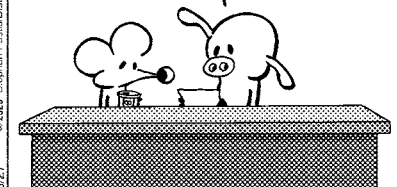
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for middle grades. She is also co-author (with Mark Skipworth) of *The Massachusetts Chronicles: The History of Massachusetts from Earliest Times to the Present Day*, published in 2020 in partnership with Plymouth 400. It aims to provide a new way of looking at Massachusetts history, incorporating perspectives from both the English settlers and the Indigenous peoples.

### Mattapoisett Community Readers Program

Now that the summer reading program at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library has finished, the staff of the Children's room would like to thank all those who contributed to a very successful program. Our Community Readers were outstanding. Thanks to Liz and Ken for not only reading on the lawn, but for giving out tasty treats. Isaac Perry, our harbormaster, read to us at the gazebo and had the harbor boat and the fire boat on the float so that we could go aboard and take a tour. Holyn and Lexi came to read to us during the early evening hours. That Lexi is always a big hit. And our firefighters brought down the new ladder truck to show off. Some pretty fancy firefighting skills were demonstrated and taught to our young readers. We didn't know we were having a contest, but the fire department have declared themselves the winners.

We have not forgotten our police department; three officers came and read to us during the school year, so were not included in the "contest."



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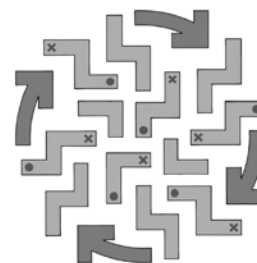
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# OBITUARIES



**Richard Weston Straffin**, 85, of Rochester passed away peacefully on August 12, 2025. He had been married for 48 years to the late Lois Carol Phillips Straffin. He was the son of the late Weston and Irene (Reeves) Straffin.

Born in Brockton, he raised a family of 8 in Middleboro, where he was a volunteer fireman. Richard built the home that he and his wife shared in Rochester for 39 years.

Richard retired from Sears at the age of 54 after 35 years of service, but he was far from retiring. He spent some time as a pipe insulation inspector, he and a friend/partner opened an Orvis store "Henry Weston Outfitters", and he worked for the Town of Rochester for many years – mowing lawns and driving the recycle truck.

Richard was a family man. He spent "quality" time with each and every one of us. He was the strong silent type – never the center of attention but always there in quiet support. He loved camping, bird watching, organic gardening, wood crafting, fishing, and grilling – pig roasts and meat on a stick anybody?! Each of Richard's grandchildren have experienced the "crusher" handshake.

Survivors include his children: Donna Nichols of West Bridgewater, Patricia DeNardo and her husband Marc of Mashpee, Glenn Jutras of Middleboro, Michael Straffin of Sarasota, and Eric Jutras of Utah, 12 grandchildren and many great grandchildren. Also, his sister Virginia Conefrey of Pocasset. He was the father of the late Scott Jutras, and brother of the late Lennie Lee.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on September 27, 2025 at the First Congregational Church of Rochester, 11 Constitution Way, Rochester.

Donations in his memory can be made to The Wounded Warrior Project or Damien's Place Food Pantry of Wareham.

Arrangements are by Chapman Funerals & Cremations – Wareham, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., Wareham.



**Eleanor Bradford (Luther) Johansen**, 94, of Mattapoisett, died peacefully on Friday, August 8, 2025. Eleanor was born in New Bedford on December 29, 1930, the daughter of the late Bradford Wheeler Luther and Elva Woodworth (Fairbairn) Luther. Eleanor grew up in Fairhaven and graduated from Fairhaven High School in 1948. She married the late Robert Garner Johansen in September 1951, and subsequently moved to Mattapoisett, which became her home for over seventy years.

Her life's passion was her handwork. She enjoyed painting, knitting, weaving and embroidery. But her true love was making quilts, and she devoted most of her time to

designing and creating exquisitely beautiful, unique quilts.

She is survived by her son, Jon Benjamin Johansen and his wife, Ann, of Winterport, Maine; her daughter, Donna Goldman and her husband, Ted, of Bethesda, Maryland; four grandchildren: Jessica Alexandria Whynot, Andrew Silva, Molly Goldman and Kara Young; and four great-grandchildren: Elizabeth Donahue, Brody Donahue, Nathan Young and Jacob Young.

She was the mother of the late Susan Johansen-Silva, the grandmother of the late Jeremiah Johansen-Silva, and the sister of the late Bradford Wheeler Luther, Jr.

Her graveside service will be held on Friday, September 19, at 2:00 pm in Cushing Cemetery. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com).



**Col. Robert Francis Paling**, Ret. USAF, 73, of Wareham, passed away on August 21, 2025, at Whittier Rehabilitation Hospital, Westborough. He was the husband of Yvette Renee (D'Harlingue) Paling. They were married for fifty years. He was the son of the late William H. and Barbara K. (Marble) Paling.

He was born in Brookline, raised in Wareham, and retired in Nashua, NH before moving back to Wareham in 2018 to enjoy the beaches he grew up on with his family.

Col. Paling graduated from the Air Force Academy and received master's degrees from Southern Illinois University and Rivier University in NH. He was a passionate lifelong learner.

He proudly served active duty in the U.S. Air Force from 1973 until 1998. After a distinguished career, receiving multiple awards including the Meritorious Service Medal twice, he retired as a Colonel. He served as navigator in multiple international conflicts.

Bob's accomplishments and interests were far too many to list, but among the notable include: he belonged to International Foster Parents Plan for over 40 years, coached T-Ball for all three of his children, was a Boy Scout leader from Tiger Scouts to Eagle Scouts, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Nashua, NH. In 1979, he was recognized by the Jaycee's in Dover, DE as one of the "Outstanding Young Men of America" in the military category. He loved travelling and visited all 50 states and 6 of the 7 continents. He enjoyed fishing, golfing, gardening, and coin collecting. Above all, though, he loved spending time with his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Yvette Renee (D'Harlingue) Paling; a son, Jason Paling and his wife, Siobhan Kemezs of Nashua, NH; his daughters, Sarah Paling Cardoso



Greta Anderson, our elementary art teacher, came up from Rhode Island to start off our Chalk the Walk week. I hope you got a chance to enjoy her scary sea serpent and sunken pirate ship along with all the beautiful drawings of the children. You might have even gotten a chance to try out one of the two hop scotches that our patrons drew.

A special book pertaining to each reader has been purchased and will be dedicated to them and then added to our collection in their honor.

We have begun a list of potential readers for next summer. If you know of someone that you think should be included, please let us know. There is no prize, cash or other, awarded.

### Drive Safely

All drivers, regardless of age, are welcome. Become a safe and more confident driver. Take the one-day AARP Smart Driver course on Thursday, **September 18**, from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm, with a 30 min. lunch break.

Refresh your driving skills, plus safer driving can save you MORE than just money. This course teaches proven driving techniques to help keep you and your loved ones SAFE. Upon completion you may be eligible to receive an auto insurance discount. Other restrictions may apply. Consult your auto insurance agent for details.

For more info., visit [www.aarp.org/driving36](http://www.aarp.org/driving36).

Location: COA, 17 Barstow St., Mattapoisett. Cost: \$20 - AARP members; \$25 - non-members. Register: 508-758-4110 or [coadirector@mattapoisett.gov](mailto:coadirector@mattapoisett.gov).

### Early Life History Of The Humpback Whale

On **October 10** the Marion Natural History Museum will be hosting "Early life history of the humpback whale" at 6:30 pm at the museum. Humpback whale mothers give birth in the Caribbean and travel with their babies to New England waters to feed each summer. This talk will dive into the world of young calves and juveniles of Humpback whales. Associate Professor Kathryn Kavanaugh and doctoral student Eman Khwaja

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and her husband, Tiago Cardoso of Nashua, NH, and Kathryn Donovan and her husband, Matthew Donovan of Mattapoisett; 2 brothers, David Paling and Richard Paling both of Wareham; a sister, Judy Santangelo of Wareham and their families; 4 grandchildren, Gabriel Buxton, Harper Cardoso, Eleanor Cardoso, and Jeannette Donovan.

Visiting hours are from 8:30 am to 10:30 am on Thursday, Aug. 28, 2025, at Chapman Funerals & Cremations – Wareham, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., Wareham, followed by a funeral service at 10:30 am at the funeral home. Burial with military honors will follow at the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Plan International (formerly International Foster Plan) or Disabled American Veterans (DAV).



Our hearts are broken as we share the passing of our beloved **Vivian Dalee Jones** on Friday, August 22, 2025, after a yearlong battle with cancer. Vivian's time with us was far too short but she filled our lives with joy, laughter, love and a little sass every single day.

Anyone that met Vivian knew that animals were at the center of her world; she hoped to be a zoologist someday and knew so many facts about so many animals. Vivian enjoyed all things outdoors; camping, riding her bike, riding her horse Max and always loved a good playground. Many family vacations created endless memories, Vivian's favorite was always Disney World.

Vivian's desire to learn was evident in how much she enjoyed school; she wanted to understand how things worked,

created beautiful art and loved to read. Vivian was lucky to have wonderful teachers, counselors and an incredible group of friends, all of whom supported her while she battled cancer.

Although only here for a short 11 years, Vivian was a precious gift to our world and a reminder to be curious, be brave, laugh a lot and dance in rain.

Vivian was deeply loved by her mother Jennifer and her sister Everly, who will always remember her as Sissy. She was so loved by her dear grandparents, F. David and Sandra Jones, uncle Jeremie and his wife Danielle and her two cousins Emma and Jacob Jones, all of Rochester.

There will never be enough words to express the gratitude the family has over these last impossible months; the aunties and their families, extended family, amazing friends that are now family, the Dark Horse family, the entire team at Rochester Memorial and the incredible care teams at Dana Farber/Jimmy Fund and Boston Children's sixth floor.

Vivian was so proud of her Beads of Courage during the last year. The family would ask that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to this amazing organization in her name at [beadsofcourage.org](http://beadsofcourage.org).

Her Funeral Service will be held Friday, August 29, 2025 at 11 am at St. Anthony's Church, 26 Hammond St., Mattapoisett, with everyone meeting directly at Church. Visiting hours will also be held at St. Anthony's Church on Thursday, August 28th from 4-8 pm. For directions and guest-book, visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com).

*If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at [office@wanderer.com](mailto:office@wanderer.com).*

# TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



## MARION

### Log highlights Aug 17 – Aug 23

- Front St – MV collision
- Stoney Run Ln – Suspicious activity
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Creek Rd – Parking enforcement
- Cranberry Hwy - Fraud
- Joanne Dr – Follow up investigation
- Cottage St – EMS/medical
- Dexter Rd – Animal bite
- Water St – Found property
- Point Rd – Vandalism/past
- Point Rd – MV collision
- Spring St – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – General service
- Front St - General offense
- Front St – MV collision
- Pleasant St – MV collision
- Inland Rd – Wildlife services
- Wareham Rd – Follow up investigation
- 195 East – EMS/medical
- Cross Neck Rd – MV collision
- Front St – Road hazard
- Wareham Rd – MV stop/citation
- Field Stone Ln – Officer wanted
- Lewis St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Family disturbance
- Field Stone Ln – Follow up
- Spring St – Follow up investigation
- Olde Medow Rd – Vandalism/past
- Village Dr – Larceny/past

## MATTAPOISETT

### Log highlights Aug 17 – Aug 23

- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Abby Ln – 911 call
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Harbor Nk Rd – Animal control
- Marion Rd – Domestic disturbance
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Melissa Anne Ln – Immediate threat
- Driscoll Ln – 911 call
- Riverbend Ln – 911 call
- Reservation Rd – Follow up
- County Rd – MV crash
- Crustal Spring Rd – Restraining order
- Snow Fields Rd – Ambulance request
- Third St – 911 call
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Shagbark Cir – General service
- Marion Rd - Notification
- Water St – Assault
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – Stolen property
- Fairhaven Rd – Officer wanted
- Wendell St – 911 call
- Church St – Parking complaint
- Aucoot Rd – General service
- Long Plain Rd – MV crash
- Prospect Rd - Disturbance
- Long Plain Rd – MV violations
- Wildwood Ter - Disturbance
- Fairhaven Rd – Medical assist

## ROCHESTER

### Log highlights Aug 17 – Aug 23

- Dexter Ln - Larceny
- Stevens Rd – Dumpster fire
- Hartley Rd – Medical alarm
- Stuart Rd – Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation
- Neck Rd – MV stop/towed
- Alley Rd – Animal control
- New Bedford Rd – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Pierce St – Follow up
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Cranberry Hwy – MV collision
- County Rd – MV stop/towed
- North Ave – 911 call
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation
- Hathaway Pond Cir – Message delivery
- Hartley Rd - Larceny
- New Bedford Rd – Follow up
- Walnut Plain Rd – Road hazard
- Clapp Rd – Burglar alarm
- Walnut Plain Rd – General services
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV stop/citation
- Braley Hill Rd – MV collision
- Neck Rd – General services
- Marion Rd – General services
- Dexter Ln - Medical
- Neck Rd – Animal control
- Clapp Rd – MV stop/citation
- Stevens Rd – 911 call

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit [www.Wanderer.com](http://www.Wanderer.com).



## REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

### COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

**Monday, Sept 1:** Labor Day – No meals served

**Tuesday, Sept 2:** Beef teriyaki, white rice, green beans & red peppers, Hawaiian roll, pudding, diet: fruit

**Wednesday, Sept 3:** Chicken alfredo, whole grain pasta, broccoli, dinner roll, applesauce

**Thursday, Sept 4:** Salisbury steak w/gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, whole grain cornbread loaf, orange

**Friday, Sept 5:** Shrimp w/tomato caper sauce, white rice, corn & peppers, wheat bread, banana

### CENTER SCHOOL

**Monday, Sept 1:** Labor Day – No school

**Tuesday, Sept 2:** Taco Tuesday: chicken or beef tacos, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad

**Wednesday, Sept 3:** Pancakes, Jones low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty, maple syrup

**Thursday, Sept 4:** Chicken & broccoli alfredo, garlic breadstick  
**Friday, Sept 5:** Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

### OLD HAMMONDTOWN

**Monday, Sept 1:** Labor Day – No school

**Tuesday, Sept 2:** Taco Tuesday: chicken or beef tacos, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad

**Wednesday, Sept 3:** Pancakes, Jones low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty, maple syrup

**Thursday, Sept 4:** Chicken & broccoli alfredo, garlic breadstick  
**Friday, Sept 5:** Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

### OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

**Monday, Sept 1:** Labor Day – No school

**Tuesday, Sept 2:** Taco Tuesday: chicken or beef tacos, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black

bean salad

**Wednesday, Sept 3:** Pancakes, Jones low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty, maple syrup

**Thursday, Sept 4:** Chicken & broccoli alfredo, garlic breadstick  
**Friday, Sept 5:** Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

### ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

**Monday, Sept 1:** Labor Day – No school

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**Wednesday, Sept 3:** Pancakes, Jones low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty, maple syrup  
**Thursday, Sept 4:** Chicken & broccoli alfredo, garlic breadstick  
**Friday, Sept 5:** Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

### SIPPICAN SCHOOL

**Monday, Sept 1:** Labor Day – No school

**Tuesday, Sept 2:** Taco Tuesday: chicken or beef tacos, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad

**Wednesday, Sept 3:** Pancakes, Jones low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty, maple syrup  
**Thursday, Sept 4:** Chicken & broccoli alfredo, garlic breadstick  
**Friday, Sept 5:** Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

### OLD COLONY REGIONAL

**Monday, Sept 1:** Labor Day – No school

**Tuesday, Sept 2:** Hot dog, baked beans & fries

**Wednesday, Sept 3:** American chop suey, green beans & garlic bread

**Thursday, Sept 4:** Appetizer sampler & carrot sticks

**Friday, Sept 5:** Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

will share some recent research on humpback whale behavior. They study the reproductive and developmental biology of vertebrates including whales. They will share current studies of the humpback whale population – in particular related to maternal care and life history. The museum is located in the building we share with the library, 8 Spring Street, Marion, second floor. Please register in advance at [www.marionmuseum.org](http://www.marionmuseum.org).

### Mattapoisett Congregational Church Yard Sale

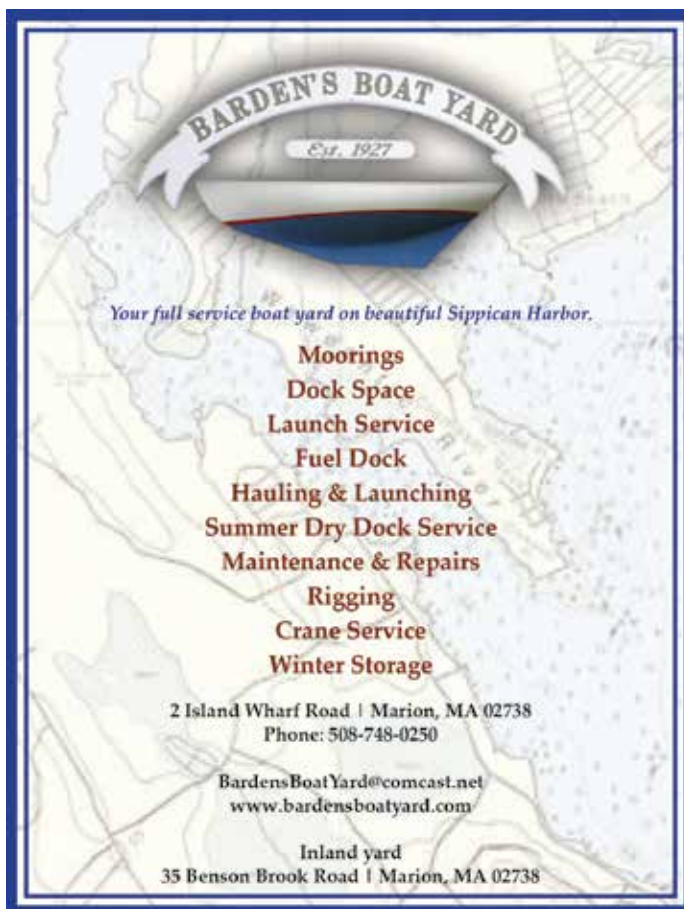
On Saturday, **September 6** from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm the Mattapoisett Congregational Church will once again host their annual yard sale in Reynard Hall, rain or shine.

Lots of great items will be available including home furnishings, housewares, collectibles, beautiful handbags, sports equipment, books, small furniture, toys and games as well as new hand knit items, handmade jewelry and yummy baked goods. You are sure to find so many more treasures.

Cash and checks accepted. All proceeds will benefit the ministries of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church.

### St. Philip's Episcopal Church

St. Philip's Episcopal Church located next to the Town Beach in Mattapoisett concludes its summer only season of visiting clergy with services at 8:00 am and



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# MOVIE REVIEW

## Hard Case Crime

By Rob Gonsalves  
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***Honey Don't!* Starring Margaret Qualley and Aubrey Plaza. Directed by Ethan Coen. Running time: 89 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters.**

If you were to watch any isolated scene from *Honey Don't!*, the new goof from married team Ethan Coen (director, co-writer) and Tricia Cooke (co-writer, co-editor), you might find it quirky and entertaining, and might want to see the whole movie. If you were to watch the whole movie, you might find it quirky and entertaining here and there, and might wish you'd stuck with isolated scenes. Sometimes a sample is better than a meal.

Like its predecessor *Drive-Away Dolls*, *Honey Don't* is a lighter-than-air confection that strains to be meaningless fun. But there are some heavy resonances here, seemingly imported from a more serious film, that end up killing the fun. It's about being a lesbian in a male-dominated world full of male idiots, abusers, and crooks. The hero is Honey O'Donahue (Margaret Qualley), a private detective who gets involved in the apparent "traffic fatality" of a woman who'd contacted her to meet up. The woman's death may be connected to the following: Reverend Drew (Chris Evans), sleazy pastor at a local church; laconic but passionate cop M.G. Falcone (Aubrey Plaza), with whom Honey hits the sheets; and the disappearance of Honey's niece, gothy teen Corinne (Talia Ryder).

It *may* be connected, but as the movie traipses along (it's mercifully short at 89 minutes, which helps) we may get the insecure feeling that none of the plot really matters. I mean, it wraps up, and there's an explanation of sorts, but we get the sense that the real reason Coen and Cooke wanted to make the film was for those isolated scenes. And some of them are damn good. For the most part, whenever Qualley and Plaza share space, all is forgiven. Like Sharon Stone in last week's *Nobody 2*, they understand the assignment (here, a horny neo-noir) and shine accordingly. It's a shame, though, about their last scene, which they may have enjoyed enacting, but we don't really enjoy watching.

Honey is surrounded by guys who don't get it, sometimes to their lethal detriment. The movie is the middle piece in a proposed B-movie trilogy (*Go Beavers* is supposed to be the last, if Coen and Cooke



can convince someone to bankroll it) that's meant to be just-for-fun stuff, not much riding on them, certainly no awards prestige. They're the cinematic equivalents of those Hard Case Crime paperbacks that writers like Joyce Carol Oates or Stephen King knock out when they want to feel lowdown and unpretentious. But here, Coen and Cooke introduce a sobering subtext of absent or violent male figures who warp the lives and psyches of girls and women. This is not a bad or invalid theme for a movie, especially one concerning lesbians, but a certain chilly vibe accompanies it, a cold splash of the real world in what's basically a comedic fantasy populated by amusingly inhabited wind-up dolls.

Who knows, maybe *Honey Don't!* will look better in the rearview as part of Coen and Cooke's larger project. But like *Grindhouse*, these movies are inspired by genuine rotgut exploitation yarns that weren't created to be clever *homages* or riffs; by and large they were created to pay the bills, and that was the only larger project anyone had in mind. The tension between a tongue-in-cheek tribute to the thing and the thing itself was pretty much the engine of Joel and Ethan Coen's debut *Blood Simple* 41 years ago. The Coens were genuflecting towards James M. Cain and sending him up at the same time.

Ethan does a similar thing here, and Tricia Cooke adds the element of flawed, thirsty lesbians who are nobody's idea of role models, which makes these movies feel new and fresh in that respect. (Well, not altogether new, but new for a film that opened in 1,300 theaters.) Cooke, who identifies as queer, wants to give us characters who'll never be nominated for Best Queer Representation in a Motion Picture. That's appreciated. What isn't is a plot that hits awkwardly on real traumas when it isn't stopping for gags about sex toys or plump women in BDSM leather. The tone and the themes are, and end up, at odds, and we're not sure what our ultimate feelings should be. Maybe Coen and Cooke intended that. If so, hats off. But that probably won't help *Honey Don't!* reach an audience outside of us Coen-heads.

10:00 am on **August 31**. Each service uses the 1928 Book of Common Prayer.

The Rev. Jeffrey Paull Cave, retired from the Diocese of Atlanta, Georgia and now living in Northern California, will conduct the services. The Rev. Cave has been a visiting clergy at St. Philip's for 50 years and this will be his last visit.

Then at 4:00 pm the Rev. Cave, accompanied by the organist of St. Stephen's Church in Providence, will lead the congregation in an informal, old-fashioned Hymn Sing. Hymns are introduced along with their history and the congregation are encouraged to request their favorites.

All are welcome to attend both functions.

### Welcome Home

On Sunday, **September 7** at 10 am the Mattapoisett Congregational Church will hold its annual homecoming in the sanctuary at 27 Church Street in Mattapoisett. Everyone in the tri-town area is invited to celebrate with us in worship with a Blessing of the Backpacks for students returning to school (children are encouraged to bring their backpacks to church).

Traditionally, representatives from the police and fire departments are recognized for their caring service to the people of Mattapoisett. Following worship at 10 am, there will be games for the children, registration for Sunday School and ice cream on the lawn. There will be fun and fellowship for all.

Please join us at 10:00 am; we look forward to meeting you. Contact the church office with any questions at 508-758-2671 or mattcongchurch@gmail.com.

### September Events at the Mattapoisett Library

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow Street, celebrates Library Card Sign-up Month all September long with an exciting raffle for adults and children. To earn a ticket, library users must present their library card or their barcode on the SAILS app at checkout. Staff will draw the winners from each pool of raffle tickets at the end of the month and notify the lucky winners.

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The library will resume Sunday hours from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm beginning on Sunday, **September 7**.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library is scheduled for Wednesday, **September 10**, at 6:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.



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# Super Crossword

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## ACROSS

- 1 Little jump
- 4 Brains
- 10 Teeny bits
- 15 Female horse
- 19 Friend, in Paris
- 20 Social outcast
- 21 Ice cream utensil
- 22 Female gamete
- 23 Cap production place
- 25 — firma
- 26 "I saw," to Caesar
- 27 Newspaper stories
- 28 Vehicle attachment to transport watercraft
- 30 "Get it?"
- 31 "Ender's Game" star
- 33 Actress Long or Vardalos
- 34 Closes in on
- 35 Cry while wearing a costume
- 41 Some boxing punches
- 43 On top of, in verse
- 44 Divine figure
- 45 Feel poorly

- 47 Pub barrel
- 51 Pundits' paper pieces
- 54 Power to attract others
- 57 Unceasingly
- 59 Newbie at a law school
- 60 Sculling tool
- 61 Org. that screens bags
- 62 Patron of sailors
- 63 "Second gentleman" Ernhoff
- 65 Forget to say
- 67 Lots and lots
- 68 Logical
- 72 Some sharp turns
- 75 Coll. lecturer
- 76 Low-fat, informally
- 77 Piña —
- 81 "I have it!"
- 82 Hosp. test in a big tube
- 83 Christian of fashion
- 85 Led to a seat
- 86 Typical D.C. dealings
- 91 County in New Mexico or Colorado
- 92 Method
- 93 Muscle: Prefix

- 94 University of Maine's city
- 96 Neighbor of Kan. and Ia.
- 97 Pro at taking dictation
- 99 Swear words and such
- 103 Clear wrap
- 106 Says "yes" to
- 108 USN officers
- 109 Sleuth, in old slang
- 110 Straight, flexible wire
- 113 Rather little
- 118 Prefix with present
- 119 Gorme of song
- 120 Post-event bash ... or where eight key words in this puzzle might appear
- 122 Diatribe
- 123 U. of Maryland team
- 124 Band flunky
- 125 Atlas feature
- 126 Pivotal WWII event
- 127 Eye maladies
- 128 Prods
- 129 "Yes" vote

- 2 Vizquel of baseball
- 3 Brad of "Fight Club"
- 4 Sissy of the screen
- 5 Gavin of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"
- 6 Jester Johnson
- 7 Ocho — (resort in Jamaica)
- 8 Pothole filler
- 9 Sheepish
- 10 Colon's meaning in an analogy
- 11 Whale locale
- 12 Burrito base
- 13 Large arteries
- 14 Trade jabs
- 15 Apt place to make a scene
- 16 Birthplace of St. Teresa
- 17 Less courteous
- 18 Kuwaiti chiefs
- 24 Finance-related: Abbr.
- 28 Lamb's cry
- 29 Growth on an elk's head
- 31 Intro studio class
- 32 Jane of "Live and Let Die"
- 35 Horn blasts

- 36 Transplant, as a flower
- 37 Cara of "Fame" fame
- 38 Enjoy a novel
- 39 Element #50
- 40 Chronicle
- 42 Zealots
- 46 "This makes no sense to me"
- 48 Singer Eartha
- 49 Canadian gas brand
- 50 FBI guy, e.g.
- 52 Barbies, e.g.
- 53 Big rig
- 55 Poet Maya
- 56 Enter
- 58 Like numbers with more than two divisors
- 63 "Whoop-de- —!"
- 64 When a team travels, perhaps
- 66 TV bartender
- 67 Szyslak
- 69 "Will & Grace" actor
- 70 Ventilates
- 71 Big Apple neighborhood
- 72 Microwaves, informally
- 73 Sailor's cry
- 74 Lassies

- 78 Sports center
- 79 Removal of govt. controls
- 80 Pueblo brick
- 82 E. Sicilian volcano
- 84 "Time — the essence!"
- 85 Forearm part
- 87 "How sad"
- 88 Cure by exposing to burning wood
- 89 E-addresses
- 90 Gmail rival
- 95 A Great Lake
- 98 "Later"
- 100 Rock- — jukebox
- 101 Alternative to a ballpoint
- 102 Golden State sch.
- 103 Fencing need
- 104 Ex-NFLer
- 105 Rashad
- 106 Lisa of "Melrose Place"
- 107 Marsh bird
- 111 Fish snares
- 112 Scottish loch
- 113 Forest buck
- 114 Contents of Rx bottles
- 115 "— la Douce"
- 116 Go nowhere
- 117 Really promote
- 120 "How — you?"
- 121 Haze

## DOWN

- 1 "Funny joke!"

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# SALOME'S STARS

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) This week could offer more opportunities for ambitious Lambs who are eager to get ahead. But don't rush into making decisions until you've checked for possible hidden problems.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Some light begins to shine on professional and/or personal situations that have long eluded an explanation. Best advice: Don't rush things. All will be made clear in time.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Although you might want to protest what seems to be an unfair situation, it's best to keep your tongue and temper in check for now. The full story hasn't come out yet.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Work prospects are back on track, but watch what you say. A thoughtless comment to the wrong person -- even if it's said in jest -- could delay or even derail your progress.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A colleague might goad you into saying or doing the wrong thing. It's best to ignore the troublemaker, even if they rile up your royal self. Your supporters will stand with you.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Careful not to let your on-the-job zealotness create resentment with co-workers who might feel like you shut them out. Prove them wrong by including them in your project.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Although it's not quite what you hoped for, use your good business sense to make the most of what you're being offered at this time. Things will improve down the line.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A more positive picture of what lies ahead is beginning to take shape. But there are still too many gaps that need to be filled in before you make definitive plans.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Continue to keep a tight hold on the reins. This way, you don't charge willy-nilly into a situation that might appear attractive on the surface but lack substance underneath.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) You still need to demand answers to your questions. Remember, your wise counseling earns you respect, but it's your search for truth that gives you wisdom.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You'll find people who are happy to help you deal with some difficult situations. And, of course, knowing you, you'll be happy to return those favors anytime. ... Won't you?

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Give the special someone in your personal life a large, loving dollop of reassurance. This will go a long way in restoring the well-being of your ailing relationship.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You are a delightful paradox. You like things neat and tidy, but you're also a wonderful host who can throw a really great party. You're quite versatile.

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A Zoom link to the meeting is available upon request. If you have any questions, please contact the library at [mfpl@sailsinc.org](mailto:mfpl@sailsinc.org). We can pass along your message to the Friends.

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

Our four-week Fall Yoga Series begins on Thursday, **September 18**, at 11:00 am and concludes on Thursday, October 9. Stretch, unwind, and relax with a beginner-friendly yoga flow series. This adaptable experience suits all ability levels. Class will be held outside, weather permitting - please dress accordingly - no registration required.

Gather your family and join us for Family Jeopardy on Saturday, **September 20** at 11:00 am. Enjoy some friendly competition as your family competes against others for an exciting grand prize. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. While you're here, don't forget to use your library card and get entered into the Library Card Sign-Up Month raffle.

Join Dr. Edward Hoffer at the library on Tuesday, **September 23** at 6:30 pm as he discusses Navigating Dementia: what it is, when to suspect it, the tests your doctor should perform to investigate it, the available



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therapies, and how to prevent it. No registration required.

The Well-Read Wednesdays Nonfiction Book Group meets on the Fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm in the Marine Room. The next meeting is scheduled for **September 24**. We will discuss *The Snow Leopard* by Peter Matthiessen. New members welcome. No registration required.

Drop by the library on Tuesday, **September 30**, at 6:00 pm for the next Sippizine writing group. Bring your favorite writing accessories (e.g., paper, pen, computer) and get ready for the spark as ideas pop up in this creative writing session. No registration required.

Get Ready for a spine-tingling good time with our Frightfully Fun Film Fest kick-off on Tuesday, **September**

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# TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



On Tuesday morning, the ribbon was cut on Marion's new Maritime Center. Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman, State Representative Mark Sylva, State Senator Kelly Dooner, Executive Office of Economic Development Interim Secretary Ashley Stolba, and Select Board Chair Randy Parker all spoke before the cutting, with Parker handing the big scissors off to the Stolba and Dooner to do the actual grand opening. Photos by Sam Bishop



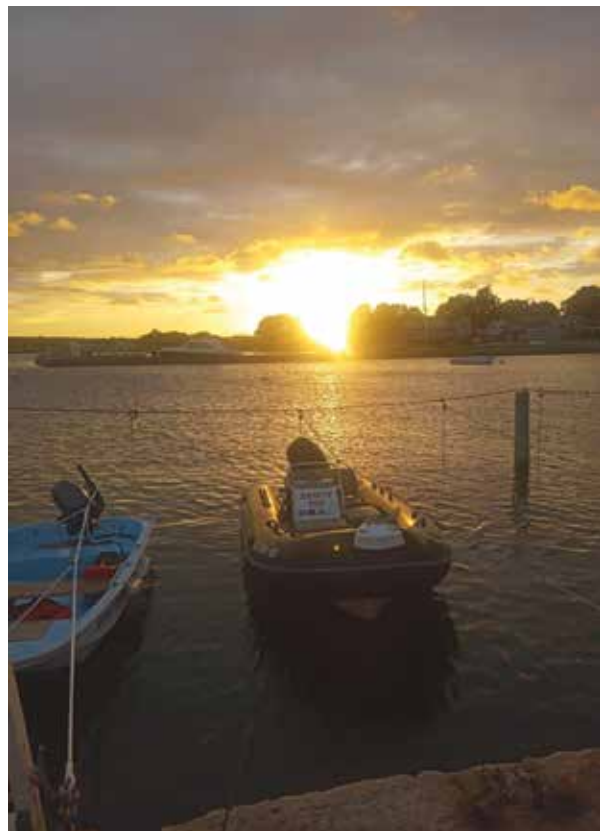
5:30 am in Mattapoisett on Acushnet Road, the beauty of Mattapoisett. Submitted by Patricia Cobb



Osprey in the golden sun's rays. Photo by Jennifer Shepley



Marion audiences are invited to discover the genius behind the American songbook of Irving Berlin in a dazzling live performance. Timeless Tunes, Tales and Tributes shows are scheduled for Friday, September 5, and Saturday, September 6, at 7:30 pm and on Sunday, September 7, at 4:00 pm at the Marion Congregational Community Center, 144 Front Street. The Irving Berlin Revue singers include Brad Cardwell, Johnny Ashley, Paul Sardinha, Lyn-Marie Dandineau, Sarah Jackson, Mary Caldwell, and Caroline Blaise.



Town Beach sunset by Rob Grant.

**These photos and more are available online at [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com)**

30. Our opening night premiere is Disney's beloved Hocus Pocus. This free, outdoor screening will be held on the library's lawn, weather permitting. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and spooky spirit as we welcome the Sanderson Sisters back to the big screen for a night of witchy fun and a little 90s nostalgia. The movie starts at 6:00 pm, but feel free to come early and get comfortable. All ages welcome - no registration required. Stay tuned for the October lineup. Full schedule available soon.

Please remember that a library card is required at checkout. If your card is missing, we can replace it. To avoid losing it again, download the SAILS mobile app. It's an excellent alternative to carrying your physical library card. Please see a librarian if you need help or have questions. Your privacy is important to us. Let's protect it together.

As always, our programs and events are free and open to everyone. For more information, please visit us at 7 Barstow Street, online at [www.mattapoissettlibrary.org](http://www.mattapoissettlibrary.org), or call the library at 508-758-4171.

### Fall Music at the MAC

The MAC has a fantastic fall music lineup, including the hugely popular Unplugged series, with 3 dates left for 2025. Join us upstairs in the MAC's Patsy Francis Gallery for an evening of unplugged music featuring Nina Ott and Chris Lopes on





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Friday, **October 3**. Don't miss Unplugged on **November 21** with Jack Coleman and Donn Legge performing. There will be two seatings for the October and November events - the first from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm and the second from 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Tickets are for one seating and are \$15 for MAC members and \$20 for nonmembers.

The MAC Unplugged series will feature a very special holiday event to wrap up the year on December 19 at 7:00 pm, with a full concert including three performers on the MAC stage. Matt Richard (piano), Donn Legge (guitar), and Dori Rubbico (vocalist), friends for over forty years and all graduates of the Westfield State College music program, will weave a collection of traditional and contemporary Christmas songs, reimagined into jazz, Latin, and pop styles. The performance, 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm, will include a break for intermission. Tickets for the concert are \$20 for MAC members and \$25 for nonmembers.

All Unplugged events are held at the MAC, located at 80 Pleasant St., Marion. More information and tickets can be found at [marionartcenter.org/events](http://marionartcenter.org/events).

Music at the MAC: Matt York - The Songs & Stories of Willie Nelson - Matt York will join the MAC with the Songs & Stories of Willie Nelson on Saturday, **September 13** at 7:00 pm in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater. General admission tickets are \$20 for MAC members and \$25 for nonmembers. To purchase tickets and for more information please head to our website at

[marionartcenter.org/events](http://marionartcenter.org/events).

York will perform songs and tell stories about the great Willie Nelson, while accompanied by fiddle player Angelica Vendetti. He will focus on Willie's long and illustrious music career that has spanned over seven decades and also talk a bit about his recent book *The Words and Wisdom of Willie*.

In both 2022 and 2023, York was nominated for the Boston Music Award for Best Country Artist and last year, his album, *Gently Used*, was named one of the top albums by Patriot Ledger. In both 2022 and 2023 the Boston Music Awards have nominated Matt York as a "Best Country Artist" nominee.

Music at the MAC: Putnam Murdock & Friends - On Saturday, **November 8**, Putnam Murdock returns to the MAC for what has become a highly anticipated annual event. Joined by an ever-changing array of friends and collaborators, Putnam's shows always feel fresh and new. The performance will start at 7:00 pm in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater, located at 80 Pleasant St. Marion. Tickets are \$25 for members and \$30 for nonmembers. More information and tickets at [marionartcenter.org/events](http://marionartcenter.org/events).

### Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

Join Miss Macy for family story time for ages 0-5 on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am.

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<p><b>TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1224</b></p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Chris &amp; Molly Fournier, for property located at 447 Neck Road, identified on Assessor's Map 26, Lot 10, who is seeking a Variance for a proposed 3-bay garage in excess of the permitted 1,000 sq ft and a Variance for its location in the front yard, pursuant to Chapter 20.40, Section E.2., of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws.</p> <p>The public hearing will be on Thursday, September 11th, 2025, at 7:15 p.m. at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA. Donald Spirlet, Chairman. 8/21, 8/28</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Town of Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Definitive Subdivision Plan Modification filed by Robert R. Pellegrini, Jr., Esq. and depicted on a plan entitled, "Modification To The Approved Snipatuit Pond Estates" dated July 25, 2025 for property located on Gerrish Road and Bishop Road designated as Lot 65 on Assessor's Map 43A. The applicant is seeking a modification to the previously approved "Snipatuit Pond Estates" subdivision, originally endorsed on May 31, 1979 to create one new buildable lot consisting of approximately 3.578 acres.</p> <p>Further information may be obtained by contacting the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, during normal business hours. Arnold Johnson, Chairman. 8/21, 8/28</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC CASE #833</b></p> <p>The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:45 pm on Thursday, September 11, 2025 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Detlef Westphalen and Elizabeth O'Neill, for a Special Permit under section 230-6.1.A and 230-6.1.C of the zoning by-law to allow the alteration of a non-conforming structure which will not be substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming structure to the neighborhood, as allowed under section 230-7.1, 230-7.2, and 230-7.</p> <p>The property, located at One Doran Way, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 5A as Lot 160. Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 8/21, 8/28</p> <hr/> <p><b>DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM Notice of License Application Pursuant to M. G. L. Chapter 91 Waterways License Application Number 25-WW01-0093-APP The Zelia E. Kenyon Trust - 2024, Weweantic River, 302 Delano Road, Marion NOTIFICATION DATE: August 29, 2025</b></p> <p>Public notice is hereby given of the waterways application by the Zelia E. Kenyon Trust – 2024 to maintain an existing pier, ramp</p>	<p>and existing stone seawall and to construct and maintain a new float with four float piles at 302 Delano Road in the municipality of Marion, in and over the waters of the Weweantic River. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.</p> <p>The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more, with at least five of the ten residents residing in the municipality(s) in which the license or permitted activity is located, to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comments Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).</p> <p>Project plans and documents for the Waterways application are on file for public viewing electronically at: <a href="https://eeonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/">https://eeonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/</a> (enter "302 Delano Road" in the Search Page as the Location Address). If you need assistance, please contact <a href="mailto:vin.manfredi@mass.gov">vin.manfredi@mass.gov</a> or if you do not have access to email, please leave a voicemail at (857) 283-5901 and you will be contacted with information on alternative options.</p> <p>Written comments must be addressed to: Vin Manfredi, Environmental Analyst, DEP Waterways Regulation Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347. 8/28</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPoisETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on the Notice of Intent submitted by Lisa Mueller, 89 Mattapoisett Neck Road, Assessors Map 12, Lot 48. The applicant proposes to demolish and reconstruct a single-family dwelling with plunge pool and gas fire pit at 89 Mattapoisett Neck Road. 8/28</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Town of Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770, regarding a Site Plan Review application in the General Commercial Subdistrict and the Cranberry Highway Smart Growth Overlay District, filed by Afonso Built Homes, 15 LedgeMont Lane, Dartmouth, MA 02748 for the property located within Rochester Crossroads at 22 Cranberry Highway identified on Assessor's Map 17, Lot 41.C13.</p> <p>The applicant proposes the construction of a Townhome Development with a total of 15 buildings and 44 total units. The development will consist of three unit and two unit buildings. All townhome units will feature a drive under garage and a driveway parking spot. The associated infrastructure to support the project includes individual septic systems, drainage network, underground utilities, site lighting, and landscaping. The applicant's representative is Allen &amp; Major Associates, 10 Main Street, Lakeville, MA 02347.</p> <p>Further information may be obtained by contacting the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37</p>	<p>Marion Road, during normal business hours. Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86171997453">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86171997453</a> Meeting ID: 861 7199 7453 Or Call: 1 646 876 9923 Arnold Johnson, Chairman. 8/28, 9/4</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF ROCHESTER TREASURER'S TAILINGS PUBLIC NOTICE</b></p> <p>Pursuant to MGL 200A Sec. 9A, the following is a list of names of persons who have been issued a check by the Town of Rochester, which has not been cashed and is deemed abandoned. Information about each check may be obtained by a person expressing an interest in the check by addressing an inquiry to Ashling McLoughlin, Treasurer, Town of Rochester, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770, 508-763-3871 Ext. 114 or by email: <a href="mailto:amcloughlin@townofrochester.com">amcloughlin@townofrochester.com</a>. The deadline for claiming funds is October 31, 2025.</p> <p>Amanda Audette Benjamin James Austin Christopher P. Fortin Crimson Farms LLC &amp; Blevins, Herbert Lepage Impact Expressions, Inc Matthew Monteiro Melink Corporation Melissa Rhae Michael Duarte Sharon Cruz Steven Paul Morrell Theodore A. Bowles 8/28</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF ROCHESTER INVITATION FOR BIDS ROOF REPLACEMENT – ROCHESTER HIGHWAY BARN</b></p> <p>The Town of Rochester, Massachusetts, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 149 and c. 30 §39M, invites sealed bids from qualified contractors for the removal of the existing roof system and installation of a metal retrofit with a new PVC roof system at the Rochester Highway Barn, 200 Ryder Road, Rochester, MA. The project area is approximately 14,800 square feet.</p> <p>Sealed bids must be clearly marked "Rochester Highway Barn Roof Replacement – IFB" and delivered to the Selectmen's Office, Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770 by Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at 12:00 pm (ET). The bid opening will immediately happen once the bids close. Late bids will not be accepted.</p> <p>DCAMM certification in Roofing and an Update Statement are required in accordance with M.G.L. c. 149 §44D. Each bid must be accompanied by a bid deposit equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid amount. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Payment Bond. Massachusetts Prevailing Wage Rates apply.</p> <p>The work must be substantially complete by October 31, 2025.</p> <p>The IFB package, including specifications and forms, may be obtained on the Town's website at <a href="http://www.townofrochestermass.com/home/pages/bids-IFBs">www.townofrochestermass.com/home/pages/bids-IFBs</a>, or in person at the Selectmen's Office, Rochester Town Hall, during normal business hours.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued on page 46</i></p>



Kids grades K-4 are invited to join us for Afternoon Activities on Tuesdays from 3 to 4 pm. We'll do a different activity every week ranging from STEM activities to crafts and nature exploration. On Tuesday, September 2 we'll be making slime.

Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm is our parachute play-date for infants and their caregivers. Meet and socialize with other families with babies and get ready for sensory parachute play

Thursday mornings are time to get messy for toddlers and preschoolers. Messy Morning is at 10:30 am and will be held outdoors in September. Dress for mess and get ready for messy art and sensory play.

It's also time to call the library and sign up for our fall kids book clubs. Our three clubs will meet on Thursday afternoons from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Nonfiction Nerds, a club for fact lovers, meets **September 11**, Chapter Book Champions, for emerging readers in grades 1-3, meets on **September 18**, and our Fantastic Fiction club for strong readers in grades 4-6 is on **September 25**. Each club reads a new book each month and then does an activity based on the book. Registration is required and space is limited.

Join us for a special Banned Book Club on Tuesday, **September 9** at 6:00 pm. Read any chapter or passage from A People's History of the United States by Howard Zinn and join us at the library to discuss. All are invited, pick up a copy of this month's title at the library.

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library visit us at [www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org](http://www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org) or email the library at [ETLibrary@sailsinc.org](mailto:ETLibrary@sailsinc.org).

### Fun Volunteer Opportunity

By becoming a "Hospital Caring Clown" with The Smile Factory Clowns, located at 88 Hatch Street, Suite 213, in New Bedford you can have fun volunteering in our three local hospitals; St. Lukes, Charlton Memorial and Tobey Hospitals. Classes are Tuesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm for 10 weeks. They begin on **September 16** with graduation in November/December. Each class is \$20, which covers items given out. Our students are from our Marion, Mattapoisett, Fairhaven, and surrounding communities. Come have fun and experience the heartfelt touch your clown journey can have on your heart and others. Classes are taught by multi award winning clown of over 35 years, Elaine "Daisy D.Dots" Vercellone. Please e-mail: [thesmilefactoryclowns@gmail.com](mailto:thesmilefactoryclowns@gmail.com) or call: 201-388-0225 to find out more or reserve your spot. Only 6 Class spots remain for this class session. Come have fun with us!

### Rochester Historical Museum

We have received some interesting tools for our exhibit opening on **October 4**, but we always have room for more. If you have any old tools that reflect Rochester's earlier industries- mills, cranberries, farming, dairy,

hat making, woodworking, etc., we're happy to accept donations or loaners. You can get in touch by email at [eshbach2@aol.com](mailto:eshbach2@aol.com) or phone 508-763-4932 or 617-750-2818.

### From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

On August 20 at the Rochester Historical Museum, there was a joint meeting of the Rochester Historical Society and the Rochester Historical Commission. The purpose of the meeting was to kick off a project that will culminate in 2026 for the nation's 250th anniversary. For a rainy evening, the meeting was pretty well attended.

The project is to gain information about the many Rochester men who participated in the Revolutionary War and hopefully, to document their final resting place with a photo. We handed out lists of the Rochester soldiers and sailors from the rolls of the state archives. The lists that can be found in the back of the book "Mattapoisett and Old Rochester" were compiled in a joint effort by James L. Hammond and Mary Hall Leonard. The names are presented with the caveat that there may well be more added with the passage of time.

One way to participate in our project, "The Search to Find and Honor Rochester's Revolutionary Veterans," would be to pick a name or names from the list and then to look for a grave to match. Because the same names

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Contact:

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Email: [cdurant@townofrochester.com](mailto:cdurant@townofrochester.com) 8/28

### TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT

#### PLANNING BOARD

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A Section 9, you are hereby notified of a public hearing.

The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a hearing on Monday September 15, 2025, at 7:00 pm, to review a Site Plan Review as follows:  
Submitted by: Garrett Bauer / Highway Department

Property owner: Town of Mattapoisett

Represented by: Field Engineering

Scope of Work: Construction of a 2.222 sq ft addition onto an existing building.

Location: 5 Mendell Road, Map 17 Lot 100

This meeting will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 and over zoom. See meeting notice to be posted by September 11, 2025 for zoom instructions.

All persons, parties, or corporations interested therein may appear and be heard in relation thereto.

Thomas Tucker, Chairman 8/28, 9/4

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**TODAY'S WORD**



"I'll have to quit  
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were used over and over (fathers, sons, nephews, etc.), you want to make sure that the birth/death dates coincide with an age that would fit with being a soldier between 1775 and 1783.

Once you have a name, there are quite a few ways that you can find information. Being less of a “techie” and more of a “bookie” (not the taking bets kind), I started at Plumb Library. The library has a collection of encyclopedia type books where the names of Massachusetts Revolutionary veterans are listed in alphabetical order with their town, rank, company and service. The

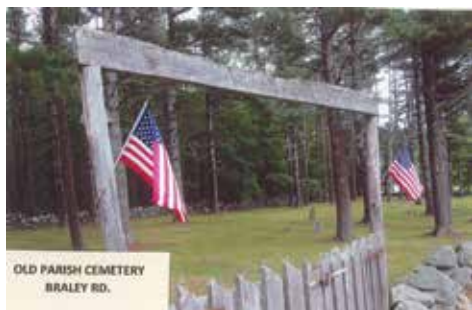
same name may appear 2 or 3 times in a row as men signed up, served days or months, went home and then signed up again.

For

example, Levi Gurney, Rochester, Private, was in Capt. Seth Briggs’ Company which marched “on the Alarm of April 19, 1776.” His service was for 4 days. However, he served again with Capt. Edward Sparrow’s Co., Capt. John Gibbs’ Co. and Capt. Elijah Baker’s Co. This can all be found in the books at the library.

There are also several web sites that provide good information and go into greater detail. We have a list of them at the Historical Society. One that I used without much difficulty was the MA, Rev War Index Cards to Muster Rolls, 1775-1783. This also connected me to Family Tree which gave me information on parents, siblings, wives and children. It asks for a birth date. but when I didn’t have one, I put in a possible year (I picked 1745) and a name that matched my search came up with the correct year.

For anyone interested, we have packets that contain the lists, websites and likely cemeteries. They will be available at our next meeting on **September 17** at the Museum, 355 County Road at 7:00 pm. Bruce



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If you would like to get started on a search before September 17, you can contact me at [eshbach2@aol.com](mailto:eshbach2@aol.com) or call 617-750-2818 or 508-763-4932. If you have already researched and found a Revolutionary War ancestor of your own, I hope you will share your findings with us.



### **Birthday Remembrance**

**Linda McCarthy**

Sept. 2, 1946 ~ June 17, 2025

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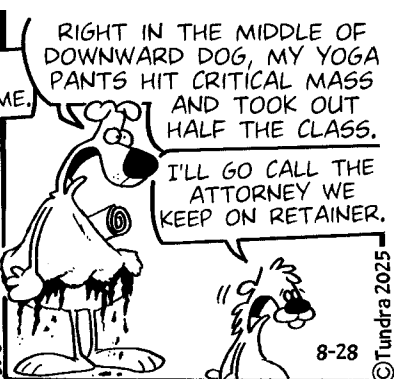
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## Bikes For All Fall Collection

"Bikes for All" is entering its fifth fall season of collecting, refurbishing and distributing the generous contributions of bicycles of all sizes. Over 282 children and adults have been able to enjoy their recycled bicycles throughout the past four years. Each bicycle was refurbished, equipped with a bell and lights as each rider was fitted with a helmet to ensure safe riding. We are thankful to all of you in the Tri-Town area who responded to our call for gently used bicycles.

And we're here once again, requesting that you respond to our need for gently used bicycles with 20-inch or greater wheels. On Sunday, **September 14** from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, bikes can be dropped off at the Mattapoissett Congregational Church, located at 27 Church Street, in the Barstow Street parking lot, which is across from the Center School.

Our repair team of skilled cyclists continue to refurbish donated bicycles, and we need your help to continue responding to requests for bicycles. Residents throughout the SouthCoast have been requesting bicycles to get to work, school and to enjoy the beauty of our region's bike paths. In addition to local non-profit organizations and word of mouth, our Facebook page "Bikes for All" has enabled us to receive the needed requests. We hope you will keep us in mind if you're thinking about replacing your bike or you or your children have outgrown their bikes. We know from many of our families who have been enjoying their recycled bikes that biking is making a positive difference in their lives.

As one of the people who recently received a trike from Bikes for All shared, "I appreciate it cuz I don't have a car, and I don't have transportation. I walk everywhere and this trike will help me out. I appreciate it. I appreciate you so much."

None of this would have happened without our community's shared desire to help one another enjoy safe bicycling. Bikes for All is a program of the Friends of the Mattapoissett Bicycle and Recreational Path. As a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization, contributions to "Bikes for All" are tax-deductible.



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## School Supply Collection

These are difficult times for many local families as they struggle to manage rising costs for everyday needs. As a new school year approaches, students and staff at Rochester Memorial School could use some help with classroom supplies. To that end, the Rochester Democratic Town Committee is coordinating a collection of supplies to be donated to RMS. It's easy to help.

Collection boxes will remain at the following locations until **September 20**: Rochester Town Hall, Plumb Memorial Library, and Lloyd's Market, 8 Hartley Road.

Requested items are posted at each box and include: #2 pencils, erasers, colored pencils, crayons, glue sticks, sharpies, dry-erase markers, highlighters and Post-it notes. Also, tissues, paper towels, ChapStick, Band-Aids, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes and baby wipes, underwear and sweatpants.

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## Ride with South Coast Bikeway

On Sunday, **October 5**, the South Coast Bikeway Team will participate in the Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride to raise money for clean water and a completed South Coast Bikeway. We are looking for more team members. If you have ridden as an individual in the past or are taking on the challenge for the first time, please join the South Coast Bikeway Team ([SouthCoastBikeway.com](http://SouthCoastBikeway.com)). Use code SCBIKEWAY for \$20 off registration. The SCBA has been permitted to "piggyback" on the Watershed Ride fundraising. Whatever you raise for Buzzards Bay will be matched by (still-to-be-determined) donors to the SCBA. If you don't ride, please consider donating to the SCBA team or the South Coast Bikeway Alliance. Funds raised will be used as matching funds for design, engineering, and build grants to complete the South Coast Bikeway, a planned cycling route from Rhode Island to the Cape Cod Canal. The Goal for team SCBA is \$20,000. SCBA is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to assist our member communities in completing their portion of the South Coast Bikeway. In 2024, we raised over \$43,000 for clean water and \$2800 for the South Coast Bikeway, for over \$90,893 for the Buzzards Bay Coalition over the last 9 years.

## Our Country's 250th Anniversary

There will be an organizational meeting to any Mattapoissett Resident interested in helping with a celebration of Our Country's 250th anniversary. This meeting will be held at the library meeting room on **September 3** at 6:00 pm. The plan as it stands now, is to celebrate this on the Flag Day weekend 2026, June 12 to June 14. It is our hope that we can enlist participants from town boards, organizations, churches and anyone who believes our town is indeed a special place in and of the U.S.A.

Join us for a sharing of ideas, creation of event committees and a chance to show our patriotism. We sincerely hope to see you there.

## Fall into Fun - Children's classes at the MAC

The MAC has a full slate of fun activities to



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MAC Dance Academy is back - MAC Dance Academy is a classically taught dance studio that fosters individuality and fun for dancers of all ages and experience levels. This relaxed dance program provides extraordinary dance instruction in ballet, tap, jazz, and also touches on contemporary, hip-hop, and gymnastics - all in a safe, fun learning environment. Movement and music is offered for the youngest dancers.

This fall, MAC Dance Academy classes will be held at the Community Center (owned by the First Congregational Church) at 144 Front Street in Marion. Choose from a wide range of classes for ages 2.5 to 6 and up. All classes will take place on Monday afternoons-evenings and run from 30-45 minutes to 60-90 minutes depending on age range and selection (Preschool/ Kinderstep, Elementary, Tumbling, or combination). Registration is open now for the 12-week fall session. The 12-week session starts at just \$95 for members and \$110 for nonmembers. Members receive significant discounts on tuition - join at any time.

If you are not sure that your student will enjoy the class, the MAC offers a free trial class, subject to availability. More information and registration for the programs is on our website at [marionartcenter.org/mac-dance-academy](http://marionartcenter.org/mac-dance-academy).

Art in the Afternoon is Back - Art class instructor Miss Aylin continues at the MAC with new fall programs



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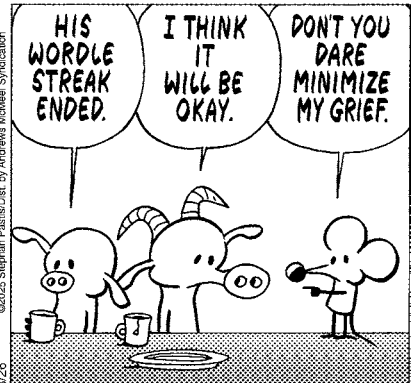
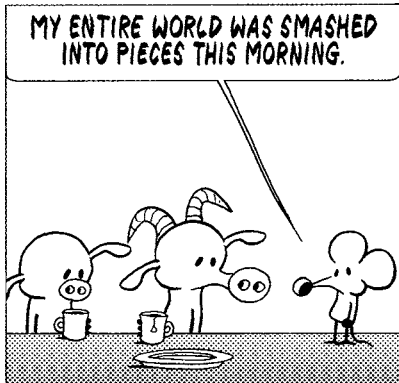
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## PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



for afterschool art. The new 6-week Maker Club is a hands-on art club for ages 6-12. Young artists will have access to a wide variety of arts and crafts materials, tools, and textures each week. From paint and paper to recycled bits, fabric, wire, and more - every session is an invitation to explore, invent, and make something uniquely their own. With creative prompts to spark ideas and a supportive instructor to help guide their process, students are free to experiment, tinker, and express themselves in a relaxed, imaginative environment. Whether they're building, drawing, gluing, or sculpting, Maker Club is all about the joy of creating without pressure - where the process matters more than the final product. Perfect for curious minds who love to explore and make art in their own way.

In addition to the new Maker Club theme, young artists can now attend for either one hour (3:00 pm to 4:00 pm) or one and a half hours (3:00 pm to 4:30 pm) on Fridays after school. The new, longer option allows another half hour for creation and exploration, and a bit more time for guardians to arrive for pickup, depending on family needs. Session 1 runs September 12 through October 17. The one-hour class runs from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the MAC Studio and costs \$145 for MAC members and \$175 for nonmembers. The 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm class runs 1.5 hours and costs \$215 for members and \$255 for nonmembers. More information and registration can be found on our website at [marionartcenter.org/art-lab](http://marionartcenter.org/art-lab).

#### Music Lessons - New Fall Schedule

Instructor Colin Bradley continues to offer guitar, piano, and more for students age 7 and up (adults too.) on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons at the Marion Art Center. Thirty-minute lessons are held upstairs in the MAC's Patsy Francis Gallery, located at 80 Pleasant St. Marion. MAC Members receive a significant discount on tuition. Receive 10% back when you register two or more students from the same household. Fall session 1 runs September 9-10 through October 21-22, and Fall session 2 runs November 4-5 through December 16-17, with no lessons September 23, 24, November 11, 12. The cost for each 6-week session is \$215 for MAC members and \$240 nonmembers. More information and registration can be found online at [marionartcenter.org/kids-music-lessons](http://marionartcenter.org/kids-music-lessons).

### Machacam Clubs

The first meeting of the Machacam Clubs 2025/2026 season is scheduled for Wednesday, **September 3**. We meet at the Eastman American Legion Post on Depot Street. Social time begins at 5:00 pm with



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dinner served at 6:00 pm. Our speaker for the evening will be introduced at 6:40 pm. Callers please communicate your counts by 5:00 pm on Monday, September 1. New members welcomed. Email [cwmccullough@comcast.net](mailto:cwmccullough@comcast.net) with questions.

### Marion Social Club Chicken Dinner

The Marion Social Club located at 44 Pumping Station Road, Marion, is having a Chicken Dinner which will include a chicken, potato salad, vegetables, and dessert for \$17.00 each. It will be held on Sunday, **September 21** at 1:00 pm but doors open at 12:00 pm for socializing. Please call Betsy Youngson for tickets at 508-295-8253.

We still have a few raffle tickets available for the scholarship fundraising. If anyone is interested, they will be available at the dinner. Hope to see you there.

### Naval Sea Cadet Corps

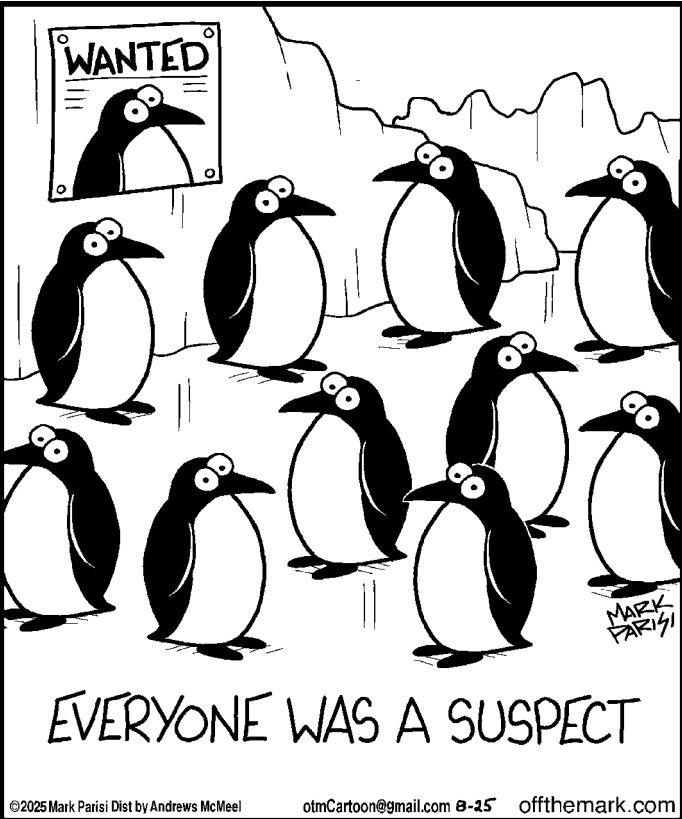
Gosnold Division and Training Ship Patriot State of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps are welcoming new applicants to the training program at Mass. Maritime Academy. Young men and women between the ages of 11 and 17 who may be interested in nautical or military opportunities are encouraged to join.

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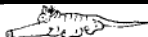
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Local Tides					
Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	August 28		12:11	5:05	5:45
Friday	August 29	12:26	12:53	5:41	6:31
Saturday	August 30	1:10	1:36	6:22	7:30
Sunday	August 31	1:56	2:23	7:13	8:56
Monday	August 25	10:09	10:26	3:33	3:47
Tuesday	August 26	10:50	11:05	4:01	4:26
Wednesday	August 27	11:30	11:45	4:32	5:04
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Phases of the Moon		First Quarter Full Moon Last Quarter New Moon		August 31st September 7th September 14th September 21st	



### I Found the Aardvark!

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

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

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In the August 21, 2025 edition the Aardvark was on page 26

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

### CROSSWORD SOLUTION

HOP	SMARTS	IOTAS	MARE
AMI	PARIAH	SCOOP	OVUM
HAT	FACTORY	TERRA	VIDI
ART	ICLES	BOAT	TRAILER
TRICK	ORTREAT	LEFTS	
OER	DEITY	AIL	ALEKEG
OPEDS	ANIMAL	MAGNET	ISM
TONO	END	ONEL	OAR
STEL	MO	DOUG	OMIT
LINE	OF	REASON	ING
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SYSTEM	MYO	ORONO	NEB
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SARAN	OKS	LTS	TEC
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OMNI	EYDIE	AFTER	PARTY
RANT	TERPS	ROADIE	MAP
DDAY	STYES	EGGSON	AYE

## SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Badge 2. Agile;  
3. Object; 4. Engine

Today's Word

## JOGGING

Sudoku Answer

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

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off the mark by Mark Parisi



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