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Farmers Markets Make Their Return

By Sam Bishop

Farmers markets are again popping up across New England, bringing local goods to all who stop by.

The Tri-Town is no different, and when The Wanderer visited Washburn Park on Tuesday afternoon, we truly felt like summer was here (regardless of the fact the first day of summer is about a week-and-a-half away). The Charles R Washburn Memorial Trust hosts a farmers market in the park, as it has in years past, every Tuesday from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

There on Tuesday were local vendors offering oils, soaps, candles, flowers, herbs, ornamental plants, vegetables, fruits, kombucha, honey, bread, sweets, honey, sown bags, towels, dresses, carpets, and other goods all meticulously crafted right under our noses. The bazaar was far from bizarre, it's about what you'd expect going to a farmers market; but what's wrong with that? They're fantastic.

Though I had been just last year, I was delightfully surprised and reminded that there was life music! That does something to help the vegetables, right?

In the words of a young visitor there running toward the stall, "Oh my golly gosh!" What more could you ask for?

Marion Invites Residents to Coffee

By Sam Bishop

On June 9, the Town of Marion invited residents to a new event and the first of its kind: Coffee with the Town Administrator. The informal meeting will run for around an hour, starting at 9:00 am on Wednesday, June 17 in the Marion Town House Annex, 14 Barnabas Road.

The meet-up is beneficial for both residents and the Town Administrator, as it allows for less restrictive conversations and more frank discussion of town projects, events, and other topics. The official announcement states: "Whether you have questions about Town services, ongoing projects, upcoming initiatives, or simply want to

On the Cover: The Farmers Market organized by the Charles R Washburn Memorial Trust is open in Washburn Park from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm every Tuesday. Truly a signifier summertime is upon us, various local craft goods and produce is available, along with some live music to listen to. Photo by Sam Bishop

share ideas and concerns, all are welcome to stop by and join the conversation."

The event is referred to as the "first" Coffee with the Town Administrator, signaling a continuing saga of talks or at least a more regular casual and relaxed venue for discussions between public servants and residents. With no agenda for the meeting and no limitations that are present with the typical public meeting agenda format, residents will be free to give feedback, collaborate, and get answers they didn't receive at a scheduled meeting.

Coffee and light refreshments will be available on the morning of Wednesday, June 17 for the talk.

When in the Course of Human Events...

This Week in Revolutionary War History

By Sam Bishop

This week in Revolutionary War history, let's check up on what was going on 250 years ago in New England and the northern Thirteen Colonies. Last week,

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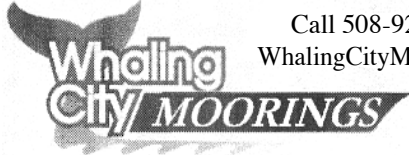
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General George Washington sat in and spoke at meetings of the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. There, he pressed for support as the congress voted to send more men and arms to guard the faltering northern front. Various towns in the colonies, mainly in Massachusetts, have declared their independence from Britian, as delegates in congress itself openly speak of uniformly doing the same.

On June 7, 1776, Washington has been back in New York for a day when Brigadier General John Sullivan writes from Sorell, Canada (today Sorel-Tracy). He asks for direct assistance from the general, wondering "if it be possible for your Excellency or General Lee to come here - I am well persuaded that Canada would be ours from the

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moment of your Excellency's arrival." Washington does not offer a known reply, though he does stay in New York, taking command of the city's defenses.

That same day, he announces in his General Orders that Horatio Gates of Essex, England be promoted to Major General and Thomas Mifflin of Pennsylvania be promoted to Brigadier General in the "Army of the United Colonies." Neither Gates nor Mifflin have yet to make a name for themselves, though both will become prominent figures as the war progresses, with the latter being a signatory of the United States Constitution.

Historians do not look upon June 7 for the previous events, however. Crucially, that fated Friday would be the day Virginia Delegate Richard Henry Lee formally put forward the topic of independence on the floor of Congress. Following the May 15 Virginia Convention passed in Williamsburg, the Lee Resolution brought that zeal to Philadelphia. In it, Lee states, "That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved." John Adams of Massachusetts seconded the motion, and thus, Congress was officially locked in discussions regarding formal independence from Britian.

Washington, unaware of the discussions in Philadelphia, jockeys between messages from Canada and attempting to prioritize the defense of New York City. On June 10 in the north, British General William Howe, following months of preparations (since the evacuation from Boston on March 17), departs Halifax, Nova Scotia with 9,000 troops destined for New York. At the same time, General Henry Clinton is enroute with an expedition of British and Hessian troops to the Carolinas.



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On June 11, the Continental Congress is locked in discussions regarding independence and creates a new committee: the Committee of Five. This committee is composed by five congressional delegates from across the colonies: John Adams of Massachusetts, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, Robert Livingston of New York, and Roger Sherman of Connecticut. The committee operated largely away from both the public and government eye, with no minutes being recorded of their meetings.

The committee was created to present the congress with a declaration of independence. Having read many of Jefferson's works, Adams recommended he be the author of the first draft, which he and Franklin would

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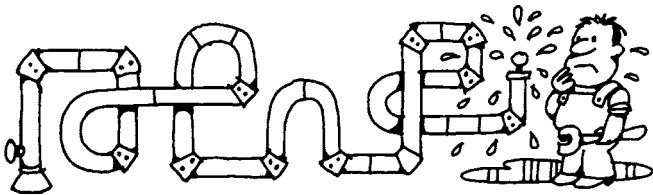
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later edit. Though the final draft would be different, it was around this time that these words were written:

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The first draft would be written at Jefferson’s apartment at 700 Market Street, Philadelphia and would be presented to Congress in a couple weeks, on June 28.

A Genuflection to Rhododendrons

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

Two striking specimens stare me down as I make my morning cup of joe. Their brilliant shades of fuchsia and crimson, framed in neighboring windows, deliver an instant jolt of energy before I’ve taken my first sip of coffee. In that moment, I feel ready for summer and for a thousand more blissful moments to come.

Rhododendrons have an almost royal presence in the New England landscape and their effect on me is to make a kind of mental genuflection, which is to say they have my respect. The steady rains of spring have provided a robust start to the trees and shrubs in the landscape, so it’s a particularly good year for the rhododendrons. Whether seen at a distance or up close, they instill awe. You cannot ignore them. They are main players, even if they aren’t meant to be.

This observation has proven true over the years and across a variety of locations. In Newport, I found these magnificent trees flanking the stately grounds of The Elms, the historic Bellevue Avenue estate built in 1901 for coal magnate Edward Berwind. Although nearly all of the original elms succumbed to disease long ago, a collection of expertly sculpted specimens now complements the mansion’s imposing architecture. In spring, masses of flowering rhododendrons heightened the scene’s grandeur, unfolding before the eye like a vibrant pop-up illustration from a children’s book.

Another memorable “rhody moment” occurred while pedaling my bike through Fairhaven’s historic village, forcing me to an involuntary halt, de-cleating as I reached for my camera. There they stood like sentinels outside a fortress, coloring an entrance walk while framing an American flag.

Expected encounters can be just as rewarding. Sitting shotgun while my Dad drove his golf cart through his back forty where he grows rhododendrons among other herbaceous material, I saw them... looking like

soldiers returning victorious from the fields at Agincourt. (Ok that is a slight exaggeration, but they really had presence out in the green field.)

Naturally, my own collection of rhododendrons come from my father's, and I opted for different colors; a decision that has resulted in a continuous swirl of color, especially now that they have grown together. With a privet hedge backdrop and an understory of ferns, hosta, epimedium, and lily of the valley, I have dubbed it my woodland garden. A mountain laurel and two towering white pines complete the picture with intermittent bluebells and foxgloves. Now in its zenith, you might say, but no less impressive in winter when it touts shiny evergreen leaves that keep the theme going.

Later in the day when I carry on weeding, I will go in for a closer view of the voluptuous petals. It's something Georgia O'Keefe might have painted had she



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lived in New England with the delicate striations and splashes of color. Post flowering, I remove their spent blossoms one by one, a therapeutic habit that expresses my full dedication to these plants.

Rhododendron species are found in the wild from the arctic regions to the tropics, spanning a wide range of climates, according to the American Rhododendron Society, a non-profit organization whose purpose is to encourage interest in and to disseminate information about the genus Rhododendron. In the United States, a large number of hybrids flourish in the Pacific Northwest, especially between the Cascades and the Pacific Ocean.

From the ARS website I learned that Rhododendrons and their subgenus azaleas belong to the heath family (Ericaceae) which includes the heaths and heathers, blueberries, mountain laurels and several other ornamental plant groups. Most of these plants require acid soil and good drainage. They don't like disturbance of their roots, so mulching them with leaves is recommended. I use the readily available spent pine needles and that seems to work fine.

Although sunlight is essential to full flowering, the plants will grow in shade and in some cases, some shade should be provided as protection from the early morning sunlight during winter. Many rhododendrons grow naturally under complete or partial shade of a forest canopy, but they will succeed in sunnier locations.

For rhododendrons planted in less fertile soils, a complete fertilizer designed for acid-loving plants may be applied in late winter or early spring. Be careful not to exceed recommended amounts. In cold climate zones nitrogen fertilizer should not be applied after late June as it may promote new lush growth susceptible to winter damage.

As with many plants, rhododendrons have a place in literary symbolism. British author Daphne Du Maurier's novel Rebecca, makes references to the character of Rebecca using the image of "blood red" rhododendrons throughout the novel as a cautionary note. This is believed to parallel the plant's toxic roots and poisonous character of Rebecca and also foreshadows spilled blood and red flames of Manderley that burns at



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the novel's conclusion.

Rhododendrons are native to parts of Asia, including Nepal, where they are celebrated as the national flower. Their blossoms are considered edible and prized for their pleasantly tart flavor; the juice is even commercially produced and sold. Today, more than 1,000 species of rhododendrons are found around the world, ranging from cultivated specimens that anchor designed landscapes to wild populations that spill across remote mountain slopes.

With summer fast approaching and the blooms already beginning to fade, we won't soon forget our first embrace.

"There is a sumptuous variety about the New England weather that compels the stranger's admiration - and regret. The weather is always doing something there; always attending strictly to business; always getting up new designs and trying them on people." - Mark Twain.

Residents Sought to Fill Rochester Vacancies

By Sam Bishop

The Town of Rochester put out a notice last Thursday asking residents to apply to serve on various committees, boards, and commissions.

Vacancies can be filled by any Rochester resident who is an active voter. Current vacancies are: Conservation Commission, one (1) Full Member and one (1) Associate Member; Historic District Commission,

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"Volunteering is a great way to become involved in your community and help shape the future of our town. – We encourage all interested residents to apply and get involved in local government!" the notice said.

Interested residents of the town can contact Executive Assistant Andreia Lacerda alacerda@townofrochesterma.gov to apply by Wednesday, June 17 or call 508-763-3871 x110 for more information.

The Rochester Select Board will review and consider applicants at their Monday, June 22 meeting in Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Five Member Select Board Convenes

Mattapoisett Select Board

By Marilou Newell

The Tuesday meeting of the newly-expanded Mattapoisett Select Board was an historic event for the town. On this night, the board was now comprised of Jodi Bauer, Jordan Collyer, Judy Mooney, Nicole Doyon, and Frances Kearns.

The overall mood of the evening was one of convivial exchanges amongst the members and a spoken desire to learn from one another. After spending time in a protracted Executive Session, the members got down to

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They made numerous appointments to a wide variety of boards and committees. Everything from Viewer of Fences (a person who reviews issues related to fences) to fire and police appointments and, not be forgotten, the Measurer of Wood and Bark.

There was also great financial news shared on this night. By way of Highway Surveyor Garret Bauer, a letter was received from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation announcing a grant in the amount of \$1,900,000 for the repair of the Water Street Culvert located at the Town Beach.

The board also met with members of the Disabilities Commission who requested and received authorization to file for a grant in the amount of \$4,500. The grant will allow for the purchase of handicap-accessible picnic tables and mats that will give those using mobility equipment access to the beach.

In the matter of municipal health insurance, the board signed a Memo of Understanding with Gateway Insurance that will allow the town to pay a mutually agreed upon sum. The first payment of \$171,940 was agreed upon at the Spring Town Meeting as well as the subsequent payment up to \$734,000 was confirmed.

Further discussion regarding the need to change insurance carriers, included Collyer stating a new carrier, Mayflower, will become the health care insurer as of July 1. He reminded the attendees that the Spring Town Meeting had voted to pay outstanding sums and although there may have been red flags, the matter is now under investigation.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board was not announced at adjournment.

Second Old Colony Vote on June 20

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Select Board Monday approved adding a debt-exclusion question to the June 20 Special Election that will ask town voters to endorse building a new \$288,000,000 Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School.

On that date, Acushnet, Carver, Lakeville, Mattapoisett, and Rochester, the five members of the Old Colony Vocational Education District, will vote on moving forward with the multi-million-dollar building project with a ballot-question election. The Rochester Select Board decided on June 1 that a separate ballot question will be offered in town to allow the town to pay for its share of the project costs with a debt exclusion.

Town Administrator Cameron Durant said the Select Board had previously decided to add such a ballot question to any special election seeking to pass the Old Colony construction plan, and he wanted to give them a chance to act on that decision. The board approved same with minimal discussion.

Durant explained later that the ballot question

the town will present will not include any dollar figures because those numbers will be too hard to accurately calculate. It will simply ask residents to approve borrowing beyond the limits of Proposition 2 1/2 to fund the town's portion of project costs. He said those numbers will change dramatically depending on how many students Rochester sends to Old Colony when the project starts and what the interest rate to borrow will be at the time. "Those numbers will be very nuanced," he said.

The project will build a larger, more modern building that replaces the serious infrastructure deficiencies of the current facility at 476 North Avenue in Rochester. Under calculations presented to member towns last year, the state School Building Authority's reimbursement for the new school's price tag is projected to be \$129,000,000. The remaining total cost that the school district members would share was estimated at approximately \$159,000,000. Rochester's share of that price tag would have been \$28,400,000, but both the \$289,000,000 request to fund the building project and a proposal to pay for Rochester's \$24,000,000 share of that cost with a debt exclusion resulted in a resounding "no" vote in the November 2025 Town Election, leading to Old Colony's move to revote the question on June 20.

The Select Board began the June 1 meeting by promoting Acting Sergeant Catherine Connelly to a permanent sergeant position with the Rochester Police Department. In recommending the appointment, Chief

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Michael A. Assad, Jr. cited her demonstrated exceptional leadership, professionalism and dedication during her time as acting sergeant, including as supervisor of the department's Community Engagement Team.

The board then approved Eversource's bid to install one new IO utility pole in the right of way on Clapp Road and one FO pole with "back guy" and anchor in the right of way on High Street.

Next, Durant addressed the fallout from the Town Election's tie vote for a seat on the Rochester School Committee. For one of the two open spots on that board, Isabel Gomes-McCann and Barbara Lee tied with 544 votes each. Durant explained the preliminary tally of the ballots on election night, May 27, that showed Gomes-



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McCann slightly ahead changed when a paper ballot the machine rejected because of a stray pen mark was counted manually. He said a recount will be required. He said, if that does not change the outcome, the solution will be a temporary appointment by the Select Board and/or a Special Election. Meanwhile, the current board membership will need to remain as is.

Later, board member Brad Morse proposed a Special Town Meeting article that will approve the use of the electronic voting clickers that the town recently received as a gift. He said the devices have been proven to work well and they would save time at town meetings and be a more efficient way to count votes. Approving their use should become a bylaw, he said, and the board quickly agreed.

In other action, the board reorganized to appoint Paul Ciaburri as chair and Morse as clerk.

The board approved the appointment of K. Douglas Sims as a full member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The board appointed Town Planner Michaela Shoemaker as the town's representative on the Joint Transportation Group.

The board approved a Host Agreement with Rochester Cannabis, LLC for a retail operation at Route 58, Rochester.

The Rochester Select Board's next meeting will be held on Monday, June 22 at 6:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Weed Control and Private Pier

Mattapoissett Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

During the Monday meeting of the Mattapoissett Conservation Commission, several new Notice of Intent

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filings were featured.

First up was a NOI filed by Raymond Hanks of 18 Crystal Springs Road to receive permitting for the removal of invasive plants, including Japanese Knot Weed and Bittersweet.

After a lengthy discussion with the commissioners and the environmental agent Samantha Carew it was determined that Hanks' proposal for weed eradication needed further review due to nearby jurisdictional areas on the property. No action was taken at this time.

An NOI filed by the Pratt Family Living Trust, 11 Sea Marsh Way for beach nourishment could not be heard as a Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) file number is pending. The filing was continued to June 22.

An NOI filed by the Elizabeth May Cannell Family Trust, was conditioned for the construction of a private pier and boat dock.

The project will require a Chapter 91 waterways license it was noted.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Conservation Commission will be held on June 22.

Abutters Press Planning Board On Solar

Rochester Planning Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Planning Board Tuesday re-opened its Site Plan Review Permit Hearing on a proposal to build a one-megawatt, ground-mounted solar array on Walnut Plain Road to a roomful of abutters and residents with questions.

The Walnut Plain Road installation will be on a 9.5-acre footprint of a 21-acre parcel, said project representative Sarah Stern. The array itself will cover six acres and include a fenced-in perimeter and vegetative screens.

Residents immediately raised a myriad of concerns. Michael Kennefick, an attorney representing close abutter Sarah Preston, said his recent letter to the board disputes the soil type that the developer assumes is on site as they calculate that of water runoff to plan for.



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Clay will lead to a different runoff than sand when paved. His client's property is four acres on the east side that could see more runoff. Stern responded that soil types are an assumption at this point, test pits and plan adjustments will come after the basic design is approved.

Abutter Kim Ashley said she objected to the project because she owns deeded cranberry land to the north and the project would block her deeded right of way. Chair Arnold Johnson noted other solar projects in town have solved easement issues by moving the easement access. Ashley, an attorney by trade, agreed to give the board a copy of that documentation. Ultimately, the board continued this hearing to July 14 to allow time for a review from the town's peer engineer.

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The meeting began with an informal discussion of a proposed back lot subdivision at 83 Hiller Road and Winters Way. The developer's representative Brian Wallace explained this 13.6-acre site checks all the boxes for a Form A residential lot, but he wanted to know if the proposed road meets the town's standards. The board signaled it had no problem with the plan. Wallace said he will now submit a formal Form A lot permit application.

In other action, the board continued to June 23 its site plan review hearing on a plan to clear and re-grade land behind Town Hall for an 8,220-square foot parking lot.

The board also continued to June 23 its two-site plan review and special permit hearings for High Street

Solar 1 and 2 at 0 High St. The total property is 120 acres; the installation will cover 20 acres. Application two covers the northern lots near Mayflower Lane. Application covers the remainder.

The Rochester Planning Board's next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, June 23 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Multiple Path Projects Slowly Advance

Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission met in-person in the Police Station on June 4 with Chair John Rockwell noting at meeting start that one of the members was not present and the appointment of officers may need to be delayed to the next meeting, to which other members agreed.

The commission quickly discussed and approved the minutes of their May 7 meeting and then began talks on the Land Bank Fund report. Member Norm Hills noted the total amount in the interest-bearing account sat just over \$249,000. The money in the account is used to purchase land, Rockwell noted, adding land appraisals can be completed with the fund as well in order to access values.

The commission then moved to discuss the transfer of land for the Marion Shared Use Path, which has moved successfully to its second committee in the

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Massachusetts General Court. Rockwell noted the transfer of 3,000 square-feet will still need to pass through a third reading committee, which the Chair joked, “is where projects go to die,” but also noted a “good legislative team” is working on and is supportive of the transfer. The transfer cannot be finalized until it has received approval from the state legislature which then passes to the Select Board for the final transfer sign-off.

Next, the commission began talks on the Creek Street and Point Road Bike Path. Chair Rockwell noted they received a draft contract for four phases of work. Rockwell noted the fourth and final phase, or “task,” of the work was missing from the draft, which will be included in the commission’s comments back to the original submitter. There was then a unanimous vote of approval to send the draft back with corrections.

Rockwell then brought up that in his home garage, he has some materials such as silt fence and geo-textile fabric originally bought with Community Preservation Plan (CPA) funds that is surplus from Point Road Bike Path construction. Rockwell recommended giving it to the Department of Public Works (DPW). Commission members agreed, and a unanimous vote was taken to transfer the material to the DPW for proper storage or use as deemed fit.

Next was a discussion on tree removal and general site maintenance at the Grassi Bog Conservation Area off Route 6 at 814 Mill Street. The commission worked to meet with an inspector from the state’s Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) on June 30 who would walk through with members to answer questions regarding projects and share professional opinions.

The next meeting of the Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission is scheduled for Thursday, July 2.

Health Updates and Inspections

Marion Board of Health

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Board of Health met on Thursday, June 4 in the Marion Police Station. There were many updates provided by town officials as well as updates to

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the Code of Marion discussed.

The meeting immediately began with updates from the Public Health Director, Lori A. Desmarais. The director began with a discussion on covid vaccines, to which she stated she reached out to Moderna for information on the pricing of that corporation's version. Currently, she said the town has access to the company's Spikevax vaccine, but the mNEXSPIKE is also produced by Moderna, which Desmarais said produced a higher immune response in older recipients. She is still awaiting a response from the corporation.

Desmarais then noted the town's Health Department received the first notice regarding mosquito spraying. Residents who had requested sprayings

received their first dosage last week.

She added the town had held a Rabies information panel the day prior, but due to little attendance, the event was unfortunately cancelled. She said they will likely try again in the spring at possibly a different time of day.

Updating the board on food/restaurant permits, Health Agent Gabriella Almeida noted the new managers of the Marion General Store, Amy and Will Felder, wish to open sometime in July, though the town has not yet received their application. The store still has a tobacco-sales permit paid through the end of the year, and though the new owners stated they will not sell tobacco products, inspections are still required. There is also the farmers' market in Washburn Park, which she noted will require routine inspections.

The Marion Board of Health then began its Public Hearing to amend the Marion Sanitary Code, particularly Section 8: Food Service. The changes provide definitions to common terms, increased descriptions of various establishments/events that serve food to standardize who needs inspections, and information on service animals and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance. The hearing was closed with few public questionings, followed quickly by a vote to approve the changes.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health is scheduled for Thursday, June 18 at 4:30 pm in the Marion Police Station conference room.

All Stars All Over

Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comoroski

There were many local athletes named All Stars by the South Coast Conference (SCC) this week:

Boys and Girls Track

Senior Malik Washburn was named the SCC MVP, as Ryan Calderone, Jacob Gear, and Henry Berry were named SCC All Stars. Senior Noah Thorell was an SCC All Star honorable mention. On the girls' side, Cassidy Carroll, Genevieve Hebert, Phoebe Cowles, Morgan Patraiko, Delilah Post, Annalise Milhench, and Bentley Killion were named SCC All Stars. Hannah Thorell and



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Rayn Lauradin were SCC All Star honorable mentions.

Girls Tennis

Senior Neva Matos was named the SCC MVP, as Caroline Houdelette, Grace Hebert, Ella Bishop, and Zadie Goyette were named SCC All Stars. Junior Molly Franco was an SCC All Star honorable mention.

Boys Tennis

Subhav Parajuli, Andrew Hebert, Luke Pierre, and Caden Gonsalves were named SCC All Stars. Lucas Hadley and Luc Silveira were SCC All Star honorable mentions.

Girls Lacrosse

Liz Kilpatrick, Taylor Cook, and Reilly Patraiko were named SCC All Stars. Kaitlyn Rodrigues and Rylee Cusick were SCC All Star honorable mentions.

Boys Lacrosse

Seniors Chase Kuppens and Tucker Cook were named SCC All Star. Nolan Blanchette and James Devoll were SCC All Star honorable mentions.

Baseball

Junior Nolin Vieira was named an SCC All Star. Juniors Dimitri Raposa and Malcolm Bean were SCC All Star honorable mentions.

Softball

Claudia Surace was an SCC All Star honorable mention.

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To the Editor;

As that old saying goes, "all good things must come to an end." I now find it necessary to step away from the keyboard.

Over the 12 years I've written about you and your communities, I've found the experience amazing.

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Reporting local news and its importance can't be overstated. It forms the backbone of our democratic society, it informs us, and it brings people together. Simply put, keep the presses rolling, both figuratively speaking and otherwise.

As for myself, I look forward to remaining in touch with all things local, especially at Town Hall. I'll be there but now wondering out loud versus as an observer; and should the muse return with a fresh take on my childhood memories, I'll happily share those adventures.

So, for now stay informed, stay invested, and keep on trucking!

Marilou Newell

To the Editor:

While the intense tension at the recent Old Rochester Regional school committee meeting was unsettling, the true story of the night was the majority of neighbors who stood up to demand basic human empathy.

Of the many residents who spoke, only a handful attempted to turn Rochester Memorial School into a front line in a national culture war. When outside political scripts are brought into our town, the actual children involved disappear. It was disheartening to witness adults overemphasize everyday elementary schoolyard friction between nine-year-olds, even turning it into a formal legal complaint, to push a rigid ideological agenda against a vulnerable transgender child.

They chose to look past the facts, including the reality that Massachusetts law has strictly protected student gender identity since 2011. The administration is legally obligated to protect this child's civil rights; failing to do so would expose our district to costly lawsuits.

Thankfully, the quiet majority in the Tri-Town chose compassion. The parade of speakers advocating kindness reminded us of our community's true character. If parents are genuinely concerned about privacy, the solution is practical and physical: accelerate the installation of single-occupancy, gender-neutral restrooms.

We cannot let a loud, polarized echo chamber dictate how we treat our neighbors' children. Our



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elementary schools must remain a safe, quiet refuge for kids to learn, not a battlefield for adult disagreements.

Sincerely,
 Jeanne Hopkins, Mattapoisett

To the Editor;

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While watching T.V. it bothered me as I saw some men burning our flag. No one there put it out, loud words they did shout. They just treated it like some kind of rag. Don't they know God has given to us this land so rich and so free from the Atlantic to the Pacific and up to the Bering Sea?

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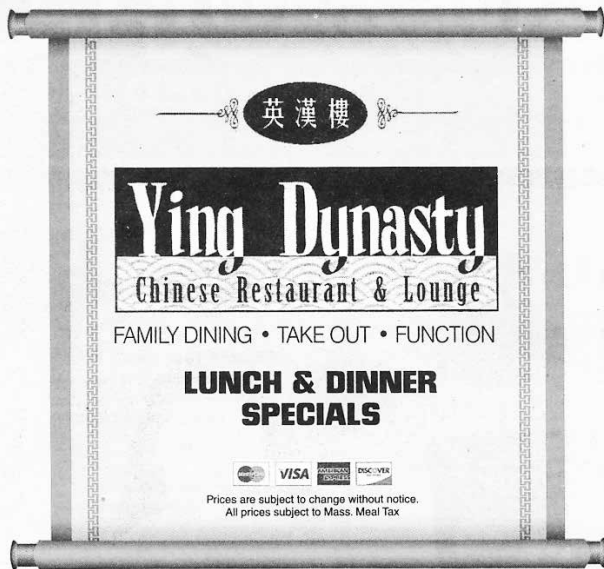
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Our flag is a perfect symbol of just how much we are blessed. God's gift from above filled with His love, it is truly our "treasure chest". So with a tear in your eye let our flag fly high and with hearts that will never forget the Armed Forces of our nation. It is to them that we owe our debt. Amen.

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Students named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2026 semester at Clarkson University include **Torsten Brickley** of Mattapoisett and **Trent Crook** of Rochester.

Kelly Quinlan of Mattapoisett has been named to the Dean's List at East Stroudsburg University for the Spring 2026 semester of the 2025-2026 academic year, as announced by Margaret Ball D.M.A., the university's provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Western New England University (WNE) is proud to recognize **Steven Morrison** of Rochester as one of 805 students who have earned a place on the Spring 2026 Dean's List, reflecting their dedication to academic excellence, perseverance, and commitment to achieving their educational goals.

On Friday, May 15, **David Strom**, who majored in Mechanical Engineering, was bestowed a BS/MS degree at WPI's 157th Commencement. Nearly 1,200 undergraduate degrees were awarded during the

ceremony.

On Friday, May 15, **Isabel Friedrichs**, who majored in Environmental Engineering, was bestowed a bachelor's degree at WPI's 157th Commencement. Nearly 1,200 undergraduate degrees were awarded during the ceremony.

Assumption University has announced **Caileigh Calabro** of Mattapoisett and **Caitlin Sweeney** of Marion have been named to the University's Dean's List for the spring 2026 semester. Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester to be included on this prestigious list, which is announced at the completion of the fall and spring semesters.

Henry Bailey of Rochester was named to the Champlain College Dean's List for the Spring 2026 semester.

ORR Tri-Town Education Foundation Fund Supports Collaborative Music Composition

There's music in the air at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School thanks to a collaborative project with a renowned international composer made possible by a \$3,000 grant awarded by the Old Rochester Regional Tri-Town Education Foundation.

During the 2024-25 school year, the Old Rochester Regional Tri-Town Education Foundation awarded a \$3,000 grant to support the music project known as "Sounds of the Tri-Town," involving instrumentalists from grades 5-8 under the guidance of internationally renowned composer Kevin Krumenauer.

The project resulted in a completed work called "Celestial Sway" that was performed by the school concert band in spring 2025, with the song now becoming part of the district's permanent music library, available for performance in future years.

"Sounds of the Tri-Town" was the result of a \$3,000 grant awarded by the Old Rochester Regional Tri-Town Education Foundation to Old Rochester Regional Junior High School music teacher Richard Laprise. In addition to the musicians from Old Rochester Junior High School, elementary school students



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were also involved in the project, with the help of Old Hammondtown School teacher Alan Sweet, Rochester Memorial School teacher Kaitlyn Laprise and Sippican School teacher Hannah Moore.

“A lasting and anticipated result of this project was the strong sense of ownership students felt over ‘Celestial Sway,’” said music teacher Richard Laprise. “Because it was written specifically for them, many students reported it was their favorite piece of the year.”

Through virtual sessions, Krumenauer engaged with more than 200 student musicians. This collaborative project with the guest composer built upon the district’s ongoing commitment to excellence in music education, which has contributed to Old Rochester Regional’s repeated recognition by the NAMM Foundation as a Best Community for Music Education.

The Old Rochester Regional School District and Massachusetts Superintendency Union #55 are pleased to share this story and the outcome of a total of more than \$9,400 in private grants provided by the nonprofit Old Rochester Regional Tri-Town Education Foundation for the 2024-25 school year.

The Old Rochester Regional Tri-Town Education Foundation Fund is a growing endowment under the umbrella of the SouthCoast Community Foundation. Supported by community donors, the fund helps educators pursue innovative, high-quality learning experiences for students throughout Marion, Mattapoisett

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This is the fifth in a series of articles describing the impact of grants awarded by the Tri-Town Education Foundation Fund to support innovative teaching and student enrichment across the Old Rochester Regional School District and Massachusetts Superintendency Union #55.

Early Childhood Coordinator Doreen Lopes said the project strengthens student creativity, collaboration, and pride.

“This collaboration gives our young musicians the extraordinary opportunity to help shape a piece of music that they and future students will perform for years to come,” Lopes said. “Experiences like this inspire students, honor their creativity, and reinforce the vibrant role of music in our schools. Thank you to the Old Rochester Regional Tri-Town Education Foundation Fund for making this all possible.”

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson said the grant highlights the strong cultural and educational identity of the Tri-Town communities.

“Our music programs are a point of great pride across the Tri-Town,” Superintendent Nelson said. “This project not only enriches student learning but also contributes to a long legacy of musical excellence that our schools are known for. We are grateful to the Old Rochester Regional Tri-Town Education Foundation Fund for supporting this impactful and lasting work.”

To support future grant-funded programs like this one, community members are encouraged to donate to the Old Rochester Regional Tri-Town Education Foundation Fund. Please go to the Old Rochester Regional Tri-Town Education Foundation Fund donation page: cfsema.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=1304.

ORRHS Art Students Connect with Children in Armenia

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Assistant Principal Lauren Millette are proud to announce that art





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students from Old Rochester Regional High School once again connected with students from another country - this time Armenia - as part of an international initiative known as the Memory Project.

Students in Art II and Honors Art III classes at Old Rochester Regional High School created portraits from photographs of children from Armenia in the fall of 2025, with participation in the project coordinated by art teacher Kate Butler. Art teacher Joanne Molgилnicki also participated with students in her Honors Art III class. The finished works of art were then delivered to their subjects earlier this year through the nonprofit Memory Project.

"This was an excellent way for our student artists to connect with fellow students from a faraway place through the power of art," said Butler. "It was a chance for our students to challenge themselves in order to create a special image of their counterparts from Armenia, creating lasting memories and a new international connection for everyone involved. We appreciate the Memory Project for making this possible."

Since 2004, the Memory Project has engaged 320,000 youth in 57 countries through school-based programs, providing student artists with photographs of children living in orphanages - and in other difficult circumstances - all throughout the world. Operating under a banner of "creating a kinder world through art," the Memory Project has connected student portrait artists to youth in countries such as Uganda, Sierra

Leone, Romania, Guatemala, India, Honduras, Thailand, Nicaragua, Afghanistan, Peru, and Ukraine. In 2022, art students from Old Rochester Regional High School got the chance through the Memory Project to make and send portraits to children in Syria.

"The Memory Project, from its first intention, was to provide handmade, heartfelt portraits as special memories to children in orphanages," said Ben Schumaker, who started the Memory Project as a university student in 2004. "Now our intention has expanded to touching the lives of youth around the world facing many types of challenges, while opening our hearts and minds so they can touch ours in return. Together we are using art to reach a distant destination: a kinder

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world in which all youth see themselves in one another regardless of differences in their appearance, culture, religion, or circumstances.”

Old Rochester students used a variety of drawing and painting techniques to create highly detailed, realistic portraits. Each portrait was then signed by the student artist, and a photograph of the artist was included so that the recipients could see who created their artwork.

Most of the children who received portraits live in rural areas of Armenia. According to the Memory Project, the experience of receiving personalized artwork from students on the other side of the world was a new and exciting experience for many of the children.

After the portraits were delivered, students at Old

Rochester Regional High School were sent a video from the Memory Project showing the children in Armenia receiving their artwork. The video captured the joy, excitement and appreciation expressed by the smiling recipients as they received their portraits and spoke into the nonprofit’s camera.

Superintendent Nelson and Assistant Principal Millette praised the students and faculty involved in the project for embracing this opportunity to connect with other students from across the world through creativity, compassion and cultural understanding.

“The Memory Project exemplifies the type of learning experience that leaves a lasting impact on students,” said Assistant Principal Millette. “Our students flexed their artistic skills, while forging an authentic connection with students from another country, demonstrating kindness, curiosity and creativity. We are grateful to Ms. Butler and Ms. Mogilnicki for continuing to provide opportunities that broaden our students’ perspectives and encourage them to become thoughtful global citizens.”

“This project demonstrates the incredible power of art to create connections despite differences in language, geography and culture,” said Superintendent Nelson. “By making these portraits, our students shared a meaningful gift while learning important lessons. We are proud of our students for using their talents to help make the world a little kinder.”

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Meet and Greet with Potter Wendy Goldsmith

In conjunction with the Mattapoisett Free Public Library’s Art Series and a ceramic exhibit by Wendy Goldsmith called Birds of a Feather and Other Friends, June 2 to June 30, Goldsmith will be at the library in person on Wednesday, **June 24** from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm for a Meet & Greet the Artist. Come meet Goldsmith, hear about her work, view the exhibit, and get answers to questions you may have for her.

Clambake-Grab & Go

Clambake-Grab & Go at the Knights Hall, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett, on Sunday, **June 28**. Pick Up 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm, \$50 per person. For Tickets call Jim 508-863-3496.

**SHS Presents Dr. Paul Rubinson on the
Invention of American Science**

The Sippican Historical Society and its members invite the public to an evening of local connection and historical discovery. On **June 18**, its Speaker Series features Dr. Paul Rubinson, speaking on “Benjamin Franklin and the Invention of American Science.” The event will take place at the Marion Music Hall, located at 164 Front Street in Marion. The evening will begin with the Sippican Historical Society’s Annual Meeting at 6:30 pm, followed immediately by Dr. Rubinson’s talk at 7:00

pm.

This presentation will dive into the reasons why Benjamin Franklin and his peers believed the United States was the ultimate leader in scientific exploration. How did early American scientists define the discipline as a fundamentally American activity, ultimately helping the United States become a global scientific powerhouse?

Dr. Paul Rubinson is a Professor of History at Bridgewater State University. He has written extensively on the intersection of scientists and nuclear weapons and is the author of the forthcoming book from Cambridge University Press, "American Scientists and Human Rights from the Early Republic to the Cold War."

This evening is free and open to the public, made possible thanks to the generous support of Sippican Historical Society members. Donations are always gratefully accepted to this non-profit, and new members are warmly welcome.

Marion Social Club Pig Roast

The Marion Social Club located at 44 Pumping Station Road in Marion is having a Pig Roast on **August 16**. Dinner will include a very nice portion of roast pig, jag, baked beans, applesauce, coleslaw, corn bread and dessert. The Pig Master is the same one we have had in the past and the meal is out of this world. Tickets are \$40.00 each and can be reserved by calling Betsy Youngson at 508-295-8253. Cut off date is August 8, don't delay. The doors will open at noon for socializing, and dinner will be served at 1:00 pm. Also, we are looking for new members to help us with our dinners which the proceeds fund our scholarships and Senior Bake.

Mattapoissett Yacht Club News

The Tuesday Night Ensigns kicked off the winter rust in the first night of racing, joined on the starting line by the ORR high school team in their 420s. The ORR team, which has been sailing since March, looked sharp. The Ensign fleet only had 3 entries as racers are struggling to get their boats ready and in the water.

Odyssey won the first race of the night but in the second race committed a foul and placed third. This led to a Black Ice first place finish for the night scoring a 2nd in the first race and a 1st in the second race. Hambuglar placed 3rd and 2nd.

In the Wednesday PHRF series, Class A, Kindred Spirit led the fleet of five around the course winning by 6 minutes corrected time. In a very close race for second, Coconuts beat out Restless. Rounding out the fleet, Surprise finished fourth and newcomer Morpheus placed fifth all finishing within a minute of each other.

In Class B there was a course change before the start, confusion, and a breakdown and in the end Kinsail finished first with Fir Na Tine second. Lindisfarne unfortunately didn't see the course changed and received a DNF.

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Thursday June 11, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
 8:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
 8:30 AM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Nancy Putnam
 9:30 AM Mattapoisett Woman's Club Speaker Series - Jack Matthews
 10:00 AM Marion Art Center - The Attorney-In-Fact
 11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
 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 Sippican Historical Society - The Revolutionary Temper
 4:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
 6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
 6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
 7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
 7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
 8:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Understanding Salt Marsh Ecology
 8:30 PM Marion Art Center - Collective Sightings Exhibition
 9:00 PM Tour de Creme
 9:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk
 11:00 PM Classic Movie

Friday June 12, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
 8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
 8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
 9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
 10:00 AM Southcoast Matters
 11:00 AM Marion Art Center - Collective Sightings Exhibition

11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
 1:00 PM Marion Art Center - An Hour with Eleanor
 2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
 3:30 PM The Collective Chat
 3:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
 3:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
 4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Nancy Putnam
 5:00 PM ORR Baseball vs New Bedford
 6:15 PM ORR Softball vs Bishop Stang
 7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 8:30 PM Paltrocst with Darren Paltrowitz
 9:00 PM A Conversation With...
 6:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
 10:00 PM For Your Health
 10:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
 11:30 PM Classic Movies

Saturday June 13, 2026

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
 10:30 AM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
 11:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
 11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
 12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
 2:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 3:00 PM The Collective Chat
 3:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
 4:00 PM Marion Art Center - The Attorney-In-Fact
 6:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Understanding Salt Marsh Ecology
 7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 8:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
 8:30 PM Paltrocst - 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 June 14, 2026

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
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
 1:00 PM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
 1:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
 2:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
 2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
 3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road
 4:00 PM Miss New Bedford
 4:30 PM Marion Art Center - The Attorney-In-Fact
 6:00 PM Old Colony Graduation
 7:00 PM ORR Graduation
 8:30 PM Tabor Academy Commencement
 10:30 PM ORR Promenade
 11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday June 15, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
 8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
 8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US
 9:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
 10:30 AM Miss New Bedford
 11:00 AM For Your Health
 11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
 1:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
 1:30 PM Southcoast Matters
 2:30 PM Modernizing Funding for Public Access
 3:00 PM Paltrocst with Darren Paltrowitz
 3:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 4:30 PM The Human Truth
 5:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band

6:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
 7:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
 7:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Marconi Building
 8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Old Growth Forests of Massachusetts
 9:30 PM The Collective Chat
 10:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
 10:30 PM AMC Outdoor Journey Fund
 11:00 PM Classic Movie

Tuesday June 16, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
 8:00 AM For Your Health
 8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
 9:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
 10:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning
 10:30 AM The Collective Chat
 11:00 AM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
 11:30 AM In the Toy Box
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
 1:00 PM Point Road Park Renaming Ceremony
 1:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
 2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
 2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
 3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
 3:30 PM Two Grannies on the Road
 4:30 PM Teach Your Home Energy Costs!
 6:00 PM Marion Art Center - Unplugged
 8:00 PM The Beacon Hill Report
 8:30 PM Pete on the Street
 9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 10:00 PM Gay USA
 11:00 PM Classic Movie

Wednesday June 17, 2026

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

9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
 10:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
 10:30 AM Paltrocst with Darren Paltrowitz
 11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
 1:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
 1:30 PM Money Matters
 2:00 PM A Conversation With...
 3:00 PM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
 3:30 PM The Mattapoisett Rail Trail
 4:00 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
 4:30 PM Reeling - The Movie Review Show
 5:00 PM Marion Art Center
 5:30 PM Building the Future
 6:00 PM Pete on the Street
 6:30 PM World Fusion Show
 7:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band

MARION GOVERNMENT

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7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
 8:00 AM Marion Planning Board
 10:30 AM Marion Board of Health
 11:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission
 12:00 PM Marion Marine Resources Commission
 1:30 PM Marion School Committee Meeting
 3:00 PM Marion Spring Town Meeting
 6:00 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
 9:30 PM Marion Planning Board

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

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7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
 8:00 AM Old Colony Building

Project Update
 8:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
 10:00 AM Rochester Annual Town Meeting
 1:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
 2:00 PM Rochester Planning Board
 2:30 PM Rochester School Committee
 4:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
 5:00 PM Rochester Annual Town Meeting
 8:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
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 9:30 PM Rochester School Committee
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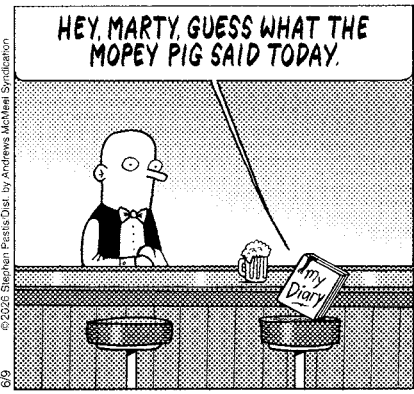
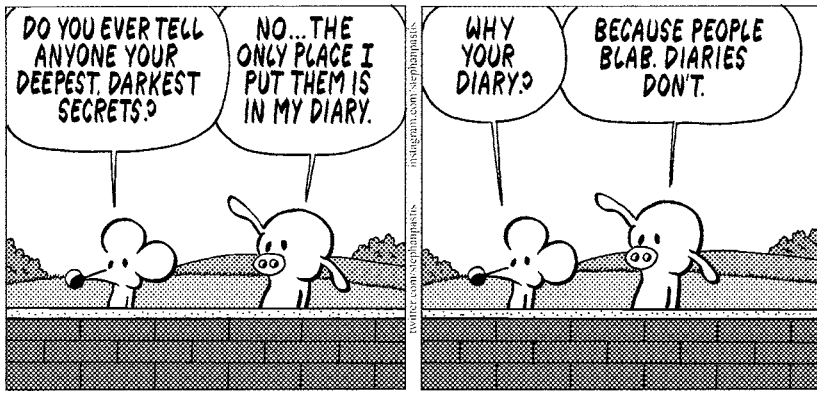
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7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
 7:30 AM ORR School Committee Budget Hearing
 8:30 AM ORR District School Committee
 9:00 AM ORR Homecoming Pep Rally
 10:00 AM ORR Promenade
 11:00 AM ORR Senior Superlatives
 12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
 12:30 PM The Harvard Krokodiloes at ORR
 2:00 PM ORR Girls Lacrosse vs Marshfield
 3:00 PM ORR Baseball vs Joseph Case
 5:00 PM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs Fairhaven
 6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
 6:30 PM ORR Spring Concert
 8:00 PM ORR Theater Class
 9:30 PM ORR Girls Softball vs Wareham
 11:30 PM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs Apponequet

MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



After races on both nights the Clubhouse was full of stories, food and more stories.

The Great Community Picnic

Begin with a summer sunset by the harbor, friends and neighbors, and your own delicious picnic fare. Add great live music by Seth Asser & Gary Brown. Throw in fresh local oysters and a table decorating contest. Result? The Great Community Picnic on Thursday evening, **August 6**, 5:30 to 8:30pm at Munro Preserve adjacent to the town wharf.

Mattapoissett Land Trust and Mattapoissett Museum, the event hosts, will provide tables, chairs, and tablecloths. Bring your own food, utensils & plates. Creatively transform your table with flowers, napkins, etc.

Tables available for 4 (\$160), 6 (\$240), 8 (\$320) or 10 (\$400) diners. A place at the community table costs \$40. Buy a ticket for the community table or buy a table. Space is limited – buy a table while they last. Tickets are available online: www.mattapoissettmuseum.org/event-info/the-2026-great-community-picnic. Ticket sales will end on Monday, July 27 or when we sell out, whichever comes first. Make plans now to join us for this festive memorable evening.

Dexter Elm Rededication

Join the Mattapoissett Land Trust as we begin the town's 250th Birthday celebrations with a special rededication of the historic Dexter Elm on Sunday, **June 14**, Flag Day, at 1:00 pm at Dexter/Tub Mill Park. The event will feature brief remarks from speakers and the unveiling of a new interpretive sign honoring the original Dexter "Witness Tree" that once stood on this site. Light refreshments will be provided.

Parking & Access: Please park at the Highway Department on Mendell Road. From there, cross Mendell Road into the MLT parking lot, enter the park, and walk east toward the spillway. Neighbors are also encouraged to walk to the event.

Mattapoissett Free Public Library

Step into the summer swing at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library, located at 7 Barstow Street.

Looking for a craft community? Weaving Wednesdays will start on **June 17** at 4:00 pm, and all fiber artists are welcome. The Sewing & Maker club will meet on **June 20** at 10:00 am - just bring your own projects & supplies, excluding messy crafts. Find more information on our website.

Join local massage therapist, Steven McIntyre, for an educational workshop on connective tissue, also known as your fascia, on Saturday, **June 20** at 2:00 pm. Learn what fascia is, how it works, how it can hinder your movement and cause pain or tension, and how to keep it healthy.

Celebrate America's 250th year with a Quill &

Ink Program taught by Martha Washington, portrayed by Sandy Spector, on **June 23** at 2:00 pm. Learn about the history of quill & ink writing, and then try it for yourself. Please register on our website to reserve a spot. Continue celebrating America's 250th with Abigail Adams, portrayed by Audrey Stuck-Girard, for a living history program about the Adams family during the revolution. This event will be at the library on **June 24** at 5:30 pm, and no registration is required.

Try out one of our book clubs this summer. The Well-Read Wednesdays Book Group will meet on **June 24** at 6pm to discuss "Eve: How the Female Body Drove 200 Million Years of Human Evolution," by Cat Bohannon. Copies will be available at the library. The MFPL is also launching a new Picnic Book Club Series. Gather on the front lawn of the library on **June 26** at 10am for a literary conversation and light snacks and beverages. Bring a book of your choice and come ready to discuss. Please register on our website to participate.

Professional calligrapher, Debby Reelitz, will host a hands-on program, "Calligraphy that inspired a nation: learn to write like America's founders," on **June 30** at 6:30 pm. Learn about calligraphy, and then try it for yourself. Register on our website to reserve your spot.

Acclaimed author Eric Jay Dolin is speaking at MFPL on **July 1** at 5:30 pm. Eric will discuss his 2022 publication, "Rebels at Sea: Privateering in the American Revolution," followed by a Q&A with attendees. Use the library catalog or call the library directly to place a hold on one of his books. This program is supported by a grant from the Mattapoissett Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

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, or call the library at 508-758-4171.

Mattapoissett Special Election

There will be an Old Colony Special District Election on Saturday, **June 20**. Mattapoissett voters can cast their ballots in person at Old Hammondtown School, 20 Shaw Street. Polls will be open 10 am until 6:00 pm. Absentee ballots are available for this election however there will be no early voting as it is not allowed under Massachusetts General Laws for this type of election. Please call the Town Clerk, Catherine Heuberger with any questions regarding this at 508-758-4100 x 2, or email townclerk@mattapoissett.gov.

Mattapoissett Yacht Club

Spring Round The Bay Results from June 6. This was a staggered start race meaning all the handicap times are calculated at the start of the race. The winner is the first boat to cross the finish line. This year's race, in the Spinnaker Class, 11 seconds was the margin of victory as

Matt Schmit's Hardtack crossed the line ahead of Barry Steinberg in Glory. John Ewing in Migrant finished third.

In the Non Spinnaker Class Charles Churchill in Surprise took honors over Don Ross in Coconuts.

In the new Double Handed Class it was Butch Joy in Kindred Spirits winning over Rob Ryan in Restless. Rounding out the DH Class were Peter Schwebach in Morpheus third and Liz Tapper in Lindisfarne in fourth.

These results will count towards the overall Buzzards Bay Trophy Series.

Annual Sunflower Planting at Dunseith Gardens

Early morning on June 4, Dunseith Gardens came alive with the excited chatter of second-graders as they gathered for the annual planting of sunflower seedlings raised in their classrooms. Four beds of sunflowers were planted under the direction of Mattapoissett Land Trust member Don Cuddy, Center School teachers, and Head of Science Ben Squire.

The program had its early beginnings during COVID, when in 2021, MLT members Ellen Flynn, Wendy Copps, and Mary Cabral and Old Hammondtown teacher Michelle Barry led students in planting seeds in an outdoor tent. Students then raised their seedlings at home.

The current program was started by Don Cuddy in 2023 in solidarity with Ukraine. Mr. Cuddy does

the heavy lifting, digging, and provides compost, while the students plant their seedlings and water them. Each class gets to plant a bed and participate in other parts of the program. Ms. Cabral, a former science teacher, leads each class through an interactive program on the life-cycle of the sunflower from seed to seedling, sprout, adult plant, and finally, wilted plant.

The children then wrap up with a story walk, "Plant Secrets."

The event is sponsored by the Mattapoissett Land Trust in cooperation with Mattapoissett Schools.



Sippican Lands Trust Arthur Scholarship Recipients

Sippican Lands Trust is pleased to announce the 2026 recipients of the Richard I. and Helen A. Arthur Scholarship. This award is given to high school senior(s) or student(s) in their first or second year of college who are Marion residents, with a preference towards students interested in the environment, conservation, or a related field of study.

The scholarship is made available through the Sippican Lands Trust Scholarship Fund. This award was created and named after Richard I. "Dick" (1933-2018) and Helen Adams Arthur (1940-2008), who were beloved residents of Marion and long-time volunteers with the organization. Dick and Helen were deeply committed to preserving Marion's beautiful open spaces.

This year's scholarship recipients are Caroline Houdelette of Old Rochester Regional High School (ORR) and Stella Ingle of Tabor Academy. Both students distinguished themselves through outstanding academic achievement, leadership, and a strong commitment to their communities. Their experiences, interests, and future goals reflect a deep dedication to the sciences and to advancing the wellbeing of those around them.

Caroline's passion for healthcare and environmental health, along with her pursuit of a career in nursing, made her an exceptional candidate. Stella's interest in supporting both human and animal wellbeing, alongside her aspiration to pursue a career in animal medicine, also made her an exceptional candidate. Sippican Lands Trust is proud to support these promising young scholars and is confident that their knowledge, compassion, and determination will lead to meaningful

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OBITUARIES



With profound sadness, the family of **Christine LaPointe** announces her peaceful passing at home in Rochester, Massachusetts, on May 8, 2026, at the age of 57. Surrounded by the love of family and close friends, Christine passed with the same strength, compassion, and selflessness that defined her entire life.

Life and Legacy

Early Life and Education

Christine grew up in Rochester, Massachusetts, where she developed a lifelong love for flowers, plants, animals, and helping others. She graduated from Bristol County Agricultural High School with the Class of 1987 before continuing her education at Stockbridge School of Agriculture, graduating in 1989.

She later attended University of Massachusetts Amherst, where she studied Plant and Soil Sciences with a focus in horticulture, plant health, and greenhouse management, graduating in 1991. Christine possessed an extraordinary knowledge of plants and flowers and was often described as a “human encyclopedia” when it came to gardening and plant care. She also had a remarkable gift for creating beautiful floral arrangements that brought joy to so many. Years later, Christine followed another calling in life by attending the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School LPN Program, proudly graduating in 2015.

Career and Achievements

Christine began working at just 14 years old, picking corn at Cervelli Farm throughout her high school years. She also spent time helping at her family’s business, Corsini Auto Parts in Middleborough, Massachusetts.

After college, Christine worked at Allen C. Haskell Nursery in New Bedford and later at Akinbac Farm in Free-town, Massachusetts, where she further developed her passion and expertise in horticulture.

In the early 2000s, Christine started her own floral business, Christine’s Flowers. She specialized in a wide variety of flowers and arrangements, but she became especially known for her stunning succulent creations and chrysanthemums. Her creativity and natural talent made her work unforgettable to those who received it.

In 2003, Christine embraced the role she treasured most — becoming a mother to twin boys. Her children were the center of her world, and she devoted herself wholeheartedly to giving them love, support, and every opportunity possible.

Christine later became certified as a CNA and worked in various state group homes, where her nurturing and compassionate personality made a lasting impact on those in her care. After earning her LPN license in 2015, she continued caring for others through nursing, providing comfort, kindness, and dignity to countless individuals throughout her career.

Personal Interests and Hobbies

Christine dedicated much of her life to helping others. She consistently placed the needs of family, friends, and those around her before her own, often caring for elderly loved ones and offering support wherever it was needed.

She had a deep love for plants, gardening, and floral design. Whether she was creating arrangements, helping someone improve their garden, or sharing advice about plant care, Christine found joy in making things grow and flourish.

She also loved being a mother and worked tirelessly to ensure her children always had what they needed. No matter how difficult life became, Christine’s love and dedication to her sons never wavered.

Christine adored animals and had dogs throughout her life. As a child, she also loved horses and treasured the time she spent around them.

She enjoyed spending time with family and friends and was always eager to help prepare for gatherings, celebrations, and holidays. Christine also loved crocheting and spent countless hours making handmade gifts and keepsakes for the people she loved.

Family and Relationships

Christine was the beloved daughter of Brian N. LaPointe and the late Jean (Lawrence) LaPointe.

She is survived by her loving father, Brian LaPointe; her cherished sons, James and Andrew Caswell; her sister, Pauline Bonneau; her brother-in-law, Russell Bonneau; her niece, Madeline Bonneau; and her longtime partner, Randy Caswell.

Christine also leaves behind many extended family members, lifelong friends, coworkers, and loved ones who will forever treasure the memories they shared with her.

Closing Tribute

Christine will be deeply missed by everyone fortunate enough to know her. Her kindness, generosity, and nurturing spirit touched countless lives and will never be forgotten.

She spent her life caring for others, often putting their needs ahead of her own until the very end.

And for those lucky enough to receive one of her handmade crocheted gifts or beautiful flower arrangements, those thoughtful creations will remain lasting reminders of the love and care she shared so freely.

Service Information:

A celebration of Christine’s life will be held on:

Sunday, June 14, 2026

12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Arch at the Meadow

334 Mendell Road, Rochester MA 02770

Family and friends are warmly invited to gather in remembrance and celebration of Christine’s life.

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.

contributions in their respective fields.
Congratulations, Caroline and Stella.

Marion Democratic Town Committee Meeting

All Marion Democrats are invited to attend the Marion Democratic Town Committee (MDTC) meeting at 5:30 pm Thursday, **June 18**. This last meeting before a summer break will be held at the home of the chair, Sharon Matzek, 10 Cove Street. The committee will discuss the presentation of awards to ORR students who won prizes for their essays on democracy. We also will talk about our backing progressive campaigns nationally, and whom we plan to support. Upcoming MDTC events are the July 4th parade and a Damien's Food Pantry drive. Light refreshments will be served.

Mattapoisett Scholarship Fund

The Town of Mattapoisett Scholarship Committee recently awarded \$5,000 in scholarships to four local students as they prepare to continue their educational journeys. The recipients are Logan Pinto, who will attend Fitchburg State University; Nina Pierre, who will attend Fairfield University; Grace Custadio, who will attend Brandeis University; and Katherine Thomsen, who will attend Providence College.

Funded entirely through voluntary contributions from Mattapoisett taxpayers, the scholarship program provides financial assistance through two award categories: the Scholarship Fund Award for graduating high school seniors and the Education Fund Award for residents pursuing education through a recognized college, university, vocational school, certification program, or other approved training opportunity.

The committee reported that community support for the program continues to grow. Including this year's awards, nearly \$10,000 has been distributed to local students over the past three years, helping recipients pursue their educational goals.

Contributions may be made at any time through the Mattapoisett Tax Collector's Office. Residents are also reminded that information regarding the Scholarship Fund appears on local excise tax bills, providing an easy opportunity to make an additional voluntary contribution when paying taxes.

The Scholarship Committee extends its congratulations to this year's recipients and thanks the many residents whose generosity has made these scholarships possible. Continued community support will help ensure that future Mattapoisett students and adult learners have access to educational opportunities for years to come.

Marion E-Alerts

The Town of Marion would like to remind residents that they can sign up for email alerts on the town website: marionma.gov.

From the homepage, click on "Subscribe to E-Alerts," create a login and password, and then select "News or Announcement" to receive the main email updates. Important information such as road work, closures, Waste Management collection changes, events, and other town updates are shared through these alerts.

On the same webpage, residents may also subscribe to receive agendas and minutes. For questions, please contact Donna Hemphill at 508-748-3520 or dhemphill@maironma.gov.

Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee Meeting

The Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee is pleased to invite all voters to attend our open discussion meeting on Thursday, **June 18**. The topic is Old Colony Regional Technical School Building Project vote on June 20. The meeting will be held at the Niemad Facility, 57 Fairhaven Road, from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Speakers on both sides of the issue will begin at 6:30 pm. Each speaker will lay out the basic proposal and conduct a Q & A.

Please join us to have your questions answered and concerns addressed before the vote on June 20. Light snacks will be provided. A cash bar will be available.

For more information, please contact: Paul Criscuolo, Co-Chairperson, Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee, Email: PCMattyGOP@proton.me

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

The other day as I was driving down Mary's Pond Rd., I saw a mother goose and her goslings. Later in the day on another road, I saw two swans. This reminded me that I was told swans and geese don't get along, but I have often seen them sitting companionly side by side at Leonard's Pond.

All of this got me thinking about the divides in this country that make it impossible for some of us to converse or even to sit side by side. As alarming as these divisions are, history tells us that they aren't new. In the 18th century Rochester had more taverns than today. As

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MOVIE REVIEW

Literary Pulp

By Rob Gonsalves
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***Is God Is*. Starring Kara Young and Mallori Johnson. Directed by Aleshea Harris. Running time: 100 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now available on streaming home media.**

It's uncommon for a playwright to shape up as a born film director, but that's what happens with Aleshea Harris and her filmmaking debut *Is God Is* (based on her play). The title asks obliquely whether God exists in a world where a man can set fire to his wife while her two little daughters watch. The twin daughters, Racine (Kara Young) and Anaia (Mallori Johnson), were themselves scarred in the incident; they thought their mother (Vivica A. Fox) died in the fire, but she writes to them and, when they come to see her, demands that they kill their father (Sterling K. Brown).

The plot is pulpy, but not only pulpy. *Is God Is* takes the form of a road movie, stopping here and there to show further proof of Black men hurting Black women; Harris does allow a couple of exceptions, such as a tongueless lawyer (Mykelti Williamson) who pays a Domme to come beat him up. There are also a couple of women who enable the father's cruelty. The story shakes out as a *noir* indebted to any number of ancestors, many of which are white (*Wild at Heart*, *Kill Bill*). Harris reclaims the suffering of Black women (and some Black men) from white tropes.

The twins have their own language, unheard by others but displayed as subtitles that look typographically like the language in the print version of the play. They also call their mother God, since she made them, which adds another layer to the title. When the twins come



to answer God's call, she says she's dying, yet another layer. *Is God is?* Maybe not for long. Harris has worked out this pulpy, violent, sometimes ugly narrative to bring out its literary qualities.

Racine has a mean streak, while Anaia, the more scarred of the two, is kinder; she represents hope in the face of brutality. (She got the worst of the flames because she was trying to save her mother.) Young, who has gotten multiple accolades on the stage, and Johnson, who has done a bit of TV, both stand effortlessly next to their older co-stars and keep their characters grounded in relatable feelings (Anaia is said to be "too emotional"). It's too bad the film didn't do well in theatrical release, but now that it's streaming it might have a shot at cult status and its two stars a chance at recognition.

I wouldn't call *Is God Is* "fun" — too much pain runs through it, like an endless river of blood. But it somehow manages to be entertaining, because it has that quest structure going for it as the twins search for their evil father. It's almost a ferocious fairy tale — it reminded me of Matthew Bright's two *Freeway* movies, and if that strikes you as a compliment, I certainly intend it as one. Every character in it is vibrant and complex; even the father has a kind of wounded humanity, because Harris knows that a cardboard villainous figure would cheapen the rest of the movie. Harris has been acclaimed for her writing for the stage; she deserves flowers for this first of, I hope, many works of pure cinema.

the colonies moved slowly towards a split with England, the divisions between those who believed in loyalty to the king and those who questioned his treatment of his colonists in America were reflected in Rochester Center having two taverns in close proximity to each other with one for Tories and one for Rebels/Patriots.

These divisions also began to show up at Town meeting amongst those active in town government. Samuel Sprague, a member of a prominent family who along with Noah and Nathaniel Sprague, held important town offices at various times, had been the town representative to the General Court for several years, but in 1772 he was not re-elected as some suspected him of having Tory sentiments.

This led Town Meeting to vote "if our representatives or any other person in this Town that either has or shall hereafter basely Desert the Cause of Liberty" that they "be treated with that Neglect and Contempt that be justly deserved". Not long after this Rochester formed a "committee of inspection" to call out any who spoke favorably about Tory sentiments.

Again, in 1776, Samuel Sprague was on the hot seat. This time Isaac Snow who was the chairman of the Inspection Committee accused him of being "unfriendly" to the colonies' cause. He was accused of saying "he was not convinced of the justice of the Cause of the Colonies" and he "utterly refused to take up arms in defense of the Common Cause of the Colonies". Sprague never became

an "out-and-out Tory", but he sold his home and moved to Fairhaven.

Another, whom Isaac Snow in his role as chairman accused was Nathaniel Sears. There is no mention of why and the list of Rochester's Revolutionary soldiers shows a Nathaniel Sears. As with all such committees, the judging of others often goes too far. Isaac Snow accused the Rev. Thomas West who was preaching at a religious service in North Rochester of being an "Old Tory". That led to Snow being disciplined by the First Church of Rochester.

However, the committee wasn't disbanded, but Snow was replaced by Earl Clap in 1779 "to take evidence against those that are Enemical to the American States". So maybe opinions on governments always lead to divisions in society and swans and geese are able to get along because they have no concern for politics or maybe it's because they're Canada Geese.

Rochester Congregational Begins Second Major Restoration Project

The First Congregational Church of Rochester has begun a second phase of building restoration focusing on its sanctuary. It follows the successful renovation of the Vestry building last year.

Workers are using the scaffolding currently alongside the sanctuary to install new siding, the first step in a full structure "facelift" aimed at extending the

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TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Photo by Jennifer Shepley



Sea Grass on Pico Beach. Photo by Ruth Griffin



Betsey Oldham, her son Trevor and his daughters enjoying ice cream on a beautiful summer night. Fourth generation enjoying the scenic town of Mattapoisett and the delicious treats. Photo courtesy Betsey Oldham



Blue Heron comes in for a landing at the river and takes premium spot for fishing. Photo by Jennifer Shepley



We had fun at our final spring after-school get together exploring and mapping the many landscape features of Ram Island. Thank you to Dr. Moore for showing us and explaining important aspects of his salt marshes and salt pond and exploring many tidal animals and plants. We found the north, south, east and west poles and were able to locate the osprey nests accordingly. Thank you Dr. Moore for the wonderful trip! Upcoming summer programs, including Coastal Explorations half-day program, may be found on our website: www.marionmuseum.org. Happy Summer. Photos courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold

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

longevity, usefulness, and beauty of the 189-year-old town landmark. This ambitious project will eventually include restoration of the bell tower, windows, front steps, and portico.

The congregation was established in 1703, and has been meeting in the present building since 1837. It is the oldest building on the common and its' Gothic Revival style is cited as "among the most beautiful in the state" by buildingsofnewengland.com.



It's an exciting time for this community church which is looking to provide the town with not only a beautiful backdrop to the town center, but an inspirational and functional center of worship, praise, and study.

While funds have been raised to start the work, additional funds are needed to complete all elements of the restoration. Would you like to help preserve this iconic part of Rochester history? You can make a tax-deductible contribution online at rochestercongregational.com. You can also mail a check to the First Congregational Church of Rochester, P.O. Box 98, Rochester, MA 02770. The church is a 501c3 organization.

The First Congregational Church of Rochester's mission is to "Know Jesus and make him known" and everyone is invited to join our worship gatherings at 10:00 am every Sunday.

Rochester Historical Society June Events

Wednesday, **June 17** at 7:00 pm at the Rochester Historical Society Museum, we will be singing along with Tom and Sheila Perry and then diving into our annual ice cream social.

Saturday, **June 20** at noon, we will join you at the Plumb Library for Women of 76: True Stories of Revolutionary Women. As always, we'll bring refreshments. Make sure to reserve a spot on the Library site.

Mattapoissett Celebrates USA 250

The Mattapoissett Celebrates USA 250 Committee invites you to join the fun. Beginning Thursday July 2 to Saturday July 4.

Thursday **July 2**, Field of Flags at Dunseith Garden - Mattapoissett Woman's Club is sponsoring a Field of Flags to honor our nation's 250th anniversary. The club will be placing 400 flags at The Mattapoissett

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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights May 31 – June 6

- South St – Suspicious MV
- Point Road Boggs – MV stop/citation
- Wilson Rd – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Animal control
- Wareham Rd – Vandalism/past
- Maple Ave – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Village Dr – MV complaint/towed
- West Ave – Health/welfare
- South Dr – Found property
- Point Rd – General service
- Register Rd – General service
- Front St – Noise complaint
- Delano Rd – EMS/medical
- Cottage St – EMS/medical
- Front St – Waterways complaint
- Village Dr – General offense
- Riverview Ln – Suspicious activity
- East Ave – Found property
- Parlowtown Rd – Animal complaint
- Park St – Parking enforcement
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Cranberry Way – EMS/medical
- Front St – Follow up investigation
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Mill St – Paper service
- Abels Way – Suspicious person
- Wareham Rd – MV collision

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights May 31 – June 6

- Pinehurst Ave – Ambulance request
- Water St – Property lost
- Depot St – Parking violation
- Aucoot Rd – Suspicious persons
- Mattapoissett Neck Rd – Medical alarm
- Beacon St – Animal control
- Driscoll Ln – Community service
- Tinkham Ln – General service
- Antassawamock Rd – 911 call
- Acushnet Rd – Medical assist
- Briar Rd – Health/welfare
- Prospect Rd - Soliciting
- Angelica Ave – Animal control
- Pine Island Rd – General service
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Bradt Island Rd – MV crash
- Water St – 911 call
- Pleasant View Ave – Suspicious MV
- Channing Rd – Animal control
- Pearl St – 911 call
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Church St – MV lockout
- Acushnet Rd - Disturbance
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- County Rd - Shoplifting
- County Rd – MV crash
- Brandt Island Rd – General service
- Hammond St – General service
- Depot St – 911 call

ROCHESTER

Log highlights May 31 – June 6

- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity
- Stevens Rd - Vandalism
- North Ave – Traffic control
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- Braley Hill Rd – Assist other agency
- High St – Road hazard
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity
- Holmstead Ct – General services
- Rounseville Rd – 911 call
- Benson Rd – General services
- North Ave – Suspicious activity
- Rounseville Rd - Threats
- Snipatuit Rd – General services
- Old Tuck Bog Rd – Suspicious activity
- Snipatuit Rd – Animal control
- Rounseville Rd – Follow up
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Marys Pond Rd – Medical alarm
- County Rd – MV collision
- Marion Rd – General services
- Stuart Rd – Lost animal
- New Bedford Rd – MV collision
- Quaker Ln - Threats
- Cranberry Hwy – Noise complaint
- New Bedford Rd – MV collision
- Negus Way – Suspicious activity
- Marion Rd – Well-being check
- Forbes Rd – Animal control
- North Ave – Animal control

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



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, June 15: Pork w/mustard wine sauce, butternut squash, green peas, wheat roll, pear

Tuesday, June 16: Meatloaf w/gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, carrots, wholegrain cornbread, orange

Wednesday, June 17: Salmon w/dill sauce, white rice, green beans & peppers, wheat bread, vanilla pudding, diet: fruit

Thursday, June 18: Homemade crispy chicken, black-eyed peas, collards & corn, cornbread loaf, poundcake w/berries

Friday, June 19: No meals served - Juneteenth

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, June 15: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries, lettuce & tomato

Tuesday, June 16: Chef's Choice: ham & cheese sandwich (OR) turkey & cheese sandwich lunch (OR) chicken salad roll, assorted fresh fruit, assorted fresh vegetables

Wednesday, June 17: Chef's Choice: ham & cheese sandwich (OR) turkey & cheese sandwich lunch (OR) chicken salad roll, assorted fresh fruit, assorted fresh vegetables

Thursday, June 18: Chef's Choice: ham & cheese sandwich (OR) turkey & cheese

sandwich lunch (OR) chicken salad roll, assorted fresh fruit, assorted fresh vegetables
Friday, June 19: No school - Juneteenth

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, June 15: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries, lettuce & tomato

Tuesday, June 16: Chef's Choice: ham & cheese sandwich (OR) turkey & cheese sandwich lunch (OR) chicken salad roll, assorted fresh fruit, assorted fresh vegetables

Wednesday, June 17: Chef's Choice: ham & cheese sandwich (OR) turkey & cheese sandwich lunch (OR) chicken salad roll, assorted fresh fruit, assorted fresh vegetables

Thursday, June 18: Chef's Choice: ham & cheese sandwich (OR) turkey & cheese sandwich lunch (OR) chicken salad roll, assorted fresh fruit, assorted fresh vegetables

Friday, June 19: No school - Juneteenth

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, June 15: Chef's Choice: cheese pizza (OR) stuffed crust pizza (OR) pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing
Tuesday, June 16: Chef's Choice: ham & cheese sandwich (OR) turkey & cheese sandwich lunch (OR) Italian sub, assorted

fresh fruit, assorted fresh vegetables

Wednesday, June 17: Chef's Choice: ham & cheese sandwich (OR) turkey & cheese sandwich lunch (OR) Italian sub, assorted fresh fruit, assorted fresh vegetables

Thursday, June 18: Chef's Choice: ham & cheese sandwich (OR) turkey & cheese sandwich lunch (OR) Italian sub, assorted fresh fruit, assorted fresh vegetables

Friday, June 19: No school - Juneteenth

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, June 15: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries, lettuce & tomato

Tuesday, June 16: Chef's Choice: ham & cheese sandwich (OR) turkey & cheese sandwich lunch (OR) chicken salad roll, assorted fresh fruit, assorted fresh vegetables

Wednesday, June 17: Chef's Choice: ham & cheese sandwich (OR) turkey & cheese sandwich lunch (OR) chicken salad roll, assorted fresh fruit, assorted fresh vegetables

Thursday, June 18: Chef's Choice: ham & cheese sandwich (OR) turkey & cheese sandwich lunch (OR) chicken salad roll, assorted fresh fruit, assorted fresh vegetables

Friday, June 19: No school - Juneteenth

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, June 15: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries, lettuce & tomato

Tuesday, June 16: Chef's Choice: ham & cheese sandwich (OR) turkey & cheese sandwich lunch (OR) chicken salad roll, assorted fresh fruit, assorted fresh vegetables

Wednesday, June 17: Chef's Choice: ham & cheese sandwich (OR) turkey & cheese sandwich lunch (OR) chicken salad roll, assorted fresh fruit, assorted fresh vegetables

Thursday, June 18: Chef's Choice: ham & cheese sandwich (OR) turkey & cheese sandwich lunch (OR) chicken salad roll, assorted fresh fruit, assorted fresh vegetables

Friday, June 19: No school - Juneteenth

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, June 15: Gyro chicken in a pita bread & Greek fries

Tuesday, June 16: Assorted lunches

Wednesday, June 17: Ham & cheese sub or Italian club

Thursday, June 18: Chicken patty & fries

Friday, June 19: No school

Land Trust Dunseith Gardens on July 2 and 3. They along with the 250th Committee invite Mattapoissett residents to request a ribbon to be attached to a flag in honor of someone special- a veteran or simply a loved one you wish to honor. The flags will remain for the week of July 4. You can request a ribbon by emailing the Woman's Club at President@mattapoissettwomansclub.org We hope these hundreds of flags will stand as a moving symbol of unity, gratitude and pride. The last day to request a ribbon is June 25.

Friday **July 3** beginning at 4:30 pm, Community Picnic at Ned's Point - Families should bring their own favorite picnic suppers. There will be games and activities for children and their families. At 5:30 pm we will stop for a brief welcoming ceremony with Brianna Lynch singing God Bless America. At 7:00 pm David Dunn will present musical entertainment and a patriotic singalong. The purchase of ice cream and beverages will be available. We will celebrate until the lighthouse comes on.

Saturday **July 4**, Happy Birthday America - Beginning at 1:00 pm there will be bus tours leaving from Center School and touring the original center of Mattapoissett. The Mattapoissett Historical Museum will be guide, who will share interesting stories and point out landmarks and places of interest from the early 1700's, some of which are still standing. Each tour will be approximately 30 - 40 minutes.

The museum will be open to the public sharing their considerable collection of Mattapoissett life, some of which predates the establishment of the United States of America.

Mattapoissett Firefighters' Memories - Before the onset of internet communications Mattapoissett was blessed with citizens who responded to emergency calls for help in the event of fires and other serious unexpected situations. They were willing to leave families, jobs and anything else to protect the citizens of this town and local communities that needed extra help. Beginning at 2:00 pm in the tent on the corner of Church and Baptist St. there will be a gathering of some of those dedicated to the safety of this town without access to so many of the advanced equipment available to our Fire Department today. A panel discussion with several retired call firefighters who served our community prior to the introduction of computerized emergency notification systems. An exhibition featuring antique and obsolete firefighting equipment will be available. Afternoon events will finish between 4:00 pm and 4:30 pm.

Intergenerational family line dancing on the wharf -Beginning at 6:30 pm, Bootin An Scootin with Sarah T. will lead us in country line dancing and trivia question entertainment under the night sky.

Summer Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

Plant a Seed and Read at the Elizabeth Taber Library this summer. From storytime and outdoor concerts to author visits and programs from the

Massachusetts Horticultural Society, there's something for everyone. Visit elizabethtaberlibrary.org/events to find a full list of programming. You can also stop by the Library to pick up a list of children's programs.

Kids of all ages and their caregivers are invited to join us for our Summer Kickoff event between 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm on Monday, **June 22**. You'll be able to sign up for summer reading, enjoy a sweet treat, and participate in activities from the Library and the Marion Art Center.

Kids and adults can enjoy conversations with local authors this month. On Tuesday, **June 23** at 6:00 pm, Dianne Hunt Smith will discuss her new book *Whisper in the Waves*. The Library will have limited copies of *Whisper in the Waves* available for purchase. On Tuesday, **June 30** at 6:00 pm, kids and their caregivers can listen to Kendal Heldt read her book *Queen of the Rocks*, based on Marion's Planting Island Causeway, and make their very own sea glass craft.

Regularly scheduled early childhood programs will resume the week of **June 22**. This includes Lapsit Storytime on Mondays at 10:00 am, Outdoor Family Storytime on Wednesdays at 10:30 am, and our popular messy art program, *Messy Morning* on Thursdays at 10:30 am. *Messy morning* will be open to kids up to age 9 this summer.

On Wednesday, **June 24** at 1:00 pm we'll be hosting our first special summer reading program of the summer - a walk through Butterfly Exhibit. Kids and their caregivers will be able to get up close and personal with butterflies in various stages of their life cycles and learn about their importance to our environment. This is a drop-in program and does not require registration.

Buzzards Bay Area Habitat For Humanity Celebrates 30 Years

At June 4th event at the Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Gardens, Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity (BBAHFH) celebrated the nonprofit's 30th anniversary. During the event, longtime Executive Director Christine Lacourse said, "When the members of Saint Gabriel's Church in Marion met all those years ago, they saw a need to help low-income families with housing. Who knew that thirty years later, the nonprofit they started would still be going strong! What a difference our local Habitat for Humanity affiliate has made in the region for the families we have served, including the 25 children who have lived in the homes our community built. We are so thankful for our volunteers and supporters who were instrumental in making this all happen!"

BBAHFH has identified New Bedford as the location of its next three home builds. In May 2025, BBAHFH purchased property in New Bedford and has been working with the City on the permitting approval process. Work on the site of the affiliate's 14th home is anticipated to begin in the early Fall of 2026. The other two home builds will follow consecutively.

Super Crossword PUZZLING PERJURY

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ACROSS

- 1 Illuminated like quaint old streets
- 7 "Taxi" mechanic Gravas
- 12 Shut noisily
- 16 "If u ask me ..."
- 19 Full of mischief
- 20 Dam on the Nile
- 21 Very angry
- 23 What you may feel after doing something very bad
- 25 In a messy way
- 26 Be worthy of
- 27 Feudal sovereign
- 29 Big name in car rental
- 30 Bad-mouth
- 31 Currency in 60-Down
- 32 Hosp. zones
- 33 James of "Gunsmoke"
- 35 Sly plan
- 38 Somewhat
- 42 Shed for watercrafts
- 44 In — terms (not using technical jargon)

- 46 "Fernando" group
- 48 Ballet bend
- 49 Settle the bill
- 50 Bi- x four
- 51 Top 40 DJ Casey
- 53 "My life — open book"
- 55 Clothing supporter
- 59 Smidgens
- 61 Wild West's Wyatt
- 65 North of Iran-Contra
- 66 Decks in a boxing ring
- 67 Mediocre
- 68 Loan shark
- 70 New York Giants legend
- 72 Certain cereal bran
- 74 In a macabre manner
- 75 Down East dweller
- 76 "Night" writer Wiesel
- 77 PE place
- 79 Allayed
- 80 Wintour of fashion
- 81 Thus far
- 83 Major leaguer, e.g.
- 85 Endure
- 87 Fossil rock
- 89 Debt security

- 90 Biceps locale
- 93 Spiced tea
- 95 Dueling tool
- 96 Close enough to touch
- 100 People tending butting
- 103 Hunger sign
- 105 Et — (and others)
- 106 Banked (on)
- 107 Diner bill
- 109 Gallery stuff
- 111 Get decayed
- 112 Terse confession
- 113 "Hold on just a minute!"
- 117 Planted "pet"
- 119 Nutty holiday dessert
- 122 Commit
- 125 Unsticks, as a sticker
- 126 Fifth wheel?
- 127 Caron of "Lilil"
- 128 Letters before esses
- 129 Doing the job
- 130 1941 Oscar winner Mary
- 131 Park board

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- 1 They may be AWOL
- 2 Old Glory's home
- 3 Very eye-catching
- 4 Pick-me-up
- 5 Atoll part
- 6 E'en if
- 7 Señora, say
- 8 Court great Arthur
- 9 Little branch
- 10 "Citizen" of film
- 11 Trig measure
- 12 Cousin of a custard apple
- 13 "Casablanca" character Ilsa
- 14 ABA mem.
- 15 Med. scan
- 16 "Uncle!"
- 17 Actress McCarthy
- 18 Homeric epic
- 22 "A Bell for —" (1944 novel)
- 24 Hoppy brew
- 28 Sky sphere
- 30 Broadband inits.
- 31 Gossipy sort
- 33 Up for debate
- 34 Emu's cousin
- 36 Full of feeling

- 37 Bush knife
- 39 Fundraisers with food
- 40 Bridge beam
- 41 "Wipeout" channel
- 43 Et — (and others)
- 45 Descended
- 47 Vowel string
- 52 Color of a forest "carpet"
- 54 Computer system modeled on the human brain
- 55 Punctuation causing pausing
- 56 Fake fat brand
- 57 Wagering everything
- 58 Viscid
- 60 Japan's capital
- 62 Come about
- 63 Find new tenants for
- 64 Marvel superhero Kitty —
- 67 That gal
- 69 "Listen, pall!"
- 71 Throw away
- 73 Donate 10%
- 78 African land

- 82 Galaxy unit
- 83 Supplication
- 84 Hint of color
- 86 Dull hurt
- 88 Tablet extra
- 90 Great-grandfather of Nero
- 91 Certain stag or doe
- 92 Intentions to do evil
- 94 Phishing crime
- 97 TV antennas
- 98 Zagreb locale
- 99 Fedora or fez
- 101 — wave
- 102 — Paulo
- 104 Accumulate
- 108 Raft wood
- 110 Ruby-hued
- 113 Hotel room service, often
- 114 Helpful hints
- 115 Oven output
- 116 Irish money
- 117 Ontario tribe
- 118 Nylons, e.g.
- 120 Intel org.
- 121 Chili holder
- 123 Urban trains
- 124 Whack down

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Operating under a full head of self-esteem makes you want to tackle a matter that you had shied away from. OK, but be sure to arm yourself with facts before you make a move.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A smart move you recently made caught the attention of a lot of people, including some with financial deals to offer. Use your Taurean wariness to check them out thoroughly.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Shyness might keep you from asking for more information on a potentially important matter. But your curiosity grows stronger by midweek and gives you the impetus for data-gathering.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Taking on too many tasks may not be the wise thing to do at this time. You might overspend both your physical and emotional energy reserves and have to miss out on some upcoming events.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Try to keep your spending at an affordable level. Splurging now -- especially on credit -- could create a problem if your finances are too low for you to take advantage of a possible opportunity.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might not approve of a colleague's behavior over much of the week. But don't play the judgmental VIRGO card here. As always, check the facts before you assume the worst.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Coping with an old issue that has suddenly reemerged could take a big toll on your emotional energies. Decide whether you really want to pursue the possibilities here.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) For all your skill in keeping your secrets safe, you could be unwittingly letting one slip out by the way you're behaving in a new relationship. Are congratulations soon to be in order?

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Good old-fashioned horse sense could help you get around people who unknowingly or deliberately put obstacles in your way. Ignore the confusion and follow your own lead.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A puzzling attitude change from friendly to chilly in a colleague might stem from a long-hidden resentment that suddenly bubbled up. An open and honest talk should resolve the problem.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This week, many ever-generous Aquarians might find themselves feeling an acquisitive urge. If so, indulge it. You've earned the right to treat yourself to wonderful things.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Expect to get a lot of advice on how to go about implementing your plans. But once you've sorted it all out, you'll probably find that, once again, your way will be the best way.

BORN THIS WEEK: You enjoy the quiet times of your life, but when you're in the mood, you can throw a party that everyone will want to attend.

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According to Josh Amaral, Director of Housing and Community Development in New Bedford, "For the last three years, we have been on a mission to develop houses in response to the housing shortage that has driven up rent and driven up home prices. As a core part of that strategy, we believe in the power of home ownership, building equity and having a place for raising your family, owning your little corner of the world and the positive benefits that it has for a whole neighborhood. You can drive down any street in New Bedford and pick out the houses that are owner-occupied. They are better taken care of and often have meticulous landscaped.

We are very excited that Habitat is building its first house in New Bedford, first of three houses in New Bedford. It is an anchor in that neighborhood, a developing neighborhood. It's in an area that sorely needed more ownership and a high-quality design to uplift the whole area. It's close to a train station; better transport options, and other complementary developments in the area. That is going to be a really great place to live. We are so glad that Habitat is partnering with us and I can't wait to be at the ribbon cutting!"

According to Lacourse. "We will be starting the application process soon for those families interested in applying for a home. We are looking for low-income families who have the ability to pay a monthly mortgage estimated to be around \$1,200 to \$1,500 and can invest 300 hours of sweat equity into building their new home.



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Preference will be given to families that can fill all three bedrooms, with second preference to those that can fill two bedrooms. Interested families may visit www.BuzzardsBayHabitat.org/Homeownership for more information on how to qualify and apply for a Habitat home."

Concurrently with the New Bedford home builds, BBAHFH will continue to provide metal wheelchair ramp installations. Since 2024, BBAHFH has loaned 53 ramps out to families in need of accessibility to their homes and worked with another 10 families on critical home repair projects. "Helping someone stay independent and safe in their home is very important, especially as so many of the recipients are elderly or disabled," added Lacourse.

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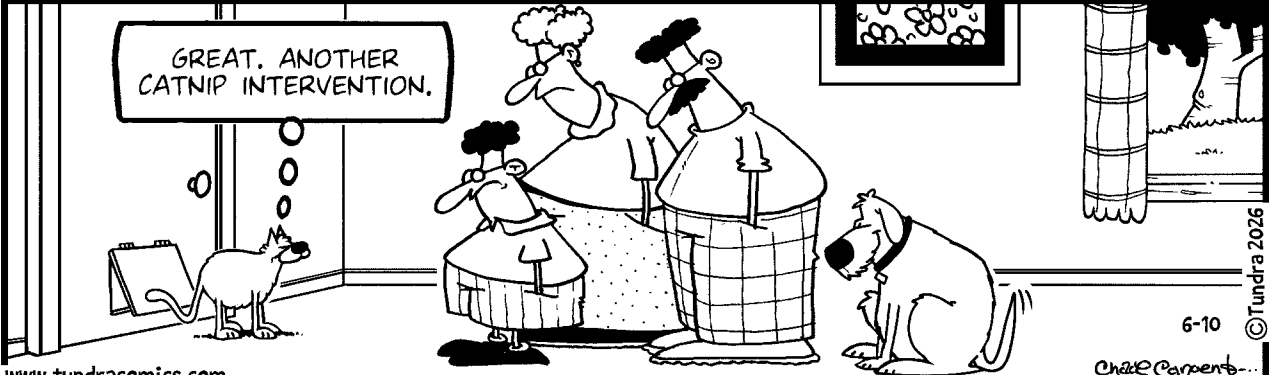


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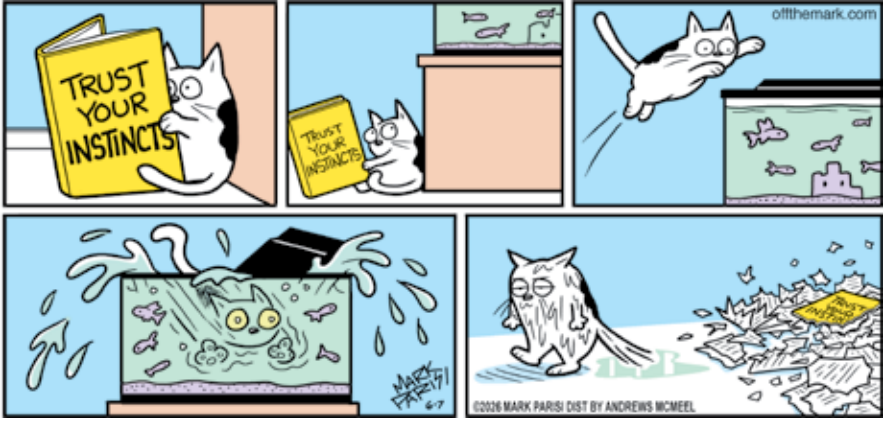
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Over the past year, BBAHFH has collaborated with several other organizations and nonprofits in the South Coast including the local Councils on Aging, Veteran Service Officers, Coastal Neighbors Network, Westport Disability Commission, Association for the Relief of Aged Women (ARAW), Coastlines for the Elderly, SouthCoast Health, and a number of churches. BBAHFH has also worked on BWK projects with a number of local businesses including Travelers, BayCoast Bank, Thrivent, and Eastern Bank.

Volunteers are the key to BBAHFH's ability to provide these programs to the community. All land, material, and monetary donations to Habitat are tax-deductible. For more information on how to donate or volunteer, visit www.BuzzardsBayHabitat.org, email BuzzardsBayHabitat@yahoo.com, or call 508-758-4517.


Ned's Point Lighthouse Tours

Ned's Point Lighthouse is soon opening for the summer season, with tours from June through October. First tour of the season will be on Saturday, **June 20**, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. July tours will be held on the first from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm and July 11 and July 18 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm noon. August 1 from 8:00 pm to 12:00 pm noon, and August 5, August 12, and August 26 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Tours will run from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm on September 2 and from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on September 19. The final day will be October 1 from 2:00 pm to 6:00



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<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER SELECTBOARD NOTICE OF CABLE TELEVISION PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>Please take notice that the Select Board of the Town of Rochester, Massachusetts, as Issuing Authority for a cable television license under M.G.L. c.166A, will hold a public hearing on June 22nd, 2026, at 6:05 pm. The public hearing will be held in the conference room at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770. The purpose of the public hearing will be to determine whether to issue cable television licenses to Comcast and Verizon. All applications, reports, statements and license drafts to be considered at the hearing that constitute public records under state law are available for public inspection during regular business hours and for reproduction at a reasonable fee. Members of the public are invited to attend and be heard on the topic: (a) whether the current cable operators are in full compliance with their currently existing cable licenses; and (b) what are the Town's future community cable-related needs. 6/4, 6/11</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings are held at the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference Room, 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted). The start time is 6 pm.</p> <p>The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, June 18, 2026.</p> <p>CASE #1592 - Petition of Marcus Baptiste Charlotte Oliveira 2007 Revocable Trust 261 Perron Ave, Somerset, MA. 02726.</p> <p>Re: 17 Shore View Ave, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The property is further described as Plot 12.0, Lot 41.0 on the Assessor's Map. The lot is in the Zoning District W30. It is recorded in the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book 53317, Page 270. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit as provided in Section 6.2.2 of the By-Law and in Section 7.2.2. to build a single-family home in contradiction to the current setback requirement of the W30 zoning district.</p> <p>CASE #1593 – Petition of Deborah Romanowicz</p> <p>RE: 2 Collins Way, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The property is further described as Plot 11.0, Lot 133C on the Assessor's Map. The lot is in Zoning District RR30. It is recorded in the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book 10292, Page 0314. The applicant is seeking a variance under Article 7 of the By-Law, as set forth in Section 7.2.2, to build a first-floor bedroom.</p> <p>Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours.</p> <p>Sincerely, Susan Akin, Chair Tony Tranfaglia, Colby Rottler, Jordan Rodrigues 6/4, 6/11</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING</p> <p>A public meeting of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday,</p>	<p>June 16, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability filed for the Massachusetts Coastal Railroad right-of-way in Rochester, MA. The applicant wishes to renew the wetlands delineation for a Vegetation Management Plan. The applicant is represented by Thomas Lewis of TEC Associates, South Portland, Maine.</p> <p>This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetlands Protection By-Law.</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting Call the Conservation Office at 508 763-5421 ext. 207 for Zoom information. Christopher Gerrior, Chairperson 6/11</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 22, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Notice of Intent submitted by Buzzards Bay Coalition (Attn: Evelyn Mortimer) 114 Front Street, New Bedford, MA 02740. The proposed project is to restore the natural flow and floodplain dynamics of the historic Wolf Island Bogs through the removal of a non-jurisdictional dam along the Mattapoisett River. Bog cells will be restored to create a tiered floodplain storage, mimicking wetland conditions seen in existing floodplain wetlands along the river. The project is located at 7 Wolf Island Road (41.704665, -70.843812, and is further identified as Lot 1.0 on Assessor Map 20.0.</p> <p>**Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 6/11</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING</p> <p>A public meeting of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Notice of Intent filed by Evelyn Mortimer, Buzzards Bay Coalition, for property located at 0 Wolf Island Road, Map 3, Lots 0007; 0007A; 0006. The applicant proposes an Ecological Restoration Project on approximately 7 acres of formerly retired cranberry bogs.</p> <p>The applicant's representative is Michael Soares, Fuss & O'Neill, 1550 Main Street, Suite 400, Springfield, MA 01103.</p> <p>This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetlands Protection By-Law.</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84802653693 Christopher Gerrior, Chairperson 6/11</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>Application for Transfer of All Alcohol, Off-Premises License</p> <p>Felder Farms LLC, d/b/a Marion General Store</p> <p>The Marion Select Board, acting as licensing authority, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 30, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the Marion Police Department Conference Room, 550 Mill</p>	<p>Street, Marion, on the application of the Felder Farms LLC, d/b/a Marion General Store, for the transfer of an all-alcohol off premises license from Marion General Store, Inc., 140 Front Street. John W. Hoagland, Chair 6/11, 6/18</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 22, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Town of Mattapoisett, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to reconstruct the employee parking lot on the south side of the police station. The project is located at 64 County Road and is further identified as Lot 77 on Assessor Map 9.</p> <p>**Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 6/11</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 22, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Request for an Amended Order of Conditions submitted by EMM Realty Trust.</p> <p>The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information.</p> <p>The Applicant proposes to perform additional site mitigation / improvements.</p> <p>The proposed work will be performed within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zones AE (El. 15) and VE (El. 16), a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and on a Coastal Bank per DEP Policy 92-1.</p> <p>The property is located on 84 Angelica Avenue and is further identified as Lots #3, #56 & #57 on Assessors Map #1. 6/11</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 7:05 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by James A. Arne, for sewer and water mains and connections at 340 Converse Road.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 20 on Marion Assessors' Map 15. Plans are available at the Town House Annex for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair *Please contact Jenna Riewer at jriewer@marion-ma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 6/11</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 24,</p>

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pm.

All tour dates are subject to change according to the weather or at the discretion of the light keeper. No flip flops or loose clothing are allowed, and children under 13 must be at least 48 inches tall and accompanied by an adult. No food or drinks allowed in the lighthouse.

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Annual Marion Town Party

Save the Date. The Annual Marion Town Party returns on Saturday, **July 25**, (rain date: Sunday, July 26) on the grounds of Silvershell Beach on Front Street. This community celebration supports the Marion Cultural Council and the Marion Firefighters Association.

Festivities kick off at 4:00 pm with plenty to enjoy: delicious food and beverages for purchase, free children's activities (including a climbing rock wall), live music from Marion's own Flashback, and lots more fun for all ages.

We're looking for sponsors and volunteers to help make this event a success.

For questions or to get involved, please contact Donna Hemphill at 508-748-3520 or dhemphill@marionma.gov.

Mattapoisett Museum

Please join the Mattapoisett Museum at 5 Church Street on **June 13** at 6:00 pm for the amazing music of The Hot Club Cheese Roll. Founded by guitarist Jason Smith in 2016 and inspired by the music of Django Reinhardt and Stephan Grappelli of The Hot Club of France, they will perform a mix of music of jazz standards as well as more contemporary hits interpreted in the gypsy jazz/hot club style.

Entrance to hear The Hot Club Cheese Roll costs \$18 to Mattapoisett Museum's members; non-members' entrance fee is \$20.

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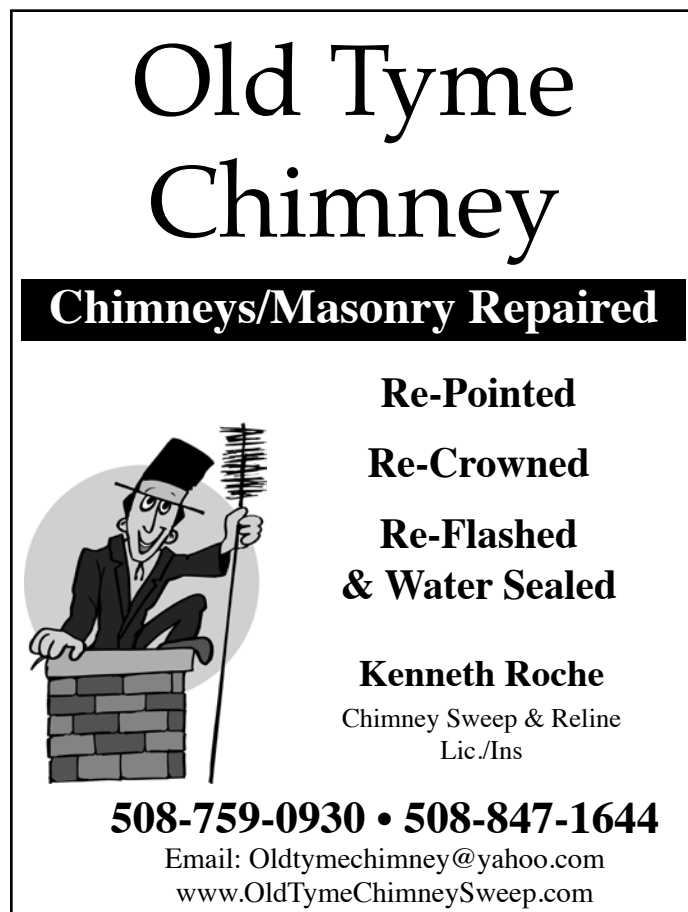
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MAC Theater Presents Our Town

Our Town, the Thornton Wilder play, is opening at the MAC on June 12. Directed by Pippa Asker, the play is an exploration of everyday life, love and loss in the fictional New England town of Grover's Corners. Told through the eyes of the omniscient Stage Manager, the play follows the daily routines of two neighboring families, the Gibbsses and the Webbs - as their children, George and Emily, grow up, fall in love and confront the passage of time. With minimal scenery and a focus on language and imagination, Our Town invites audiences to notice the beauty in ordinary moments - shared meals, childhood friendships, and small-town rituals - and to reflect on what it truly means to be alive. Simple in form but profound in impact, the play remains one of the most beloved works in American theater.

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2026, at 7:10 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by Robert & Elizabeth Allen for a single-family home demolition & reconstruction project at 10 Doran Way.

The site is further identified as Lot 154 on Marion Assessors' Map 5A. Plans are available at the Town House Annex for review.
Matthew Shultz, Chair

*Please contact Jenna Riewer at jriewer@marion-ma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 6/11

**TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 7:20 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Erica N. Larner (MASSDOT), for milling and resurfacing the mainline ramps on East-Bound and West-Bound corridors, as well as cleaning, repairing, and minor adjustments to existing drainage structures, spot-repair of guardrails and blocks, and selective tree-thinning and clearing at Interstate 195, Right of Way.

Matthew Shultz, Chair
*Please contact Jenna Riewer at jriewer@marion-ma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 6/11

**TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 22, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Erica Larner, Massachusetts Department of Transportation – Highway Division, 10 Park Plaza, Room 7360, Boston, MA 02116. The proposed project is to resurface I-195 and associated ramps and perform maintenance to guardrails and vegetation within the highway Right of Way. The project is located at the Interstate 195 Right of Way in Mattapoisett, Marion, and Wareham, and is further

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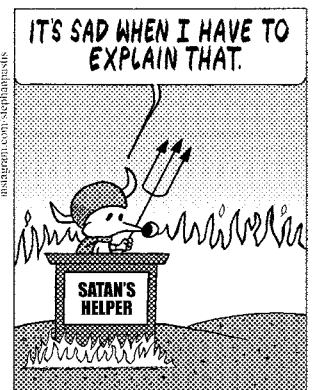
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The show runs on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays **June 12 through June 28** at the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater at 80 Pleasant St. Marion. Friday and Saturday curtain is at 7:00 pm and Sunday matinee is at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$23 for MAC members and \$28 for nonmembers and can be purchased at marionartcenter.org/events.

Sippican Historical Society Community Service Award

The Sippican Historical Society will honor Bob Raymond with its 2026 Community Service Award at their Annual Meeting on **June 18**.

"Marion is lucky to have Bob's architectural experience. His expertise was instrumental in helping with the planning for the renovation of the Town House," said Frank McNamee, curator of the Sippican Historical Society.

For more than eight years, Bob contributed to the Marion Town House Feasibility Committee. After residents chose not to build a new administrative building Town House in 2018, work began to create a phased project that focused on the exterior, mechanical systems, accessibility and safety upgrades.

The building originally served as Tabor Academy's first academic building in 1876. It is the third administrative building Marion has had since becoming a Town in 1852. The first, located near Old Wharf, burnt down in 1881. Elizabeth Taber paid for its reconstruction. In the 1930's, the Town and Tabor swapped property. The building at 2 Spring Street will complete final upgrades

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Although Bob Raymond grew up in Eastern Massachusetts, his work as an architect specializing in health care facilities has taken him to the South Pacific, the Middle East and Africa. When he and his wife searched for a home port in 1996, the demographics, strong public schools and sailing made Marion home. Currently, his architectural practice is working on a psychiatric hospital in Cameroon and a children's hospital in Rwanda.

On June 18, at 6:30 pm in the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street, the Board of the Sippican Historical Society will recognize Bob's work. A tree will be planted in his honor at the Town House. Join the Board and members of the Sippican Historical Society to thank Bob for his commitment and for his expertise shared with Marion.

Tri-County Symphonic Band

On Sunday, **June 14**, the Tri-County Symphonic Band, directed by Philip Sanborn, will be under the Grand Tent at Tabor Academy for its Annual Pops Concert to benefit the John R. Pandolfi Music Scholarship Fund. This year's concert will be a festive celebration of Flag Day and 250 years of independence. The music will be a patriotic parade of classic American tributes to the flag and our country. The concert begins with John Williams' "Liberty Fanfare" and is followed by "A Jefferson Portrait," "American Civil War Fantasy," "Variations on America,"

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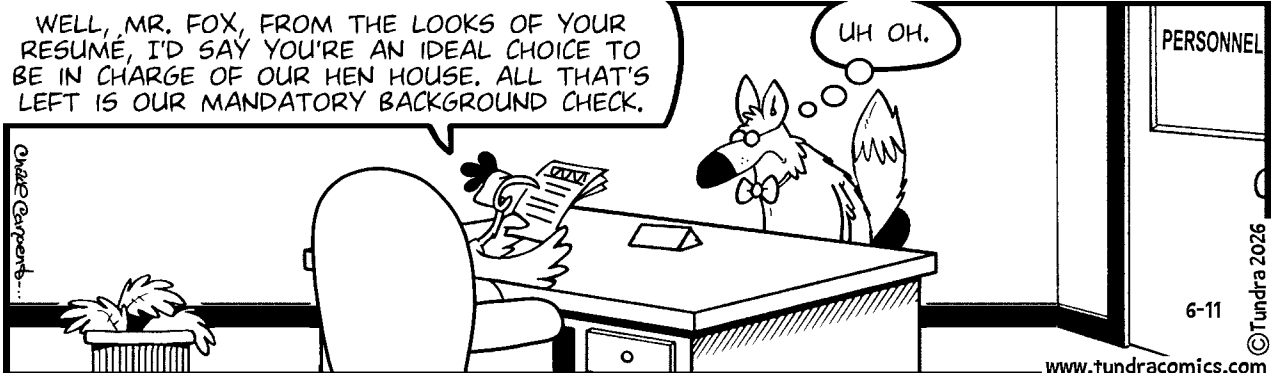
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Tickets are \$40 in advance and can be purchased at the Symphony Music Shop in North Dartmouth, Mimi’s of Marion or online at www.tricountysymphonicband.org/ Tickets can be purchased at the door on the day of the event for \$50 each.

Friends of the Mattapoissett Library Summer Book Sale

The Friends of the Mattapoissett Library invite book lovers of all ages to their upcoming Harbor Days Book Sale on Friday, **July 17** and Saturday **July 18**, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Library Community Room at 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoissett. This event is a great opportunity to find gently used books at affordable prices while supporting the library’s valuable programs and activities.

In preparation for the sale, the Friends of the Mattapoissett Library will also be accepting book donations on Wednesday, July 15 through Thursday, July 16, from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Community members are encouraged to donate gently used books to help make the event a success. In addition we will be accepting Jewelry donations for our December Jewelry Sale. Jewelry donations can be dropped off any time at the Front Desk.

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

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

World-wide Knit in Public Day

World-wide Knit in Public Day is Saturday, **June 13**. Join fellow knitters from 12:00 pm noon to 2:00 pm on the Mattapoissett Museum lawn, 5 Church Street, Mattapoissett.

Bring lunch, beverage, a lawn chair, and your fiber work. Dessert will be provided. All fiber crafts are welcome. If you have any questions, email Gail Roberts at peggsmom@gmail.com. In case of rain, this program will be canceled.

Rochester Historical Society Events

As in May we have two June events. The first will be our annual ice cream social with music by Tom and Sheila Perry. This has become a bit of a moveable feast. Because of July’s heat, we moved it to May 2025,

but 45- degree temps made for a smaller than normal turnout. Therefore, this year it will be our June meeting on Wednesday, **June 17** at 7:00 pm at the Historical Museum at 355 County Rd.

The second event will be on Saturday, **June 20** at 12:00 pm noon at the Plumb Library. This will be Women Of 76: True Stories of Revolutionary Women. Check the Library website as registration will probably be required. Thanks to the Library with letting us partner with them for this presentation.

Also, thanks for all who helped us with a successful Red, White and Blue Bake Sale. We wouldn’t be able to fund the Historical Society without your help.

Nature Drawing and Journaling Workshop

The Marion Natural History Museum’s community group will be learning a little about Botany & Landscapes during our Nature Drawing and Journaling workshop on Saturday, **June 13** from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. We will learn a little about botany, the science of plants, as well as and how to draw a landscape. Tricia Cassady, Wetland Scientist and Artist of The Art & Nature Studio, will introduce you to some introductory botany terms and identification techniques as well as how to draw a landscape using a view finder. No experience necessary.

You can bring whatever materials you would like to work with such as graphite pencils, pens, colored pencils, markers, watercolors and don’t forget a sketchbook. We will be outdoors so please dress appropriately and bring a hat, water, bug spray, sunscreen, a small chair, stool or blanket to sit on. To register please go to www.marionmuseum.org.

OCRVTHS Summer Discovery Experience

Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School recently opened registration for its 9th annual Summer Discovery Experience program and tickets are expected to sell out fast.

This unique summer programming runs from **July 13 to July 24**. Registration is open now on Eventbrite starting at \$161.90 per session. Half-day and full-day options are available, with most morning and afternoon sessions offered for students entering grades 5-9.

Discovery sessions cover a wide range of topics, including outdoor sports, automotive mechanics, culinary arts, cosmetology, forensics, welding, graphics, computer science and more.

Sessions are taught by Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School educators.

“Our talented staff are a point of pride for us here at Old Colony,” said Superintendent Aaron Polansky. “We hope that the variety of Summer Discovery programming lets campers develop their current interests and also explore new paths.”

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Participants are encouraged to mix and match morning and afternoon sessions. Families are responsible for their own transportation. All sessions are very popular, and spots are expected to fill quickly.

Full-day participants have the option to remain on campus for a supervised lunch period between 11:30 am and noon in the Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School cafeteria. Students attending both sessions are responsible for bringing their own lunch.

"It's fantastic to see so many young people excited to roll up their sleeves and learn," said Superintendent Polansky.

All payments made by check must be received in the form of a bank check or money order by the Friday before the start of the selected program to secure a spot. To start camp, each participant will require an updated physical and signed pick up permission forms.

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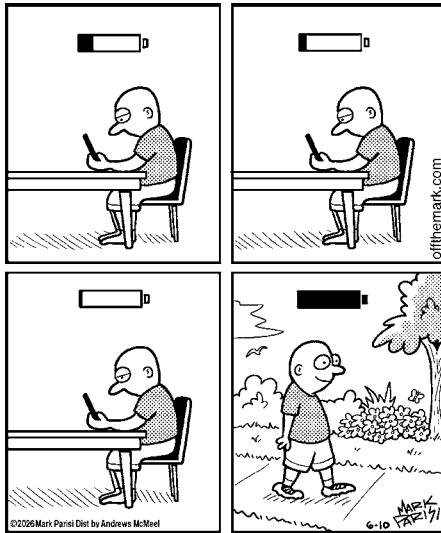
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Runners are strongly urged to pick up their shirts and numbers on July 3 to avoid long lines on the morning of the race. For more information and registration, please visit mattapoissettroadrace.com.

Coastal Explorations with the MNHM

The Marion Natural History Museum will be offering an opportunity to explore some of Marion's unique natural areas. We will be exploring our rocky inter-tidal shorelines, salt marshes, estuaries as well as freshwater riverbanks, forest, swamps, ponds and bogs. Daily we will take trips to look for the birds, amphibians, fish and invertebrates that make these areas so special.

Each morning will involve hands-on exploration, experiments, crafts and journaling while outdoors. Your child will enjoy being a Coastal Explorer with the Marion Natural History Museum. Space is limited to 15 per session so make sure to register early. Perfect for children entering grades 2-6.

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Buzzards Bay Musicfest

The Buzzards Bay Musicfest will be returning to Marion this summer from **July 15 through July 19** in the Fireman Performing Arts Center at Hoyt Hall on the campus of Tabor Academy. World class musicians will grace the stage in a five-concert series that is completely open with free admission to the public. Renowned Australian conductor Antony Walker will lead the orchestra this year. On Wednesday, July 15, there will be an open rehearsal at 2:00 pm. That evening, the first concert of the series will feature the full orchestra with works by Beethoven and Haydn as well as a concerto by Grieg featuring piano virtuoso Cynthia Raim as soloist. On Thursday July 16, a chamber music concert will include a flute duo, a trio for oboe, bassoon and piano, a

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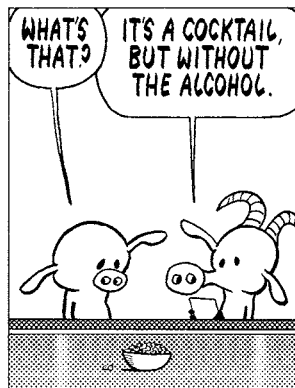
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



Mozart divertimento for winds and a Beethoven string quartet. The Buzzards Bay Swing Band will take the stage on Friday, July 17 with "Music from the Movies." The Saturday evening (July 18) concert will be chamber ensembles performing works by Francaix, Dohnanyi and Franck. Sunday afternoon's (July 19) concert will begin with a Beethoven overture and end with a Beethoven Symphony. There will also be a Mozart French horn concerto performed by the legendary horn soloist James Thatcher. Start times for the evening concerts is 7:30 pm. The Sunday afternoon concert is at 2:00 pm. Please visit www.buzzardsbaymusicfest.com/ for more detailed information.

Elizabeth Taber Library Seeks Community Feedback

The Elizabeth Taber Library is completing a new strategic plan and wants to hear from community members. The Library's last strategic plan was completed in 2021 and largely responded to the needs of the community identified during COVID.

"Community feedback for our last strategic plan led directly to the library renovation project that was completed in 2025," said Library Director Elizabeth Sherry. "The feedback received on this survey will guide the library's programs, services, collections, and space through 2031."

The brief survey is available at elizabethtaberlibrary.org/survey and will be open through mid-May. Staff can also connect you with the survey in-person at the Library, located at 8 Spring St. in Marion.

"If you don't use the Elizabeth Taber Library, or prefer to use other libraries in the Tri-Town, we'd love to hear from you as well," said Macy Kinney, children's librarian. "We serve the entire community and believe the Library can offer something for everyone. We want to know what would bring non-users into the Library."

The Elizabeth Taber Library has seen increased circulation, visitation, and program attendance since the completion of the Library's renovation project a year ago. Additionally, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners has compiled data revealing that in times of economic hardship, Library attendance in the state of Massachusetts increases by 32.4% and circulation increases by 12.5%.



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"With affordability front and center in local and national conversations, we're looking ahead to see how we can meet the needs of Marion and the Tri-Town in our next strategic plan," said Adult Services Librarian, Emily Newell.

For further information contact Library Director Elizabeth Sherry: esherry@sailsinc.org or 508-748-1252.

Ruta Sepetys to Speak in Mattapoisett

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library will welcome international bestselling author Ruta Sepetys for a special keynote event on Thursday, **June 11** at 6:00 pm at the historic Mattapoisett Congregational Church.

Sepetys, acclaimed author of *Salt to the Sea* and other internationally recognized works of historical fiction, will speak about her writing, research process, and her highly anticipated new novel, *A Fortune of Sand*.

To celebrate the occasion, the first 100 registered attendees will receive a free copy of *A Fortune of Sand*. Registration is not required to attend the event but is required to be eligible for a free book. Books will be distributed at the event while supplies last, and attendees must be present to receive a copy.

This special evening will take place at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, allowing the library to welcome a larger audience for what is expected to be a well-attended community event.

The program is free and open to all. Seating is first come, first served.

For more information and to register, visit: mattapoisettlibrary.org.

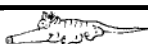
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Local Tides



Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	June 11	4:50	5:22	10:31	11:52
Friday	June 12	5:53	6:22	11:25	
Saturday	June 13	6:53	7:18	12:46	12:18
Sunday	June 14	7:48	8:13	1:42	1:11
Monday	June 15	8:42	9:07	2:40	2:08
Tuesday	June 16	9:36	10:01	3:38	3:06
Wednesday	June 17	10:30	10:55	4:30	4:03
Thursday	June 18	11:25	11:49	5:19	4:59
Friday	June 19		12:21	6:06	5:56
Saturday	June 20	12:44	1:18	6:57	7:06
Sunday	June 21	1:38	2:13	7:50	8:43
Monday	June 22	2:31	3:06	8:39	10:00
Tuesday	June 23	3:24	4:02	9:22	10:55
Wednesday	June 24	4:21	4:59	10:03	11:38
Thursday	June 25	5:20	5:54	10:45	
Friday	June 26	6:15	6:43	12:14	11:28
Saturday	June 27	7:03	7:26	12:49	12:11
Sunday	June 28	7:45	8:06	1:27	12:55

Phases of the Moon	Phases	Dates
	New Moon	June 15th
	First Quarter	June 21st
	Full Moon	June 29th
	Last Quarter	July 7th



I Found the Aardvark!

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

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

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

In the June 4, 2026 edition the Aardvark was on page 11

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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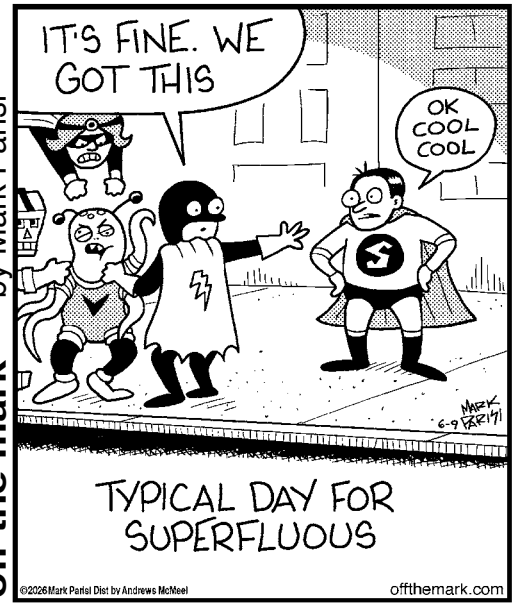
- 1. Modern; 2. Caveat
- 3. Manic; 4. Resume

Today's Word ADVISOR

Sudoku Answer

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

off the mark by Mark Parisi



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