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## 55th Annual Mattapoisett Road Race

By Sam Bishop

The Mattapoisett Road Race will again take place on this Saturday, the 4th of July.

The first race was held in 1971 with a mere 15 runners and was organized by Bob and Doris Gardner. Now, the race boasts an enormous 1000 competitors of all age brackets, from all over. Crowds line up along the 5K's path in the event that will kick off America's 250 celebrations in the area.

Racers start on Water Street, circle through town, go south to Ned's Point and around the lighthouse, and then back to Shipyard Park for the big finish.

Lenore Henderson from the Road Race Committee stated in the race's long history, over \$200,000 has been raised and awarded to college-bound student athletes from the Tri-Town.

All registrations for the race are now online at [mattapoisettroadrace.com](http://mattapoisettroadrace.com). Same-day registration is available but is also online. Number pickup is from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on July 3 and 7:30 am to 8:30am on July 4. The race starts at 9:00 pm at Shipyard Park!

## America 250 in the Tri-Town

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### Marion

**July 3 - 9:15 pm:** Independence Day weekend fireworks display at Silvershell Beach. A performance by the Marion Concert Band will begin before fireworks, with the town asking visitors to arrive before 7:00 pm.

**July 4 - 9:00 am:** Independence Day Parade, which forms around 8:00 am in the field between the Town House and Sippican School. Its route: east on Main Street to Spring Street, north on Spring Street to Route 6, east on Route 6 to Front Street, south on Front Street to Main Street, and west on Main Street to the ball field for

*On the Cover: This year's t-shirt design for the Mattapoisett Road Race "4 on the 4th," which will be at 9:00 am on July 4! Starting 55 years ago with 15 runners, the race now welcomes more than 1,000 participants. Proceeds from the race are used to fund stipends for ORRHS college-bound seniors to offset the cost of higher education; over the years, \$200,000 has been awarded to deserving students! Photo submitted by Lenore Henderson*

disbanding.

### Mattapoisett

**July 3 - 4:30 am:** Community picnic at Ned's Point, with a concert and singalong at 7:00 pm.

**July 4 - 9:00 am:** The Mattapoisett Road Race begins at Shipyard Park where around 1,000 racers loop the town.

**July 4 - 1:00 pm:** Bus tours leaving Center School to navigate through town, passing landmarks and sites of interest with the Mattapoisett Historical Museum serving as a guide.

**July 4 - 2:00 pm:** Dedication to Mattapoisett firefighters at the corner of Church St and Baptist st.

**July 4 - 6:30 pm:** Family line dancing at Town Wharf.

### Rochester

**July 4 - 11:00 am:** The Town Picnic at the center of town, 1 Constitution Way. Free hot dogs, popcorn, and water for all attendees.

**July 4 - 11:30 am:** The Rochester Historical Society rings the bell of the Congressional Church.

**July 4 - 1:00 pm:** Patriotic Children's Parade

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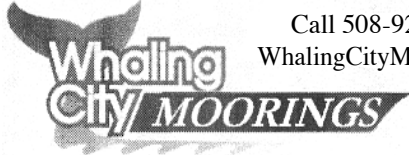
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## South Coast Extreme Heat Watch

By Sam Bishop

As you are well aware while reading this, it is hot. The National Weather Service declared an Extreme Heat Watch for the South Coast. Along with much of the eastern half of the nation, over 250 million Americans will be under the oppressive heat of a "heat dome," not unlike what Europe has endured the last week, throughout the latter half of the week and into the holiday weekend.

Beginning on Wednesday, the temperature rapidly climbs, and while kids are out of school, it is

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recommended you stay hydrated and spend time in shade where possible.

The brunt of the Sun's wrath will come on Friday, July 3, with the max temperature being 95°. The temperature differences between the Tri-Town members is marginal, with and the saving grace Marion and Mattapoisett could feel from the sea-borne breeze will be cut by low wind speeds. The high temperature is coupled with a "very high" max UV index of 10.0, meaning there won't be a cloud in the sky. There will also be high humidity, making the heat index, or "real feel," come in at around 105°. Even in the shade, it will feel roughly 100°.

On the holiday on Saturday, July 4, the heat doesn't quite let up, though the chances of thunderstorms go up. Though it is a holiday that necessitates time spent outside, temperatures will still remain in the 80s into the night and the time of fireworks, so plan accordingly and again, stay hydrated!

Finally, on Sunday, the heat watch is dropped and we fall to a measly 86° high, with daytime temps across the Tri-Town remaining in the 80s throughout the week.



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## What's Up There?

*Astronomy Update for July*

By Sam Bishop

This is the continuing monthly column for the astronomer in all of us, or the aspiring astro-physicist. Compared to areas near Boston or New Bedford, generally speaking, the Tri-Town has pretty good dark skies and thus are very fortunate in that regard.

This month, aside from fireworks, there plenty to see if you look up at night. Interestingly, July 2 is Halfway Day, meaning we are now in the second half of 2026.

On the morning of July 4, you can see Mars near the horizon and above it, the Pleiades star clusters.

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On July 6, Earth reaches its "aphelion," or the point in its orbit it lies furthest from the Sun.

On July 14, there will be a New Moon. As always, this is the best time to look at faint astronomical objects.

July 29 will see this month's Full Moon, called the "Buck Moon," with male deer shedding their antlers this time of year. It's also referred to as the "Hay Moon" in Europe due wheat harvesting season or the "Thunder Moon," with aptly no shortage of thunderstorms in our forecast.

On July 30, the Southern Delta Aquariids Meteor Shower hits its peak. Running a whole month-and-a-half from July 12 to August 23, the peak will yield roughly 16-meteors-per hour. The aforementioned Full Moon will

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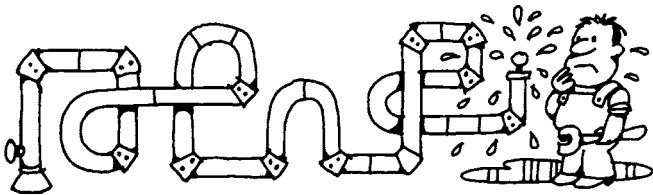
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blind sight of many meteors, however. Meteors are visible near the constellation Aquarius, which lies low in the sky to the southeast.

### Summer's Lease

*The Seaside Gardener*

By Laura McLean

You know it's summer when the orange daylilies burst into bloom. These resilient flowers line the stone wall on both sides of our driveway, spill around the outdoor shower, and brighten roadsides and gardens throughout our village and beyond. They seem to announce that summer has truly arrived.

For me, these common orange daylilies are also a gentle reminder of how quickly the season passes. When they're in full bloom, summer feels as though it's hitting its stride. But almost as soon as the blossoms begin to fade, I'm reminded of Shakespeare's words: "summer's lease hath all too short a date." Suddenly, the long, lazy days seem to be slipping away far too fast.

I have an old photograph of two of my children, ages nine and twelve, romping across the front lawn while the daylilies and other perennials lean toward them. It's one of those seemingly inconsequential snapshots that has become permanently lodged in my memory, capturing the simple pleasures of summers long ago. The flowers are still here, faithfully returning each summer. The children, now in their thirties, come home whenever they can. But as we all know, neither gardens nor families can stop time.

Which brings me to this month's gardening lesson. Not to dwell on the fleeting nature of summer, but to remind ourselves to be present for it - to notice the garden while it's putting on its brief, spectacular show.

Just two weeks ago I was admiring our Japanese snowbell tree, its delicate, lightly fragrant, bell-shaped flowers dangling beneath the canopy like tiny white lanterns. I may have overlooked its bloom entirely last year because the display is so understated. Then, almost overnight, every blossom was gone. I actually walked past the tree wondering if I'd imagined the whole thing.

Gardens have a way of teaching us that beauty often arrives quietly and leaves just as quickly. If we're not paying attention, we can miss some of the season's finest moments. That's reason enough to slow down, wander the garden a little longer, and savor whatever happens to be blooming today.

The same is true of the rhododendrons I gushed about in a recent column, the flowering quince in spring, and the fringe tree with its airy white blossoms. Every plant has its moment in the spotlight. That, after all, is the rhythm of a garden.

My friend Nancy says that's exactly how she likes it. "I prefer the short, the fleeting, the precious," she told me. "Not to be confused with Lord of the Rings." She has a point. Who wants a plant hanging around long after its best days, like a Christmas tree still standing in

February? As I eye my dwindling - but not quite finished - pansies, I'm already imagining what will fill the window boxes next. Change, after all, is invigorating.

So here we are in July. Drink it in. Be present. Gardening is one of the few pursuits that engages all the senses - the scent of lilies, the warmth of the sun, the hum of bees, birdsong in the trees, and the taste of that first sun-ripened tomato.

July should be the month of appreciation. Much of the planning and spring fussing is behind us. Even the weeds seem less offensive than they did in May. They certainly haven't slowed down, but somehow, they've become part of the midsummer landscape. Some borders grow so lush and crowded that they remind me of the inscription on the Statue of Liberty: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses..." Every plant seems to



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be jostling for its own patch of sunlight.

Of course, I have a theory about weeds: the bigger they get, the easier they are to pull. Whether that's wisdom or procrastination depends on whom you ask.

Whether you're in the first act of your gardening season or well into the second, take time to enjoy what you've created. The work never really ends, but by July it settles into a gentler rhythm. There will always be deadheading, staking, watering, and yes, weeding. But there should also be time simply to wander.

My husband and I still dream up new projects, but we're learning to pause and appreciate what's already here. Last night's rain forced us to move a small gathering into the greenhouse. It turned out to be the perfect vantage point. From there we watched rabbits at play, listened to the evening chorus of birds, and looked through the hedge toward the fruit trees and tomato cages. It struck me that we rarely experience the garden from that vantage point. One guest remarked that the view felt like something out of Alice in Wonderland. I chose not to ask whether that made me the Mad Hatter. Another friend thought she spotted bittersweet nightshade climbing through the hedge, so I have a little botanical detective work ahead of me. Gardens always offer something new to notice when you change your point of view. Perhaps that's one of the greatest gifts a garden gives us. It teaches us to pay attention - not only to what is blooming, but to the fact that it won't bloom forever.

*"The secret of life is enjoying the passage of time." - James Taylor.*

### The British Return; A Declaration is Signed

*This Week in Revolutionary War History*

**By Sam Bishop**

This week in Revolutionary War history, let's check up on what was going on 250 years ago in the Thirteen Colonies. Last week, the Secret Committee's investigations led to numerous arrests and the thwarting of an assassination attempt on George Washington, the Continental Congress provided a long-awaited review of the military campaign in Canada, and 10,000 troops led by

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British General William Howe near New York Harbor.

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Due to poor weather and abysmal landing conditions, the battle would prove a disaster for invading forces. A frigate would be grounded, and the naval bombardment would prove useless against the damp, sponge-like soil. That, as well as the fort, meant the amphibious landing was also thwarted, leading to the wounding of 170 and death of 91 British. 12 Americans were killed, and in remembrance of the Battle of Sullivan's Island, South Carolina's flag today hosts a palmetto tree in its center, highlighting the importance of the log fort that guarded Charlton.

The next day, the naval Battle of Turtle Gut Inlet took place off the southern coast of New Jersey. Two British ships held a blockade of Delaware Bay and thus, Philadelphia. Four ships of the Continental Navy under Commodore John Barry led an attempt to break through. The battle was hectic, and towards the end, the American brig, the *Nancy*, would run aground. The crew lit a fuse for the remaining powder aboard and lowered the ship's flag. The British, believing the ship had surrendered,

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attempted to board the ship before a massive explosion heard for miles around the bay obliterated the ship and killed seven British. The British would move their blockade further out to sea, making this costly victory, but a victory, nonetheless.

Also on June 29, a fateful day has arrived. Washington writes to John Hancock, noting that from a lookout on Staten Island, 45 British ships are nearing. This included General William Howe aboard the flagship the *HMS Greyhound*.

On July 1, the Continental Congress convenes for lengthy discussions on American Independence from the Crown. Each and every delegate from across the Thirteen Colonies is called upon to participate. Talks end with a vote: 9 colonies vote in favor of independence, 2 against (Pennsylvania and South Carolina), 1 abstaining (New York), and 1 in deadlock, unable to arrive at a consensus (Delaware). Due to this disagreement, talks are pushed to the following day.

The next day, discussions continue and another vote is held: 12 colonies in favor of independence, one against (New York). Congress declares the Lee Resolution, originally proposed by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia on June 7 and also known as "The Resolution for Independence," is in effect. This passage effectively formed the United States, a wholly separate government declared from Britain. Now all there is left is an official declaration... Congress would begin reading, debating,

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and editing Thomas Jefferson and the Committee of Five's Declaration of Independence that day.

On July 3, General William Howe's men make landfall on Staten Island, landing unopposed. Many of the Redcoats landing had previously fled Boston with Howe roughly three-and-a-half months prior. With the British is the accompanying Hessians, German mercenaries. Howe's landing would see 10,000 men sprawl out over the island, capturing it and awaiting the arrival of thousands more.

Now, the moment you've been waiting for: July 4. In the prior days, Congress had spent hours in-session mulling over Jefferson's draft. In the end, they would remove nearly 1/4 of the original text and changed various wording across the document. The final draft was approved by the congress on July 4 and signed by congressional delegates, writing, "Resolved, That the Declaration passed on the 4th, be fairly engrossed on parchment, with the title and stile of 'The unanimous\* [this word was added to the paper a few weeks later] declaration of the thirteen United States of America,' and that the same, when engrossed, be signed by every member of Congress."

And thus, a new sovereign nation was born: The United States of America. The preamble to its declaration showcased a groundbreaking vision to the world, "'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator

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with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

A way of revolution no more. Now, it was officially a war for independence. Congress ordered 200 copies of the declaration to be printed in Philadelphia by John Dunlap that day, with 15% of them surviving to this day.

### Shooting and Chase in Mattapoisett

Just after 3:00 pm on Tuesday, June 30, the Mattapoisett Police Department was called to Harbor Road by Harbor Beach for a report of a man lying in a driveway. There were also reports of a red car that fled the scene. Responding police witnessed a red 2021 Toyota



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The victim, who sustained multiple gunshot wounds, was transported to Southcoast Hospital but did not survive.

When asked about the incident, the Mattapoisett Police Department was unable to comment due to the ongoing investigation but was able to relay that the situation was under control and there is no remaining threat to public safety.

This story will be updated as more information becomes available.

**Rabies Case Poses No Health Risk,**  
**Officials Say**  
**By Sam Bishop**

On June 10, a raccoon was captured in Mattapoisett and was submitted for routine testing to the Department of Agriculture. That same department notified the town Natural Resources Department and Health Department on June 23 that the raccoon tested positive for rabies.

The raccoon had been captured near the wooded areas of the intersection of Holly Lane and Channing Road, just east of Town Beach. The USDA highlighted that there are no known exposures between infected animals and domestic animals or humans, nor any other positive tests in the area, calling it an "isolated incident." The Town of Mattapoisett also stresses "there is no ongoing public health risk."

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as well as avoiding leaving food and water outside the home. If a person or domestic animal is thought to have been exposed, the town requests residents contact the Mattapoisett Natural Resource Officer at 508-209-4931. Rabies can be treated if action is taken quickly.

### Cathy Barker Receives National Recognition

By Sam Bishop

A Marion public servant recently received a momentous and renowned award. Cathy Barker, Assistant Town Clerk, was recently awarded the Municipal Clerks Honor Roll Award by General Code.

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Barker part of the 26th anniversary slate. "The Municipal Clerks Honor Roll has celebrated the people who bring heart, organization, and compassion to local government. This year's nominations once again shone a light on the remarkable individuals who make their communities stronger simply by showing up every day with dedication, kindness, and professionalism," the organization's statement reads.

With five nominations, Cathy Barker received the most in the entire state of Massachusetts. She is also the first in Marion to ever receive this nationally-recognized award.

At her award presentation ceremony in the Town House Annex last week, Marion Town Clerk Katrina L.

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“It is both an honor and a privilege to speak about Cathy Barker, one of the most outstanding and kindest individuals I have ever known. I can say with complete confidence that she is the best person I have ever worked with. Her integrity, dedication, and genuine care for others make her truly exceptional.

In municipal government, we often talk about dedication, professionalism, and service. Cathy exemplifies those qualities every single day. She consistently goes above and beyond for the community, her fellow co-workers, and to the Clerk’s office. She demonstrates exceptional initiative by identifying and consistently taking on new projects that improve

efficiency. I often have to remind her to take a break and enjoy the rare moments of downtime that she does have - which usually lasts about three seconds before she finds something else to do.

What makes Cathy truly exceptional is that she never waits to be asked. She sees what needs to be done and takes action. She is constantly looking for ways to improve procedures, support the Town, and strengthen the work of the Clerk’s office. Equally notable is her positive attitude, which she maintains even in high-pressure situations. She approaches every challenge with professionalism and a willingness to help, contributing to a supportive and effective work environment. Whether we are facing a busy election cycle, meeting important deadlines, or handling unexpected challenges, Cathy remains kind, patient, and focused. When faced with unfamiliar questions or complex issues, she shows strong determination and a genuine commitment to finding the right answer. If she



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dedication to the profession. Cathy is the very definition of what this recognition represents. Her dedication, initiative, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to excellence make her a truly deserving recipient of this honor. She also received the highest number of nominations in the entire state of Massachusetts.

Cathy, thank you for everything. Your hard work (and friendship) means more than words can adequately express. We are all incredibly fortunate to have you serving the Marion community, and I am so very honored to celebrate this well-deserved recognition.

Congratulations on being named to the Municipal Clerk Honor Roll. I am so proud of you, and no one could be more deserving of this honor."

More information on the award and the recipients can be found at General Code's website, [www.generalcode.com/municipal-clerks-honor-roll](http://www.generalcode.com/municipal-clerks-honor-roll).

### Marion General Store to Open August 1

*Marion Select Board*

**By Sam Bishop**

The Marion Select Board met on Tuesday to hear from various different residents regarding businesses to reopening, businesses looking for a home, and to recognize a previous Chair for their long service.

Chair John Hoagland began by introducing Amy Felder of Felder Farms, the new General Manager of the Marion General Store. Felder explained that her and her

does not immediately know an answer, she diligently researches and identifies the accurate answer, ensuring that residents and coworkers alike receive correct and timely information. She never settles for guesswork; she always takes the time to get it right.

Public service is about more than completing tasks. It is about serving people with integrity, respect, and compassion. Cathy illustrates those values every single day. She treats every resident with kindness and professionalism, and she approaches her responsibilities with a level of care that reflects her deep commitment to this community.

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husband William were the new operators of the store. Amy said she will be on-site daily with Will coming in occasionally.

She stated the layout and general operation of the store will remain the same, though added a coffee bar will be added that will provide made-to-order espresso beverages. She also highlighted a commitment to operate during the weekend. The store will be open Wednesdays through Sunday with Sunday having alternate hours. She stated the hiring process has recently begun.

She is originally from Chicago, and mentioned she has experience working in food/service having worked in a pub. With no public comments, the Select Board unanimously voted to transfer the liquor license from the current holders of the store to Felder Farms LLC, d/b/a Marion General Store for their operation. It was also granted a license to sell food and operate as a store.

*The Wanderer* spoke to the Felders in early-June, with Will saying, "I can't believe how supportive the community has been and they're trying to help all they can in the town to get everything together as quick as they can." The couple have been in close talks with the Cheney's and Jack in particular, who himself ran the store for around half-a-century. "The Cheney's have been really, really supportive - He's just an unbelievable guy. I've grown to respect him in a really deep way. He has a lot of great things to say and a lot of great advice."

The Marion General Store will open on Saturday, August 1.

Next, Norman Hills rose and was recognized by the board for nine years of service to the Select Board. They mentioned this recognition does not include Hills' numerous other public service positions or extensive dedication to the town. Hills was presented with a plaque by the board's current members, Chair John Hoagland, Vice Chair Toby Burr, and Randy Parker. Parker noted he and Hills had together spent "thousands of hours" together working on the board.

Margie Baldwin, Chair of the Parks and Tree Committee, then spoke on her committee's recent work with the creation of a new and updated "Marion Homeowner Guide to Trees" book, made to educate groups that do business in town and residents on street trees. She noted the importance of the town's floral cover and stated the book lists and detailed information regarding street trees suitable to the area.

Next, local business operator Liz Tarrant rose to describe their new business, Runabout Coffee, a mobile coffee brewing stand. Tarrant sought a permanent to semi-permanent location for her stand. She requested a spot on Island Wharf, saying she grew up and currently still lives in town.

Tarrant said the time of business would roughly be 7:00 am to 1:00 pm, though mentioned it would be flexible to see which hours of operations work best, likely being three-to-four days a week. Oh weekends, the stand will likely be taken to events in the local area.

Parker stated he took issue with the potential of another business offering coffee, noting numerous other businesses in town offering the same, though he highlighted the other "brick and mortar" businesses have offered "substantial businesses in town. Hoagland agreed, and Tarrant thanked them for their time and left.

Next, the board quickly approved the change of Directors of the Beverly Yacht Club.

The next meeting of the Marion Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, July 21 at 6:00 pm in the Marion Police Department.

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*Marion Conservation Commission*  
 By Sam Bishop

The Marion Conservation Commission met on Wednesday, June 24, and while their agenda was filled with many individual action items, they still managed to keep the meeting under one hour.

The commission began with a Public Hearing for James A. Arne at 340 Converse Road for a Request for Determination of Applicability for sewer and water mains and their connections. David Davignon of Schneider, Davignon and Leone, Inc. represented his client and stated he wanted to bring water and sewer connections to his business on Converse Road. The project would begin with the installation of a sewer force main down the road and its connection to the front entrance of the site. From there, a grinder pump would be installed near the site entrance and the existing two buildings on site would have gravity pipes to ruin their sewage into the pump.

There weren't any questions on the project, and the hearing was closed. This Determination of



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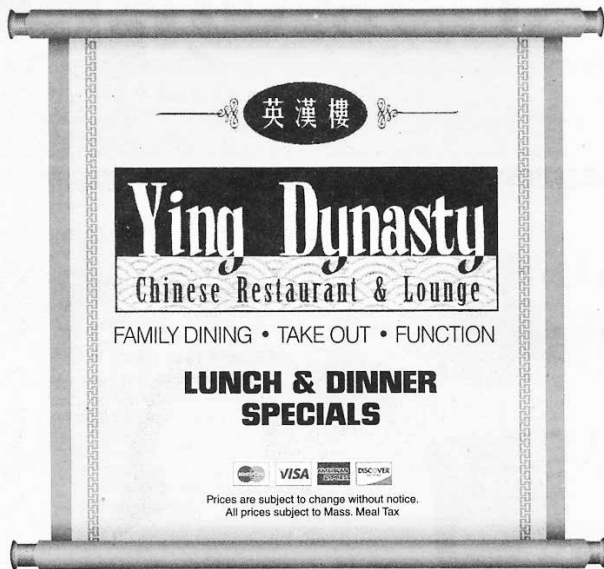
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Applicability was granted at the end of the meeting with a unanimous vote.

Next began the Public Hearing for Elizabeth and Robert Alln of 10 Doran Way for a Notice of Intent for a single-family home demolition and reconstruction. Davignon was also representative here, and explained the current house was built in the 1960s and the new construction, though present in wetlands, would be FEMA compliant.

The project would see the removal of the dwelling, deck, concrete walkway, and to replace the existing home components with a Cape-style house over roughly the same location. There were no major questions from the commission who closed the hearing. This Notice



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of Intent was approved at the end of the meeting with a unanimous vote.

The third and final Public Hearing was for Erica M. Larner of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for a Request for Determination of Applicability for the milling and resurfacing of the mainline and ramps on both the east-bound and west-bound corridors of Interstate I-195. The proposed interstate resurfacing project would see work from Wareham down through Mattapoisett. Larner from MassDOT stated bidding on the project would likely open up in the fall, meaning would begin next year. The hearing was closed without major questioning. The commission approved a negative determination of applicability for the work at the end of the meeting with a unanimous vote.

Following the hearings, the board made three quick votes for Certificates of Compliances and a permit extension. One for 52 West Avenue was granted, followed by another for 47 West Avenue with unanimous votes. There was then a Permit Extension Request for 468 Point Road. Currently, their permit would end on July 1, and the extension, which was approved, extended the permit three years to 2029.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8 at 7:00 pm in the Marion Police Station.

## The Institute Tackles Harbor Management

*Marion Marine Resource Commission*

**By Sam Bishop**

The Marion Marine Resource Commission met on Wednesday, June 24 to go over various ongoing projects, notably the Harbor Management Plan and Island Wharf.

Following the approval of minutes from their last meeting, Chair Vincent Malkoski, Jr. moved to the discussion of the Harbor Management plan, notably introducing Shannon and Kristen from the Urban Harbors Institute to discuss future harbor plans.

In working with the institute, the MRC hopes to explore various solutions to conservation challenges and general harbor maintenance. Representatives stated they had received over 200 responses at the time of the meeting to their posted survey, which has since closed since the time of the meeting. they have yet to analyze comments but will provide feedback at a future meeting. Kristen said, "Next time we meet, hopefully we'll have a list of issues and opportunities to go over with you guys."

There was a quick discussion on Island Wharf, with it being stated that work on the water main installation would begin in the fall. For a Memorial Park, it was noted they are still in the fact-finding portion, noting that materials are available, though they are still seeking adequate shade cover for the proposed park.

The next meeting of the Marion Marine Resource Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, July 15 at 6:00 pm in the Marion Marine Center.

## Town Wharf Project Clears "Biggest Obstacle"

*Mattapoisett Marion Advisory Board*

**By Sam Bishop**

The Mattapoisett Marine Advisory Board met on Thursday, June 25 for their first meeting of the summer, and in it, spoke on updates to Long Wharf, parking sticker fees, and other business regarding the harbor.

Following the approval of minutes from their last meeting, the board moved to discuss the ongoing Long Wharf project. Chair Carlos DeSousa stated the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management has recently completed a survey of the proposed



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work on the wharf and has deemed it acceptable with no additional review necessary. The Massachusetts CZM was established following the national Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 and oversees coastal development and usage. The group can also assist with grants and funding attainment.

It was stated at the meeting the CZM review is the "biggest obstacle" for the project in terms of permitting, and with it out of the way, the path ahead for the wharf's revival is much clearer.

Next, the group discussed an email they received from the Harbor Beach Improvement Association regarding a \$220 invoice they received for swim floats, as well as their accompanying late fees. The association believed they hadn't received adequate notice of the bill, with the original invoice being received by email in November with a subsequent physical envelope arriving in March. They also said, "Having consistently paid for our swim floats in the past nine years, I find a \$100 fee on a \$120 invoice to be excessive." They noted they paid the invoice in full, but recommend the late fee be reimbursed and better methods of communication be sought.

The board made a unanimous vote to refund the \$100 late fee while also pledging to seek new methods of notice for billing.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Marine Advisory Board was not scheduled at adjournment.

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Following the outcome of the district-wide ballot vote held on Saturday, June 20, the Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School District has formally notified the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) that it will withdraw its proposed school building project from the MSBA pipeline.

The vote marked the second time voters in the district's five member communities were asked to consider the proposed project. While the project received significant support throughout the district, it did not achieve the approval necessary to move forward.

As a result, Old Colony has informed the MSBA that it will discontinue pursuit of the current project and exit the Authority's funding pipeline.

"We respect the decision of the voters and are grateful to the thousands of residents who took the time to participate in this important process," said Superintendent-Director Aaron Polansky. "We would like to sincerely thank our member communities, elected officials, Building Committee members, School Committee members, staff, students, families, and community supporters who dedicated countless hours to studying, discussing, and advocating for this project."

The proposed project was developed through years of collaboration with the MSBA and was intended to address significant facility needs while expanding educational opportunities for students across the district's member towns of Acushnet, Carver, Lakeville, Mattapoisett, and Rochester.

Despite the project's withdrawal, Old Colony remains committed to providing high-quality career and technical education opportunities for current and future students.

"Our mission remains unchanged," Polansky said. "Old Colony will continue to deliver exceptional educational experiences, prepare students for successful careers and post-secondary opportunities, and serve the workforce needs of our region. We will now evaluate future options for addressing the district's long-term facility challenges while maintaining our focus on student success."

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For additional information, please contact Aaron L. Polansky, Superintendent-Director, Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, 476 North Avenue, Rochester, MA 02770, 508-763-8011.

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Monday, July 6: BBQ pulled pork, butternut squash, beets & greens, dinner roll, pear cup.

Tuesday, July 7: Beef w/ onions & peppers, white rice, mixed vegetables, dinner roll, orange.

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Thursday, July 9: Three bean chicken chili w/ shredded cheese, green beans & peppers, whole grain cornbread bowl, raisins.

Friday, July 10: Seafood Cajun pasta, whole grain pasta, broccoli, wheat bread, oatmeal cookie.

### Academic Achievements

Dean College is pleased to announce **Joseph Bacchiocchi** of Rochester and **Emily Kilpatrick** of Marion who have earned a place on the Dean's List for the Spring 2026 semester.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) has announced the university's Dean's List for academic excellence for the spring 2026 semester. The following students were recognized:

Mattapoisett, resident **Chaz Aguiar**, class of 2027, majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Mattapoisett, resident **Jack Langlais**, class of 2029, majoring in Mechanical Engineering and Robotics Engineering

Mattapoisett, resident **Rudy Arsenault**, class of 2027, majoring in Robotics Engineering

**Palmer Clingman** of Mattapoisett, **Wilson Coucci** of Rochester, **Brody Garber** of Rochester, **Drew Mastovsky** of Marion, and **Holyn Turner** of Mattapoisett received their degrees in May as part of the Class of 2026 at Roger Williams University.

**Molly Sisson** of Rochester was among 188 students who graduated from Northfield Mount Hermon on May 24.

**Joie Ciffolillo** of Mattapoisett, **Palmer Clingman** of Mattapoisett, **Will Hurlbut** of Marion, **Bree Killion** of Rochester, **Mackenzie Leblanc** of Mattapoisett, **Brady Lee** of Mattapoisett, **Drew Mastovsky** of Marion, **Owen Osterday** of Marion, **Jack Rapoza** of Mattapoisett, **Jackson Ruel** of Mattapoisett, and **Zachary Zutaut** of Rochester have been named to the Spring 2026 Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester.

**Grace Ribeiro**, of Mattapoisett was named to the University of Mississippi's Spring 2026 Honor Roll lists.

**Justin Magazu** of Mattapoisett was among over 4,500 students from Miami University who received degrees during the spring commencement on May 16.

Calvin Payne, from Rochester and a student at Old Colony RVTHS (Rochester), was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Electrical Construction Wiring at the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference.

The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce that **Grace Greany** of Mattapoisett and **Tyler Williams** of Mattapoisett have been named to its Spring 2026 President's List.

The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce that **Luke Brogioli** of Mattapoisett, **Olivia Mydlack** of Rochester, and **Maddie O'Connor** of Marion have been named to its Spring 2026 Dean's List.

### Independence Day

On Friday, **July 3**, the Marion Concert Band will open its 2026 concert season with a program of patriotic music in celebration of America's 250th birthday. The program is as follows:

- National Emblem March - E. E. Bagley
- Esprit de Corps - R. Jager
- American Pageant - T. Knox
- God Bless America - I. Berlin
- American Civil War Fantasy - J. Bilik
- The Homefront: Musical Memories from World

War II - arr. J. Christensen

- Armed Forces Salute - arr. B. Lowden
- America, the Beautiful - S. Ward
- 1812 Overture (finale) - P. Tchaikovsky
- The Stars and Stripes Forever - J. P. Sousa

The concert, under the direction of Tobias Monte, will be held at Silvershell Beach and will start at 8:00 pm. The evening will conclude with the town's fireworks display.

The Marion Concert Band's Friday evening concert series will continue July 10, with concerts every Friday evening at 7:00 pm at the Robert Broomhead Bandstand, Island Wharf off Front Street in Marion. All concerts are free and open to the public. "Like" us on Facebook at "Marion Town Band" for up-to-date announcements and rain cancellation notices.

### Programs at the Marion Natural History Museum

Marion Natural History Museum present Secret World of Fireflies with Entomologist Blake Dinius, Wednesday **July 15** from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. Fireflies evoke a feeling of magic and wonder; Elegant blobs of light dancing and blinking in the summer night. Everything about fireflies hearkens back to a time long past. Imagine living on Earth 75-130 million years ago. Dinosaurs tromping and roaming. The air is hot and humid. There are no cars, no city lights, no porch lights, no stadium lights. Nothing. But, it isn't pitch black, because the stars fill the sky. It will still be millions of years before humans create the first artificial light sources to change all of this. But, their elaborate light displays are not intended for our eyes. Instead, they depict a daring dance between species. Each firefly species possesses its own distinct type of "language" used to communicate with members of its own species. If you can decode these patterns, you can figure out which species you're looking at. There are an estimated 170 species in North America. But, fewer people report seeing fireflies today. Why is that? Are fireflies really disappearing? What challenges

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#### Thursday July 2, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorcize  
 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 - Anne Webb  
 9:30 AM Mattapoissett Woman's Club Speaker Series - Jack Matthews  
 10:00 AM Marion Art Center - The Attorney-In-Fact  
 11:30 AM Tour de Creme  
 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 - History of Marion's Portuguese, Azorean, and Cape Verdean Community  
 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 July 3, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorcize  
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
 8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
 8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today  
 9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road

10:00 AM Cape Conversations  
 11:00 AM Marion Art Center - Being Seen Exhibition  
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
 1:00 PM Four Deep Sports Talk  
 2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
 2:30 PM The Collective Chat  
 3:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
 3:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson  
 4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Anne Webb  
 5:00 PM ORR Graduation  
 6:30 PM Old Colony Graduation  
 7:30 PM Tabor Academy Commencement  
 9:30 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers  
 10:00 PM For Your Health  
 10:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
 11:30 PM Classic Movies

#### Saturday July 4, 2026

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival  
 9:30 AM Mattapoissett Land Trust - Dexter Elm Rededication  
 10:30 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson  
 11:00 AM Four Deep Sports Talk Show  
 12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie  
 1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 2:30 PM The Human Truth  
 3:00 PM The Collective Chat  
 3:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
 4:00 PM Tri-Town Memorial Day Events  
 6:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Understanding Salt Marsh Ecology  
 7:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 8:00 PM Paltrocast - with Darren Paltrowitz  
 8:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
 9:00 PM Cape Conversations  
 9:30 PM Beacon Hill Report...  
 10:00 PM Classic Movies

#### Sunday July 5, 2026

7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian

Church  
 8:00 AM Mattapoissett Congregational Church  
 9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester  
 10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church  
 11:00 AM Tour de Creme  
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
 1:00 PM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam  
 1:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
 2:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today  
 2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US  
 3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road  
 4:00 PM Marion 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 July 6, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorcize  
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
 8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today  
 8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US  
 9:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
 10:30 AM Miss New Bedford  
 11:00 AM For Your Health  
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
 1:00 PM Beacon Hill Report  
 1:30 PM Southcoast Matters  
 2:30 PM Modernizing Funding for Public Access  
 3:00 PM Paltrocast 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 - Political Polarization  
 8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Understanding Salt Marsh Ecology  
 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 July 7, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorcize  
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
 8:00 AM For Your Health  
 8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment  
 9:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club  
 10:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning  
 10:30 AM The Collective Chat  
 11:00 AM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
 11:30 AM In the Toy Box  
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
 1:00 PM Plymouth County Commissioners Meeting  
 1:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider  
 2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
 2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
 3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
 3:30 PM Two Grannies on the Road  
 4:30 PM Mattapoissett Land Trust - Dexter Elm Rededication  
 5:30 PM Tour de Creme  
 6:00 PM Tri-Town Memorial Day Events  
 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 July 8, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorcize  
 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 Paltrocast with Darren Paltrowitz  
 11:00 AM Mattapoissett Congregational Church  
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
 1:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
 1:30 PM Money Matters  
 2:00 PM A Conversation With...  
 2:30 PM Tri-Town Memorial Day Events  
 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 Mattapoissett Land Trust - Dexter Elm Rededication  
 8:30 PM Teach your Home Energy Costs! With David Green  
 9:45 PM Mattapoissett Women's Club Speaker Series - Kathryn Tarleton  
 10:30 PM Classic Movies

## MARION GOVERNMENT

### Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 39 Daily Schedule

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

## ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

### Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 40 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen  
 7:30 AM Rochester Planning Board  
 9:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission  
 11:30 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals  
 1:30 PM Rochester School Committee  
 3:00 PM ORR School Committee  
 4:15 PM ORR Joint School Committee  
 6:30 PM Rochester Select Board  
 7:00 PM Rochester Planning Board  
 8:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission  
 11:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

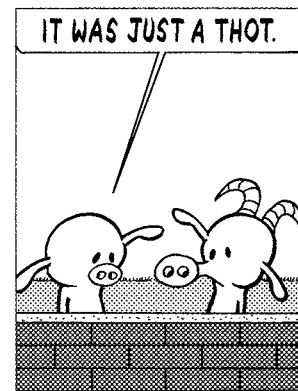
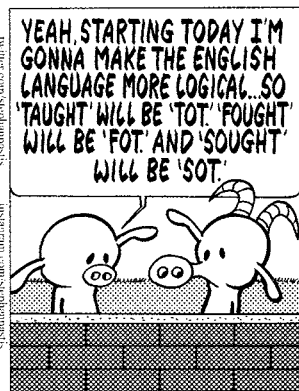
## EDUCATION CHANNEL

### Comcast Channel 8 Verizon Channel 37 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly  
 9:00 AM Old Colony Excellence in Effort Awards Night  
 10:00 AM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs Bourne  
 11:00 AM ORR National Honor Society Induction Ceremony  
 12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
 1:45 PM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary  
 2:00 PM Tabor Academy Commencement  
 4:00 PM ORR Graduation  
 5:30 PM Old Colony Graduation  
 6:30 PM Old Colony Building Project Update  
 7:00 PM ORR Theater Class  
 8:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
 10:00 PM ORR Baseball vs Apponequet  
 11:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band

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are they facing today? Join us as we try to decipher the ancient world of fireflies. Please register at the Marion Natural History Museum website: [www.marionmuseum.org](http://www.marionmuseum.org).

On **August 3**, from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm, the Marion Natural History Museum welcomes Amazing Animals Adventurers presenting Birds of the World live animal program. Come join Bethany Boucher of Amazing Animal Ambassadors to learn about a wide range of birds from parrots, birds of prey and more. Birds you might see include a macaw, cockatoo, kookaburra, green aracari, great horned owl, red tailed hawk and raven. Funding provided in part thanks to the Marion Cultural Council. This program has limited space so please register soon at

[www.marionmuseum.org](http://www.marionmuseum.org).

Coastal Explorations with the Marion Natural History Museum, **August 3 to 7**, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. 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 being outdoors. Your child will enjoy being a Coastal Explorer with the Marion Natural History Museum. Space is limited to

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### Mattapoisett Yacht Club Race Results

Tuesday Night Ensign Class. After weeks of bad weather on Tuesday nights, the Ensigns were able to finally race. Black Ice took the nightly honors with first and second place finishes, followed by Odyssey which had a first and a third. Hambuglar rounded out the fleet, placing third with a second and third for the night. With only one week left in the June Series, Black Ice holds a

slight lead over Odyssey in the series.

The Wednesday Night PHRF Series. After three weeks of first place finishes in Class A, Kindred Spirits was defeated by Rob Ryan's Restless. Coconuts placed third and Dame was fourth. Surprise had some halyard issues and could not finish.

In Class B, Lindisfarne took the win and also created a "winner take all" set up for next week. Cickadee, Kinsail, and Fir Na Tine are all tied for first place in the series with Lindisfarne in second by only one point. Whoever wins next week will take the series title.

### St. Philip's Episcopal Church

St. Philip's Episcopal Church, next to the Town Beach in Mattapoisett, will have The Rev. Mark Eames, Rector St. John/s Church, Vernon, CT. conducting services at 8:00 am and 10:00 am on Sunday, July 5. All are welcome.

### Declaration of Independence Reading

Please join together this July 18, at 10:00 am, when the Mattapoisett Museum, the Public Library and the Lions Club will host a reading of the Declaration of Independence as part of Harbor Days and the town's 250th Celebration. It will take place at the Gazebo in Shipyard Park.

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# OBITUARIES



**LaVerne Frederick Wallace**  
September 27, 1936 – June 24, 2026

LaVerne (Vern) Frederick Wallace, age 89, died at home on June 24, 2026 after a month at Tobey Hospital following a stroke.

Vern was raised in central New York State and graduated from Weedsport Central School in 1954, where he was the class president and voted “Most Likely to Succeed.” The son of a tenant farmer and the youngest of seven, he grew up in a home with no indoor plumbing or central heat and became the first in his family to attend college. Encouraged by his high school guidance counselor and his future father-in-law, Vern earned an Associates’ degree from Auburn Community College in 1956, then a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1958. To get through college, he worked full-time and served in the Army National Guard while attending classes and held two full-time jobs each summer. He married his high school sweetheart Janet while both were juniors in college. Vern had been looking forward to celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary in December, 2026.

Vern had a long and successful professional career as an engineer focused on ensuring that the equipment critical to modern life—relating to power generation, transportation, and medical devices—was safe and performed as needed. After working for Link Aviation in Binghamton, NY, which designed airplane flight simulators, Vern entered the field of experimental stress analysis, which would become the focus of his career. He worked for Baldwin Lima-Hamilton Corporation (Waltham, MA), Brewer Engineering Labs (Marion, MA)—where he rose to become Vice President of the Company and, after purchase by Teledyne Engineering, Manager and Senior Principal Engineer. In 1990, Vern and his business partner, Ricardo Bermudez, founded Sensing Systems Corporation in North Dartmouth, MA, which continued the work of system and structural design, analysis and testing. He retired from Sensing Systems in 2013 at age 76.

Vern’s career in experimental stress analysis enabled him to protect the safety and well-being of others. He enjoyed the technical challenge, focus, and precision of analyzing the integrity of structures large and small, and of finding creative design solutions for system and mechanical failures, such as subway car derailments in Boston, falling luminaires on the Tri-Borough Bridge, and engine vibration problems on container ships. He was known for his incredible motivation, discipline, and energy, and he brought a strong sense of ethical integrity to each project, examining potential problems from every angle.

Much of Vern’s work was done in the field, which took him all over the world, from Pakistan’s Indus River and the largest earthen dam ever built, to the North Sea to install safety instrumentation on a salvage barge, and across North

America. In his twenties, while working for BLH, he earned two patents for a weight and center of gravity system for Kodak space equipment. Over the span of his career, Vern conducted structural integrity tests on 45 nuclear power plants in the United States and served on the federal committee that wrote the structural standards for nuclear power plants. He also created fingertip sensors for wounded veterans that enable a robotic hand to have human feeling and capability, which were featured on the cover of National Geographic.

Despite the travel demands and long hours of his job, Vern found time for his family and for community and church life. He engaged with each of his five children on their interests and supported them in their individual talents. Moreover, many who grew up in Marion remember Vern as a guiding figure in their youth, teaching them practical and ethical life skills. His involvement with Boy Scouts was an extension of this, and he loved leading camping and canoeing trips.

When his wife Janet became an ordained United Methodist minister in the 1980s, Vern embraced his new role as clergy spouse at the churches they served together in Long Plain, Southbridge, Westport Point, and Bridgewater, MA. He was active on church boards at the local, district and conference levels on the United Methodist Church. He was also involved in Habitat for Humanity, in charge of site acquisition for the Fall River affiliate. After his retirement, Vern spent summers at Chautauqua Institution in New York State, where he and Janet operate an apartment house and where he enjoyed daily lectures, concerts and visits by family.

Though Vern grew up in a home with no books, when his sister gifted him his first book—*Short Cuts in Figures*—at age 12, it catapulted his proficiency in math, which eventually sparked his engineering career. In his retirement, Vern read about a book per week, often about the human spirit and the ways people overcome challenges. He was driven by an unwavering sense of justice and equality, and supported efforts to create a more just world.

Vern is survived by his wife Janet (Fulst) Wallace, three sons Gregory Wallace and his husband Craig Sheppard, Timothy Wallace and his wife Deirdre Donovan Wallace, Andrew Wallace and his wife Dawn Wallace, and daughter Ann Wallace and her fiancé Konstantin Vail, and twelve grandchildren, Allison, Tyler, Connor, Sean, Kyle, Brendan, Rebecca, Alexander, Sophie, Katerina, Molly, and Connie. He is predeceased by all of his siblings and by his oldest son Christopher J. Wallace, who died in 2024.

The family held a private green burial service for Vern at Rock Ridge Cemetery in Sharon, MA. A public memorial service will be held in the pavilion at The Marion Council on Aging, 465 Mill Street (Route 6), Marion, MA at 11am on Saturday, July 25, followed by a reception at the Wallace home at 17 Pleasant Street, Marion. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Buzzards Bay affiliate of Habitat for Humanity at [buzzardsbayhabitat.org](https://buzzardsbayhabitat.org). (<https://buzzardsbayhabitat.org/donate/>). Funeral arrange-

# OBITUARIES

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**Elizabeth “Betty” Yvonne Howard Linzee**, born in Montpelier, France on March 19, 1926, passed away on November 15, 2025, at the age of 99 after a very long and active life of caring and service. At the time of her death, she was living in a cottage at her younger son’s home in Marion, MA; three generations of her family were at her bedside to send her off. Betty is survived by her four children: Thomas E. Linzee Jr., Gail Linzee Reitter, George Howard Linzee, Carol Anne Drastal-Chan; nine grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren.



Betty was preceded in death by her husband Thomas Edward Linzee, her father George Parker and stepmother Alice Kennedy Howard of Marion and her mother and stepfather, Eleanor Spooner and John Roger Crawford of Portland ME. She was also preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Walter Scott and Mini Parker Howard, former professional actors who settled permanently in their homestead farm in the village of Buzzards Bay, MA.

As a young child Betty spent summers at her grandfather’s farm where she learned to sail under her father’s guidance on Buttermilk Bay and attended the opening of the Bourne Bridge with her grandfather who as a longtime town selectman presided at the event. She learned to speak French fluently from her father who was a French teacher for many years at the Hotchkiss School in Connecticut. As a teenager, she spent summers in Marion where she made friends with the boys attending Tabor summer camp while her father assisted Bill Maxwell with the Tabor sailing program and the vestry renovation in the basement of the First Congregational of Marion. During the school year she lived in Boston with her mother and grandmother, attended Brimmer and May School, and met and started dating Thomas E. Linzee. Betty and Tom were married October 23, 1943, in Laredo, TX where he was stationed in the US Army Air Corps. He deployed to England in August 1944 and completed 25 bombing missions as a B-17 radio operator. He survived being shot down on his last mission and was missing in action for a month. Their first child Thomas Jr. was born while he was overseas. Betty cherished her involvement with the 388th Bomb Group Association and formed lasting relationships with fellow veterans and their families.

After the war, Betty, Tom Sr., Tom Jr and Gail moved from Boston to Port Jefferson, NY where George and Carol Anne were born. During their years on Long Island, the couple owned and managed the Smithtown Tennis and Pool Club until it tragically burned down. They were also partners in the Royal Delicatessen in the Village of Port Jefferson. Betty’s love for numbers led her to become a teller at the

Suffolk County Savings and Loan Association in Smithtown, NY. Over the years, she attended various night classes in New York City, climbed the ranks, and eventually retired as a bank manager and Vice President of the Astoria Federal Bank.

During her time on Long Island, Betty taught her husband and children to sail, and the family raced a 24’ Raven and then a Pearson 30 competitively with the Setauket Yacht Club. At the age of 65, she decided to take up wind surfing.

Betty’s dedication to her two communities was remarkable. She actively participated in numerous organizations, including the Greater Port Jefferson Chamber of Commerce, where she served on the Beautification Committee. As treasurer of the Setauket Yacht Club, Betty contributed to its success through her involvement in the Building and Finance Committee. She was a devoted member of the First Presbyterian Church, sang in the choir, and served on the finance and budget committee. Betty was also a speaker and volunteer coordinator at the Brookhaven Women’s Center and served for 17 years on the Village of Port Jefferson Board of Zoning Appeals.

After her retirement, Betty and Tom took care of her father until he passed and then moved into his home on Zora Road in Marion, MA. After returning to Marion, she again became a committed member of the First Congregational Church where she served on a pastor selection committee and became well known organizing volunteers for the annual church fair blueberry harvest.

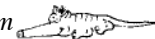
She always had a passion for reading and history. She was an active member of the Woman’s Study Club of Port Jefferson and the Port Jefferson Historical Society from 1967-1996. Betty enjoyed being a founding member of the Long Island Anna Smith Strong Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), a 54-yr member of the National DAR, and an active member of the New Bedford, MA DAR chapter. She was also a member of the Mayflower Society (7 descendants) and from 2013-2020 was a docent for the New Bedford Whaling Museum. Betty loved music, especially opera and regularly went to performances in NYC and Boston.

Memories of Betty’s vibrant personality, love of learning, and dedication to her family and community will be cherished by those who had the privilege of knowing her.

A celebration of life memorial service will be held at 1:00 pm on July 18th, 2026, at the First Congregational Church, Marion, MA where Betty was a member for 19 years. A reception in the Church Community Center will follow immediately after the service.

Arrangements by Chapman Funerals & Cremations – Wareham. To leave a message of condolence visit: [www.chapmanfuneral.com](http://www.chapmanfuneral.com)

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# MOVIE REVIEW

## Not So Super

By Rob Gonsalves  
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***Supergirl*. Starring Milly Alcock and Eve Ridley. Directed by Craig Gillespie. Running time: 110 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. Now playing in theaters.**

Supergirl deserves better. So does Milly Alcock, who plays her. In the new *Supergirl*, based lightly on the comic-book miniseries *Supergirl: Woman of Tomorrow* by writer Tom King and artist Bilquis Evely, Supergirl, or Kara Zor-El, roams around the galaxy during her birthday week in search of planets without a yellow sun — planets where she has no superpowers, so she can get drunk. Kara is the cousin of Kal-El, or Superman; unlike him, she remembers her dead planet of Krypton, and knows what she lost.

In other stories, Kara was basically a female Kal-El, kindly and sincere. The conception of Kara as a cynical lost soul perpetually grieving her people made her interesting in the miniseries, but seems almost an afterthought in the film. *Supergirl* has a simplified but workable script, by Ana Nogueira, and atrocious direction, by Craig Gillespie, whose *I, Tonya* and *Cruella* showed he liked to tell stories about nonheroic women. But those films weren't action movies, and this is, sort of. And Gillespie can't stage a conflagration to save his life. *Supergirl* contains some of the most incoherent, unreadable action since Joel Schumacher's *Batman* films.

Here, Supergirl helps a girl, Ruthye (Eve Ridley), whose family has been killed by a band of space brigands and human traffickers led by the swaggering Krem (Matthias Schoenarts, who enters every scene with an inquisitive/aggressive tilt of his head). Ruthye wants to kill Krem, who has also shot Kara's dog Krypto with a poison arrow for which only Krem holds the antidote. There's probably a reason I missed for why Kara can't just get Krypto to a yellow-sun planet where he can heal. Anyway, Kara is drawn mostly unwillingly into Ruthye's circus and monkeys, where many cluttered brawls happen, especially when the fan-favorite mercenary Lobo (Jason Momoa) enters the picture.

Is it irony or something else that the movie only comes alive when Krem or Lobo, twin avatars



of toxic masculinity on opposing sides, saunter into the action? Surely Schoenarts and Momoa have fun chewing the scenery and being bad motorscooters, so maybe their enjoyment figures into our own, while Alcock and Ridley have little to play but suffering. I realize a lot of women and girls are going to take *Supergirl* to their hearts as a parable of female perseverance against male predation, but good god, they deserve better, too. If a competent woman director couldn't have been hired, couldn't Warner and James Gunn have sprung for a decent male action director? Even the non-action scenes are shot inside grungy spacecraft or taverns. *Supergirl* is a bewilderingly ugly movie.

Alcock is worth watching, enacting a Kara running from her pain. I just miss the days when superheroes weren't so grim and gritty — I miss Lynda Carter's Wonder Woman, say, whose guiding lights were kindness and empathy. Is that sexist? Maybe, but female superheroes used to exist as contrast to male superheroes like Batman or the Hulk who were consumed by rage. A female hero consumed by rage is nothing new, and adds nothing to the DC mythos — even Kara's big silent-scream moment (with that maudlin floating teardrop) echoes the much better scene in *Mad Max: Fury Road*. I don't want to spoil anything, so I'll just say that the way Gillespie and Nogueira resolve the Krem issue (as opposed to how the comic book did it) is a cop-out at best and morally disgusting at worst. If your hero is going to be high-minded about something for the whole movie, maybe don't make her reverse herself just because the movie's almost over. I hate saying this, because I'm forever rooting for distaff heroes, but *Supergirl* deserves whatever box-office ignominy it has coming.

On July 4, 1776, Congress approved the text of the official Declaration of Independence and sent it to John Dunlap, a Philadelphia printer, who worked through the night printing copies to distribute. Word spread outward to the colonies at the speed of horsepower.

On July 18, 1776, Col. Thomas Crafts read the Declaration from the balcony of the State House in Boston for the first time in the Commonwealth. Many of the city's citizens gathered in King Street to hear the proclamation. Abigail Adams, who was present in the crowd, described the scene in a letter to her husband: "Great attention was given to every word. As soon as Col. Crafts ended, the cry from the balcony was 'God save our American States' and then three cheers which rended the air."

Readers are Rep. Mark Silvia, State Representative for the 10th Bristol District, Frances Feliz-Kearns, Select Board of Mattapoisett, Jenny Martin, Director of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library and Connor Gaudet, Curator, Mattapoisett Museum.

Together the citizens of the SouthCoast will "rend the air" with their own three cheers.

### Moe Dixon at the Mattapoisett Museum

On Thursday, **July 16**, 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm, the Mattapoisett Museum at 5 Church Street presents a special concert featuring singer and songwriter, Moe Dixon who will be joined by local favorites Seth Asser and Gary Brown for an intimate evening of song and

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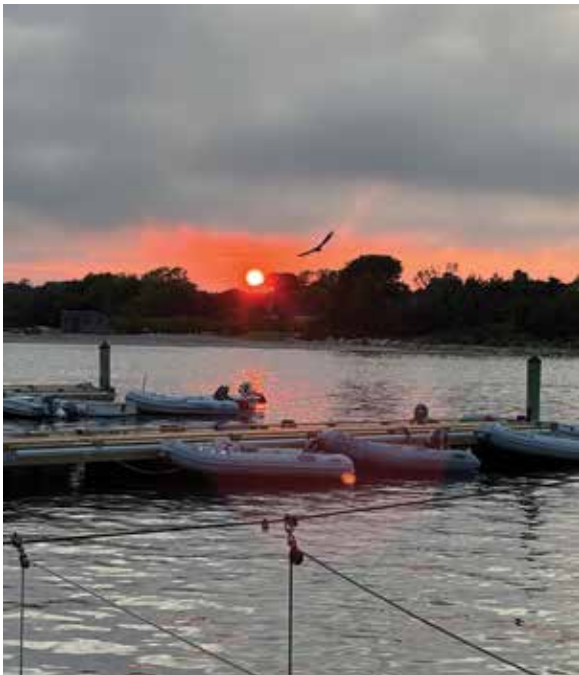
*On Sunday, the two-year celebration of the Open and Affirming status of the Mattapoissett Congregational Church - truly all are welcome here. Photo by Jennifer Shepley*



*Margaret Taylor (center) of Harbor Beach celebrated her 100th birthday with family. Photo courtesy Elaine Grant*



*Photo of blue heron posing next to 2 swans in a back yard in Mattapoissett. Photo by Melisa Chase*



*Rory Hammond took this picture from the Mattapoissett Town Wharf.*



*Mattapoissett Harbor in the early morning. Photo by Ruth Griffin*

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storytelling. Moe is a familiar name on the festival and concert club circuit with inspiring original songs, fiery finger-style and ragtime guitar and inventive ukulele playing. Moe and Seth met over 50 years ago in Vermont and formed a successful folk-rock group "Willow" that played throughout New England for several years. This event is a celebration of their friendship and musical collaborations.

Moe went on to gain national recognition through his contributions to the children's group Rosen, Shontz, and Dixon. He's written themes to Bob Hope specials and Warren Miller ski movies, and performed with the Wheeling Symphony and the West Suburban Symphony of Chicago. He's shared the stage with such familiar names as Phil Ochs, Pete Seeger, Tom Paxton, Tom Rush, Nicolette Larson, Doc Watson, Maria Muldaur, Rory Block, Odetta, Jonathon Edwards, John Denver, Bill Danoff, Michael Johnson, Little River Band, The Hellcasters, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Three Dog Night, Eric Johnson, Larry Carlton, Lee Ritenour, Buddy Guy, Sonny Landreth, and Robben Ford.

Thousands of listeners have become loyal fans. His magical performances are highlighted by masterful guitar playing and powerful vocals. Every audience absorbs and expands on Moe's unique energy and each performance becomes a celebration.

Tickets are on sale at [www.mattapoisettmuseum.org/events](http://www.mattapoisettmuseum.org/events). Cost is \$18.00 for members and \$20.00 for

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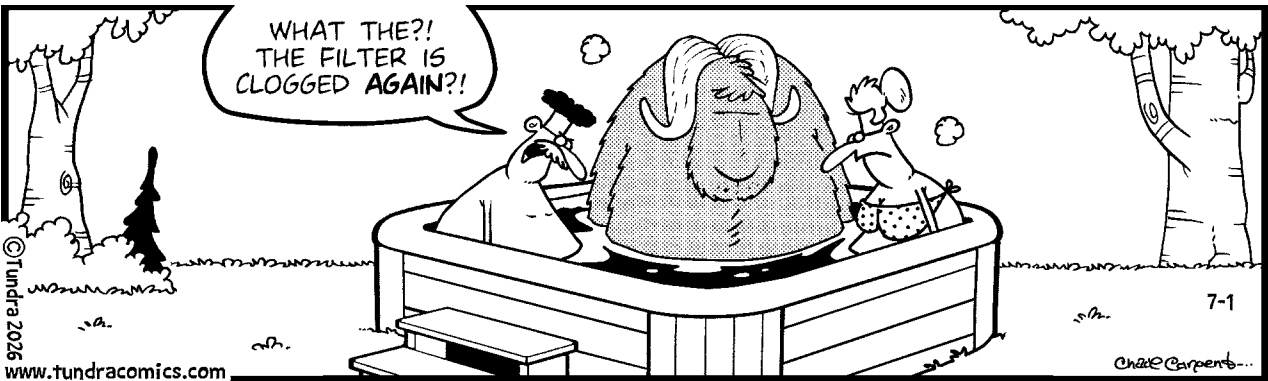


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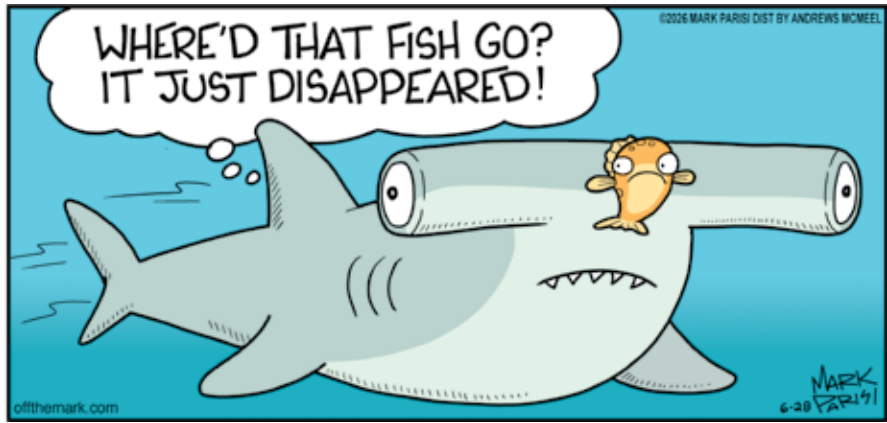


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### Rep Mark Sylvia at Mattapoissett Museum

Please join us as we welcome our Massachusetts Representative Mark D. Sylvia, 10th Bristol District for his first visit to our Mattapoissett Museum, Friday **July 17** at 1pm. The Museum will be open Friday as well as

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### Vacation Bible School

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Sleep out in a tent
- 7 Nutrition std.
- 10 Fishing throw
- 14 Alpaca's kin
- 19 "Moonlight" actress Harris
- 20 Suffix of element names
- 21 Analogy words
- 22 Ancient Athens or Sparta, e.g.
- 23 Construction vehicles with tilting beds
- 25 Chooses a finger over a pacifier
- 27 Before, in verse
- 28 "The Raven" writer
- 29 German art songs
- 30 Qatari capital
- 31 1920s-'30s American mobster
- 36 Young lady
- 38 "Bali —"
- 39 Slugger Gehrig
- 40 Plant swelling
- 42 How food is often fried
- 44 Title dragon of a '70s kids' show
- 50 Silly sorts
- 53 French suffix with jardin
- 54 Neighbor of Venus
- 56 Fish-tailed males of myth
- 57 Hi-tech "appt. book"
- 58 Radical type names
- 60 1040 org.
- 62 Suffix with ball or bass
- 63 Roman 901
- 66 Northern French river
- 68 Roofing piece
- 70 Essential (to)
- 72 Stiff-bristled bath item
- 74 Dazed from a heavy blow
- 76 Incentive
- 77 GI no-shows
- 79 Small needle cases
- 80 Suffix with Canton
- 81 Turkey Day vegetable
- 82 GI R&R center
- 83 Racecar fuel
- 85 Articulate
- 87 River crafts
- 89 "Cool beans!"
- 91 Get weary
- 92 No-bake pie base
- 96 Some heirs' cash sources
- 99 Concerning kidneys

- 100 Brooklyn art institute
- 102 Granola bit
- 103 Big bush bird
- 104 Apiece
- 107 Brand of popcorn with peanuts
- 114 Part of UTEP
- 116 Deep and hoarse, as a voice
- 118 — de toilette
- 119 Hugs, in a love letter
- 120 "Painful to face the reality!"
- 122 Speechless from shock
- 126 Very mad
- 127 Actor Liu of "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings"
- 128 Mined matter
- 129 Séance state
- 130 Stocking fiber
- 131 Padlock part
- 132 Cozy gunk
- 133 Alternatives to Cokes
- DOWN**
- 1 Stopped
- 2 Pacific island republic
- 3 Sky streaker
- 4 Band blaster
- 5 Sch. in Cambridge
- 6 According to
- 7 Big name in photocopiers
- 8 Blue Devils' sch.
- 9 Mornings, in brief
- 10 Inhabitant
- 11 Tennis great
- 12 Seven-card poker variety, e.g.
- 13 Marisa of film
- 14 Vinyl albums, in brief
- 15 Booming
- 16 Liquor
- 17 Russia's Gorbachev
- 18 Tears into
- 24 Scannable ID in a market
- 26 "It's cold!"
- 29 U.K. "Inc."
- 32 Sleuth's aid
- 33 Great athletes get elected to it: Abbr.
- 34 54-Across orbits it
- 35 Headed out
- 37 Compared with
- 41 Daisy relatives, for short
- 43 Mother Teresa, e.g.
- 44 Place for a fanny pack
- 45 Censors, as part of a text
- 46 With 122-Down, rodent with a bark-like cry
- 47 Ready
- 48 Ankle bone
- 49 Eurasian mountains
- 51 Horse to bust
- 52 Suffocate
- 55 Homer, e.g.
- 58 Not for sale
- 59 Matt of "Friends"
- 61 Taken-back auto, for one
- 63 Village People album with the song "Y.M.C.A."
- 64 Kind of roof with four sloping sides
- 65 Sort
- 67 Addition total
- 69 "Eureka!" moments
- 70 As originally placed
- 71 Minions' leader in "Despicable Me"
- 72 Fresno-to-L.A. dir.
- 73 Gossipy tidbit
- 75 Pertaining to an arm bone
- 78 Got the gold
- 82 Gorbachev's fed.
- 84 How- (DIY manuals)
- 86 "Of course!"
- 87 Nashville awards org.
- 88 Great elation
- 90 Rebuke to "Brute"
- 91 Ballet attire
- 92 Entered stealthily
- 93 Wed again
- 94 Anomalous
- 95 Affixes to a corkboard, e.g.
- 97 Cargo weight
- 98 Relatives, informally
- 101 Test out
- 105 Frau's "Alas!"
- 106 Pulverize
- 108 Prefix with biology
- 109 Tiny role
- 110 Wheel middle
- 111 Verbs' counterparts
- 112 Spherical bacteria
- 113 Improves superficially, with "up"
- 115 Filmmaker
- 117 24/7 sources of \$20 bills
- 121 Cackling bird
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Get your facts together and become familiar with them before you have to face up to a certain meeting. The better prepared you are, the easier it will be to make an important impression.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) New information might warrant changing your mind about a recently made decision. Never mind the temporary confusion it might cause. Acting on the truth is always preferable.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Creating a loving atmosphere for those you care for could pay off in many ways. Expect to hear some unexpected but very welcome news that can make a big difference in your life.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Stepping away from an old and seemingly insoluble problem might be helpful. Use the time to take a new look at the situation and perhaps work out a new method of dealing with it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're still in a favorable goal-setting mode. However, you might need to be a little more realistic about some of your aims. It's best to reach for what's currently doable. The rest will follow.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A setback is never easy to deal with, but it could be a boon in disguise. Recheck your proposal and strengthen the weak spots. Seek out advice from someone who has "been there and done that."

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Coming up with a new way of handling a tedious job-regulated chore could lead to more than just a congratulatory memo once the word reaches the "right people." Good luck!

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) What you might call determination, someone else might regard as stubbornness. Look for ways to reach a compromise that won't require a major shift of views on your part.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're still in a vulnerable mode vis-a-vis "offers" that sound too good to be true. So, continue to be skeptical about anything that can't be backed up with provable facts.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Thrift is still dominant this week. What you don't spend on what you don't need will be available for you to draw on should a possible (albeit temporary) money crunch hit.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Staying close to home early in the week allows for some introspection about your social life. Sort out your feelings before rejoining your fun-time fellows on the weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It can be a bit daunting, as well as exciting, to find yourself finally taking action on a long-delayed move for a change. It helps to stay with it when others rally to support you.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your love of home and family provide you with the emotional support that you need to find success in the outside world.

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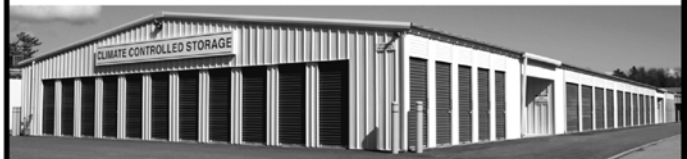
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| <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT<br/>SELECT BOARD<br/>INVITATION TO BID</b></p> <p>Sealed bids for furnishing the following item will be received at the Town of Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 until the time specified below. Immediately following the closure of bids, the bids will be publicly opened and read at the Town of Mattapoisett Town Hall.</p> <p><b>ITEM BID DUE DATE/TIME</b><br/>Bid: Oakland Street Reconstruction Project with an Additive Alternate Bid<br/>Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 2:00 pm.</p> <p>The work under this Contract consists of the reconstruction of an existing public road known as Oakland Street in the Town of Mattapoisett from Beacon Street to Church Street. The total length of road is about 1,000-linear feet and will be constructed as specifically described in the Special Provisions of the Contract Documents.</p> <p>The specific elements of the Base Bid project involve the reclamation of approximately 1,000-linear feet of existing asphalt surface and construction of a new paved travel way consisting of two (2) 10-foot-wide travel lanes on Oakland Street between Beacon Street and Church Street complete with new stormwater collection system consisting of drain piping, manholes and catch basins.</p> <p>The Additive Alternate work under this Contract consists of the reconstruction of the existing Town of Mattapoisett Police Station parking lot located at 64 County Road. The specific elements of the Additive Alternate project involve the removal and replacement of the existing asphalt parking field and new vertical granite curbing, and cement concrete sidewalks.</p> <p>The successful bidder will be required to pursue an expedited construction schedule in order to achieve substantial completion of the Base Bid work by November 6, 2026 and, if accepted by the Town, achieve substantial completion of the Additive Alternate work by December 31, 2026.</p> <p>The Contractor shall be responsible for all traffic management during construction which allows for safe traffic flow on the adjacent public travel ways including, but not necessarily limited to, temporary barriers, signing, temporary stop signs or portable traffic signals, etc. The Contractor shall prepare and submit for approval by the Engineer a plan detailing the proposed traffic management. All costs associated with traffic management shall be considered incidental to the various items of work.</p> <p>Each Bidder must possess a copy of the "2022 Massachusetts Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges" in order to properly interpret the Contract Documents, prepare and submit bids, and understand contractual obligations.</p> <p>An electronic copy of the bid documents, specifications and bid forms may be requested from Field Engineering Co., Inc. by e-mail at rcarvalho@fieldengr.com and through the COMMBUYS website at <a href="http://www.commbuys.com">http://www.commbuys.com</a>.</p> <p>All Bidders must be prequalified by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation – Highway Division with the class of work as, <b>HIGHWAY-CONSTRUCTION</b>, for the project with an estimated value of \$1,286,728.00 in order to receive the official copy of the bidding documents.</p> | <p>A copy of the plans and specifications is available for review at the Town Hall or at the office of Field Engineering Co., Inc., the Town's engineering consultant.</p> <p>Bidders shall demonstrate that they have experience in working on projects of a similar or greater size and type to the proposed project. All bidders will be required to provide examples with references of a minimum of three (3) successfully completed projects within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, of a similar size and scope within the past five (5) years. The Owner's decision or judgment on these matters will be final, conclusive, and binding.</p> <p>Bids will be due at the Select Board Office at the Mattapoisett Town Hall on the day and time specified above and will be publicly opened and read at the Town Hall immediately following. Bids received after such time will not be accepted. Sealed envelopes containing bids must be clearly marked in accordance with the Bidding and Contract Requirements. Each Bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a BID BOND, CASH, or, CERTIFIED CHECK issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price.</p> <p>A performance bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total amount of the contract price with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required for the faithful performance of the contract as well as a labor and materials bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total contract price.</p> <p>All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including G.L. c.30, § 39M, as amended.</p> <p>Prevailing Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of Department of Labor and Workforce Development under the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27G, as amended, apply to this project. Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid and the weekly payroll record submittal requirements.</p> <p>Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the awarding authority to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder.</p> <p>The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the opening of the bids.</p> <p>The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids, or take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town. 7/2, 7/9</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF ROCHESTER<br/>ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS<br/>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1238</b></p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Michael Laperriere, for property located at 374 Walnut Plain Rd, identified on Assessor's Map 14, Lot 1F, who is seeking a Variance for the required 40 foot side setback on the proposed addition of a two-car garage, pursuant to Chapter 20.40, Section E.2., of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws.</p> <p>The public hearing will be on Thursday,</p> | <p>July 23rd, 2026, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA.<br/>Donald Spirlet, Chairman 7/2, 7/9</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT<br/>CONSERVATION COMMISSION<br/>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 13, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent 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 and improvements which includes cleaning up boulder piles, regrading a bank and replanting the area.</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 &amp; #57 on Assessors Map #1. 7/2</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT<br/>CONSERVATION COMMISSION<br/>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 13, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Dennis Mahoney &amp; Sons, Inc.</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 demolish seven houses and construct new single-family dwellings in compliance with FEMA and Mass Building Code requirements for construction within a Velocity Zone together with driveway access, parking, utility and stormwater improvements.</p> <p>The proposed work will be performed within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zones VE (El. 17) and VE (El. 18) and partially within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of Salt Marsh and Coastal Bank.</p> <p>The property is known as 1-7 Mahoney's Lane and is further identified as Lot #54 on Assessors Map #10. 7/2</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT<br/>CONSERVATION COMMISSION<br/>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 13, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) for a Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by Randall Enos, 8 River Bend Lane, Assessors Map 24, Lot 64, Mattapoisett, MA. The applicant proposes to replace the existing failed septic system with a denitrification septic system to service the existing single-family dwelling within the 100' buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland.</p> <p>**Contact <a href="mailto:concomm@mattapoisett.net">concomm@mattapoisett.net</a> for the Zoom Meeting Information. 7/2</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued on page 42</i></p> |


providing the vehicles and drivers and to the Town of Marion for permission to use the Community Center parking lot. For more information about the Buzzards Bay Musicfest, please visit [buzzardsbaymusicfest.com](http://buzzardsbaymusicfest.com).

### **Pan-Mass Challenge to Support Cancer Research**

This August 1 and August 2, the Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) will bring together more than 6,000 cyclists and 4,000 volunteers on August 1 and August 2 to raise money for cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Participants from local communities will be among those helping support the PMC's mission to fund lifesaving cancer research and treatment.


Local Participants Include: Dorothy Boudreaux of Rochester, Aurelio Pinhancos of Rochester, Bill Kenney of Rochester, Monica Kenney of Rochester, Tobias Revell of Rochester, Debora Bacchicocchi of Rochester, Keith Riquinha of Rochester, Lazaro Rosa of Rochester, Sheila Kozlowski of Rochester, Jake Pinhancos of Rochester, Susan Hunter Revell of Rochester, Kim Howley of Mattapoisett, Ingrid Monson of Mattapoisett, Karen Arpino of Mattapoisett, Benjamin Forker of Marion, Wael Bayazid of Marion, James Forker of Marion, Dina Nichols of Marion, Rebecca Gordon of Marion, and Jamey Shachoy of Marion.

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| <p><b>TOWN OF MARION<br/>PLANNING BOARD<br/>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b><br/>To be held at the Marion Police Department Conference Room<br/>550 Mill Street<br/>Also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option).<br/>For remote access to this meeting please contact Jenna Riewer at jriewer@marionma.gov during regular business hours.<br/>The meetings are televised and video recorded by Old Rochester Community Television (ORCTV). The meetings are live streamed on ORCTV.<br/>The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on July 20, 2026, at 7:00 pm to consider the request of Saltonstall Architects, for an application for Site Plan Review pursuant to Section 230-9.1A of the Code of the Town of Marion for proposed change of use of the existing building.<br/>The property is located at 413 Wareham Street, Marion, MA 02738 and is further identified on Marion Assessor's Map as Map 13, Lots 21 &amp; 21A, Zoning District GB.<br/>The public is invited to attend and comment on this matter and may inspect the full text at the Town House Annex, 14 Barnabas Road, Office of the Planning Board, or Town Clerk during normal business hours.<br/>Sean Sweeney, Chair<br/>Ann Morgan, Vice Chair 7/2, 7/9</p> | <p><b>PROPONENT: Mattapoissett Renewables, LLC</b><br/><br/>The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Energy &amp; Environmental Affairs on or before: June 30, 2026<br/><br/>This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA," M.G.L. c. 30, ss. 61-62L). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from:<br/>Brian Madden, LEC Environmental Consultants, Inc., 12 Resnik Road, Suite 1, Plymouth, MA 02360 (email: bmadden@lecenvironmental.com/phone: 508-746-9491)<br/><br/>Electronic copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of Mattapoissett.<br/><br/>The Secretary of Energy &amp; Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, receive public comments on the project, and then decide if an Environmental Impact Report is required. A site visit and/or remote consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit and/or remote consultation session, should email MEPA@mass.gov or the MEPA analyst listed in the Environmental Monitor. Requests for language translation or other accommodations should be directed to the same email address. Mail correspondence should be directed to the Secretary of Energy &amp; Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project.<br/>By Mattapoissett Renewables, LLC 7/2</p> | <p><b>THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS<br/>TOWN OF ROCHESTER<br/>OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR<br/>NOTICE OF TAX TAKING<br/>TO THE OWNES OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LAND<br/>AND TO ALL OTHERS CONCERNED YOU ARE HEARBY NOTIFIED</b><br/>That on July 24, 2026 at 10 o'clock A.M. at the collector's Office,<br/>Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way Rochester MA. 02770, pursuant to<br/>The provisions of General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 53, the<br/>Following described parcel/s of land will BE TAKEN FOR THE<br/>TOWN OF ROCHESTER for non-payment of taxes due thereon, with the<br/>Interest and all incidental expenses and cost to the date of taking,<br/>Unless the same shall have been paid before that date<br/>Beatrice Renauld Tax Collector<br/>*****<br/>Property Location: 0 NECK ROAD<br/>Assessed Owner 1: FRUIT D'OR REAL ESTATE USA CORP.<br/>Assessed Owner 2: S/O ADGA REALTY, LLC<br/>Tax Bill#: 627 Map/Parcel ID: 40 2 B<br/>A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 98446 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Plymouth Registry of Deeds in Book 54709 Page 0328<br/>2026 REAL ESTATE TAXES: 130.25<br/>INTEREST: 4.20<br/>ADDITIONAL CHARGES: 37.00<br/>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$171.45<br/>*****<br/>Property Location: 0 MARYS POND ROAD<br/>Assessed Owner 1: FRUIT D'OR REAL ESTATE USA CORP.<br/>Assessed Owner 2: S/O ADGA REALTY, LLC<br/>Tax Bill#: 632 Map/Parcel ID: 10 2<br/>A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 2892384 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Plymouth Registry of Deeds in Book 54709 Page 0328<br/>2026 REAL ESTATE TAXES: 489.52<br/>INTEREST: 15.77<br/>ADDITIONAL CHARGES: 27.00<br/>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$532.29<br/>*****<br/>Property Location: 0 MARYS POND ROAD<br/>Assessed Owner 1: FRUIT D'OR REAL ESTATE USA CORP.<br/>Assessed Owner 2: S/O ADGA REALTY, LLC<br/>Tax Bill#: 633 Map/Parcel ID: 10 1<br/>A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 268766 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Plymouth Registry of Deeds in Book 54709 Page 0328<br/>2026 REAL ESTATE TAXES: 52.79<br/>INTEREST: 1.70<br/>ADDITIONAL CHARGES: 27.00<br/>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$81.49<br/>*****<br/>Property Location: 0 CLAPP ROAD<br/>Assessed Owner 1: FRUIT D'OR REAL ESTATE USA CORP.</p> |
| <p><b>TOWN OF MARION<br/>ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS<br/>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #845</b><br/>The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, July 23, 2026 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Joshua M. and Nicole D'Ambrosio, for a Special Permit under section 230-6.1C and E.1 of the zoning by-law to allow the construction of a new house with more than 10% increase of the existing building height.<br/>The property, located at 8 Crapo Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 16 as lot 195.<br/>Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 7/2, 7/9</p>  | <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT<br/>CONSERVATION COMMISSION<br/>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b><br/>The Mattapoissett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 13, 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 Brittany Armstrong &amp; Jarred Cordell of 6 Riverside Drive, Mattapoissett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to upgrade a failed septic system outside of the buffer zones, but access through the buffer zone and minor excavation for the blower unit with vent within the buffer zone are shown on plan. Erosion barrier shown on plan.<br/>**Contact concomm@mattapoissett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 7/2</p>  | <p><i>Continued on page 44</i></p>   |
| <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT<br/>CONSERVATION COMMISSION<br/>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b><br/>The Mattapoissett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 13, 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 BCM Country Club LLC, PO Box 1406, Mattapoissett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to construct a divided roadway with 3' wide x 23' long island in the middle of Bay Club Drive with keypads and automatic gates. Proposed work lies within the buffer zone of wetlands. The project is located at Bay Club Drive, off Industrial Drive, and is further identified as Lot Private Road on Assessor Map 26 &amp; 27.<br/>**Contact concomm@mattapoissett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 7/2</p>  | <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT<br/>CONSERVATION COMMISSION<br/>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b><br/>The Mattapoissett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 13, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) for a Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by Edith Mikina, 6 Old Mattapoissett Neck Road, Assessors Map 11, Lot 164, Mattapoissett, MA. The applicant proposes to construct a 14'x10' shed on the property to service the dwelling within the 100-foot buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland and within the riverfront area of Swift Brook.<br/>**Contact concomm@mattapoissett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 7/2</p>  |  |
| <p><b>PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW<br/>PROJECT: Mattapoissett Renewables<br/>LOCATION: 100 Tinkham Hill Road, Mattapoissett, MA</b></p>   |   |  |

than any other single athletic fundraiser in the world, is aiming to raise more than ever this year, with a fundraising goal of \$79 million.

This year's PMC comes at an especially critical time, with federal research support shrinking, grant approval rates reaching historic lows, and cancer cases continuing to rise. For the 20th consecutive year, 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar will go directly to Dana-Farber, one of the nation's top three hospitals for cancer research and care.

"The theme for this year's PMC, which is 'now, more than ever,' underscores the paramount importance of every single dollar raised in fueling the search for a cure," said Billy Starr, founder and chairman of the PMC. "We are endlessly grateful to every rider, volunteer, donor, and sponsor who makes the PMC possible. Because of their training miles, long hours of volunteering, generous support, and unwavering commitment, we are moving ever closer to a world without cancer."

Since its inception in 1980, the PMC has raised \$1.125 billion for Dana-Farber, making it the organization's largest single contributor and accounting for 67 percent of the annual revenue of The Jimmy Fund, Dana-Farber's community-driven fundraising arm. This unrestricted annual funding has empowered and accelerated advancements in cancer research, deeply benefiting patients across the world.

During each annual PMC weekend, thousands of cyclists and volunteers come together from across the world, hailing from 47 US states and 12 countries, with a shared purpose of raising as much money as possible for Dana-Farber. Cyclists ride routes ranging from 25 to 177 miles. Included among these participants is the PMC Living Proof community, riders and volunteers who were previously treated or are currently undergoing cancer treatment and serve as Living Proof of the progress made through raising funds for cancer research and treatment.

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### MWC to Host Storytime

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club invites local children and their families to a special Storytime at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library on Wednesday **July 8** at 10:30 am in memory of former MWC president and children's librarian, Kate Brown. The theme of the storytime will focus on building community and taking care of one's neighbors. After the books, children are invited to participate in a community-centered craft and activity. All ages are welcome to attend.

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club is a civic, social, educational and philanthropic organization. Membership is always open to local women who are interested in the objectives and mission of the organization. For



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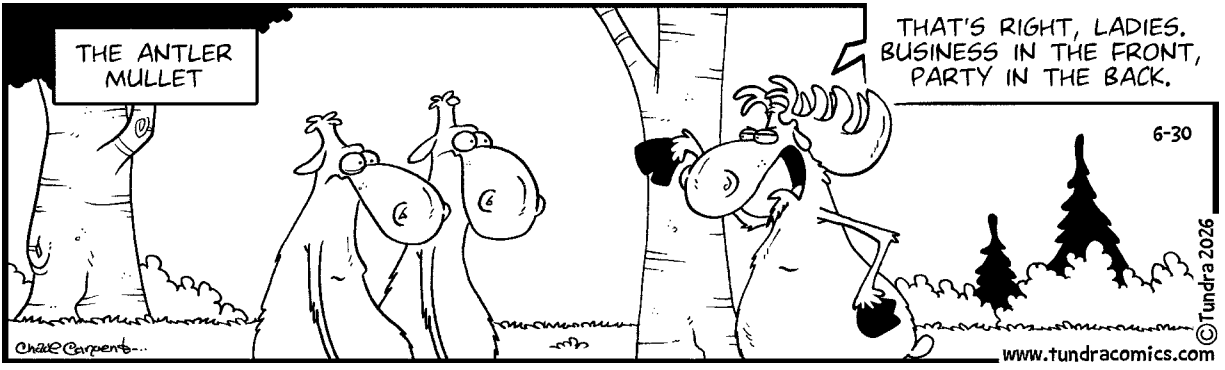
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**From the Files of the  
Rochester Historical Society**  
By Connie Eshbach

I'm recapping in part (before our July 4th bell ringing) facts about our bell at the Rochester Historical Society/ East Rochester Congregational Church. The church building which houses the bell as well as the next-door cemetery are on the National Register of Historical Places thanks to hard work by Betty Beaulieu.

The church building built in 1857 is a great example of the Greek Revival style which was popular in new England at the time. Over the years a variety of updates and repairs were done and many of them were paid for with money raised by the Ladies Sewing Circle. In 1936, it was reported at the Annual Meeting that the belfry had sunk two inches into the roof necessitating some major repairs.

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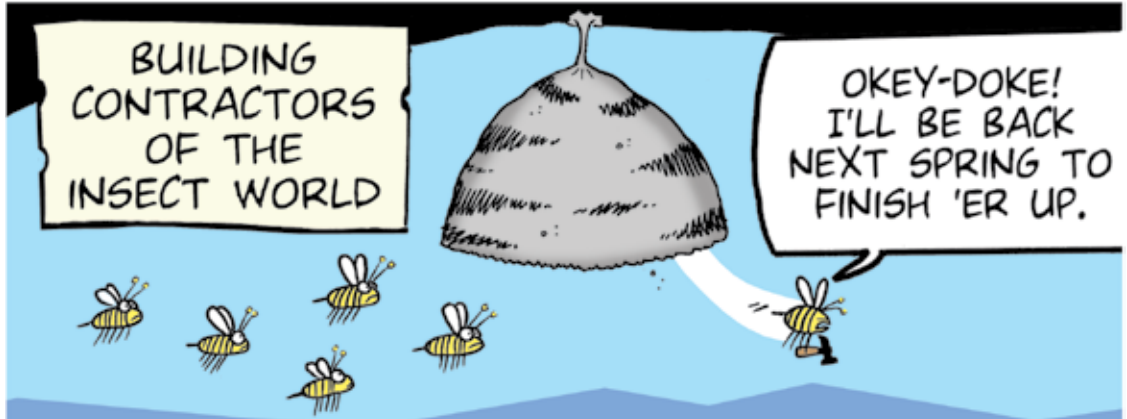
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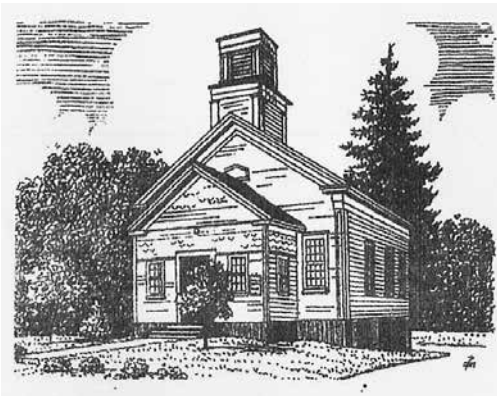
The bell is reached by climbing a wooden ladder in the vestibule and climbing through a small trapdoor into the belfry.

The bell operates by a pulley in the floor and a sidewheel. The rope comes down through the trapdoor next to the ladder.

The bell (like other church bells)

was used to call the East Rochester community together for church but also for important events, most notably the end of World War II. The bell was rung to call the neighborhood together to celebrate the end of the war.

We hope some of you will join the Historical Society at 355 County Rd. on July 4 between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm. The bell will toll 13 times beginning at noon. Anyone there before noon may take a try at ringing the bell. We're also suggesting that anyone who has any kind of bell to bring it along to ring out Freedom Bells. After



the bell ringing, there will be ice cream cups and a free copy of the Declaration of Independence.

### Rochester Historical Society on July 4th

On **July 4** the Rochester Historical Society at our museum formerly the East Rochester Congregational Church at 355 County Rd. will be ringing our 154 yr. old bell as part of Freedom Bells. Anyone arriving at 11:30 am will have a chance at ringing the bell. We're encouraging people to bring any bells they have to ring along. The bell will toll 13 times at noon, once for each of the original 13 colonies and then there will be ice cream cups and free copies of the Declaration of Independence. Thanks to Col. Arnold Briggs for bringing Freedom Bells to our attention.

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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**SCRAMBLERS**

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

- Irony
- AIRSET**
- Deal
- DACCOR**
- Slice
- CAVER**
- Expand
- DRAPES**

**TODAY'S WORD**

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"I guess you can say this vacation saved our marriage — now we can't afford a \_\_\_\_\_"

Happy 4th of July and Happy 250th Birthday, America.

### Adult Events at the Mattapoisett Library

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library, located at 7 Barstow Street, has an exciting summer line-up for the month of July.

Robert Ainsworth, experienced CFO and author, will give a historic presentation about Fraud through the Ages, on **July 3** at 11:00 am. Learn the story of history's swindlers, from Ancient Greece to today. No registration required.

Don't miss the first meeting of the Mattapoisett Library Writing Group on **July 7** at 5:00 pm. Get to know the group with a short writing exercise, share your writing goals or progress, and then participate in some quiet writing time. No registration required.

Register for one of our upcoming Beginner Sewing Classes, either on Thursday, July 9 at 3:00 pm or Saturday, **July 11** at 2:00 pm. You must bring your own sewing machine to participate. This class is open to adults, young adults, and children accompanied by an adult.

Join Jeff Belanger at MFPL for a motivational talk on "Turning Passion into Your Profession," on **July 14** at 6:00 pm. For the last two decades, Jeff Belanger has earned his living doing what he loves: chasing stories, publishing



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### Teen Events at the Mattapoisett Library

School's out and summer reading is here at the

## TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



#### MARION

##### Log highlights June 15 – June 27

- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Lost property
- 195 East – Wildlife services
- Mill St – Found property
- Converse Rd – MV collision
- Mill St – Animal complaint
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- West Ave – EMS/medical
- Middle Rd – General service
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Quail's Crossing Rd – Paper service
- Front St – Officer wanted
- Mill St – Paper service
- Brookhaven Ln – Follow up
- Parkway Ln – Gas leak
- Village Dr – Officer wanted
- Point Rd – Officer wanted
- Park St – Parking enforcement
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Village Dr – Officer wanted
- Front St – Missing person
- South Dr – Animal complaint
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- 195 West – MV collision
- Joanne Dr – EMS/medical
- Mansfield Ave – Follow up
- Front St – Follow up investigation

#### MATTAPOISETT

##### Log highlights June 15 – June 27

- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Long Plain Rd – Follow up
- Fairhaven Rd – Suspicious persons
- County Rd – Search warrant
- Driscoll Ln – MV violations
- Marina Dr - Complaint
- Aucoot Rd – Parking complaint
- Antassawamock Rd – MV crash
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Cuttyhunk Dr – 911 call
- Eldorado Dr – Animal control
- Barstow St – Follow up investigation
- Ocean Dr – Animal control
- North st – Health/welfare
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Church St – General service
- Wildwood Ter – Medical alarm
- Abby Ln – Suspicious persons
- Beacon St – MV violations
- Beacon St – General service
- Fairhaven Rd – Past MV crash
- Bay Club Dr - Complaint
- High Ridge Dr – Follow up
- County Rd - Arrest
- North St – Health/welfare
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- North St - Disturbance
- Water St – 911 call
- Acushnet Rd - Complaint

#### ROCHESTER

##### Log highlights June 15 – June 27

- Paulines Way – Noise complaint
- Haskell Ridge Rd – General services
- Rounseville Rd – Follow up
- Alley Rd – Animal control
- Neck Rd – General services
- New Bedford Rd – Animal control
- Union Church Ter – Animal control
- New Bedford Rd – MV collision
- Braley Hill Rd – 911 call
- Cross Rd – MV stop/citation
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation
- Cranberry Hwy – Burglar alarm
- Neck Rd – 911 call
- Braley Hill Rd – Road hazard
- Snipatuit Rd – General services
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- Alley Rd – General services
- Mayflower Ln – Animal control
- County Rd – Parking complaint
- North Ave – Erratic MV/arrest
- Bradford Ln – 911 call
- Marys Pond Rd – Noise complaint
- Snipatuit Rd – Animal rescue
- Boxberry Ln – General services
- North Ave – Assist other agency
- Neck Rd – Assist other agency
- Pine St – Parking complaint
- Snipatuit Rd – MV collision

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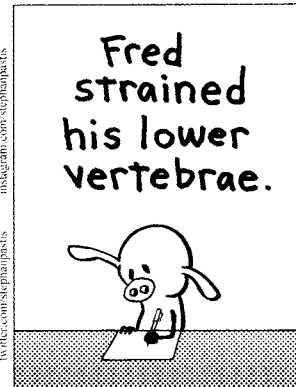
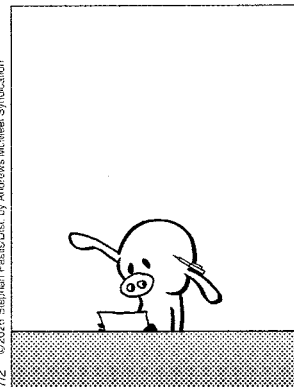
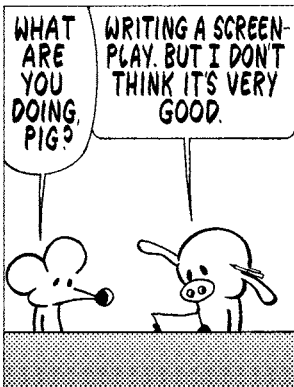
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**PEARLS BEFORE SWINE**  
by Stephan Pastis



Mattapoisett Free Public Library. Stop by to grab a copy of the assigned summer reading lists for Old Rochester and Old Colony students, and to see what books from the list are available for checkout.

The library is also hosting a Teen Summer Reading Challenge. Teens who read a book from the assigned summer reading list and fill out a book review will receive a prize. Students going into grades 7-12 are eligible to participate.

Mark your calendars. Jennifer Mason-Black, author of the YA novel "Sometimes the Girl," is visiting the Mattapoisett Library for an Author Talk on **August 8** at 2:00 pm. This novel tells the story of an intergenerational friendship that changes the lives of both parties involved. Teens who read "Sometimes the Girl," write a book review on it, attend related programs, and/or attend the author talk will earn raffle tickets for the chance to win a themed gift basket. Keep an eye out for more information, coming soon.



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| Thursday    | July 2  | 10:19 | 10:31 | 4:06  | 3:51  |
| Friday      | July 3  | 10:59 | 11:10 | 4:37  | 4:31  |
| Saturday    | July 4  | 11:41 | 11:53 | 5:06  | 5:10  |
| Sunday      | July 5  |       | 12:25 | 5:38  | 5:54  |
| Monday      | July 6  | 12:39 | 1:12  | 6:14  | 6:46  |
| Tuesday     | July 7  | 1:29  | 2:01  | 6:59  | 7:53  |
| Wednesday   | July 8  | 2:22  | 2:53  | 7:53  | 9:14  |
| Thursday    | July 9  | 3:19  | 3:52  | 8:54  | 10:34 |
| Friday      | July 10 | 4:24  | 4:58  | 9:57  | 11:41 |
| Saturday    | July 11 | 5:32  | 6:05  | 11:01 |       |
| Sunday      | July 12 | 6:35  | 7:05  | 12:39 | 12:01 |
| Monday      | July 13 | 7:33  | 8:01  | 1:36  | 12:59 |
| Tuesday     | July 14 | 8:27  | 8:54  | 2:33  | 1:58  |
| Wednesday   | July 15 | 9:19  | 9:45  | 3:25  | 2:58  |
| Thursday    | July 16 | 10:11 | 10:35 | 4:11  | 3:54  |
| Friday      | July 17 | 11:03 | 11:25 | 4:49  | 4:46  |
| Saturday    | July 18 | 11:56 |       | 5:24  | 5:36  |
| Sunday      | July 19 | 12:16 | 12:49 | 5:58  | 6:29  |

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| Phases of the Moon | Last Quarter  | July 7th  |
|                    | New Moon      | July 14th |
|                    | First Quarter | July 21st |
|                    | Full Moon     | July 29th |

**I Found the Aardvark!**

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

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

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**PUZZLE ANSWERS**

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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**SCRAMBLERS**

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Today's Word  
**DIVORCE**

Sudoku Answer

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## GROCERY, DAIRY & FROZEN

8.9-12 oz. Selected Variety  
General Mills  
Cereal  
**\$4<sup>99</sup>**



46 oz.  
Dole  
Pineapple Juice **\$4<sup>49</sup>**

Half Liter Bottles, 24 pk.  
Poland Spring  
Spring Water **\$5<sup>99</sup>**

12 oz. Selected Variety  
Olipop  
Prebiotic Soda **\$2<sup>49</sup>**<sup>+Dep.</sup>

15-20.5 oz. Selected Variety  
Post  
Cereal **\$3<sup>99</sup>**

15 oz. Selected Variety  
Progresso  
Bread Crumbs **\$2<sup>99</sup>**

16.9 oz. Selected Variety  
Filippo Berio  
Olive Oil **\$8<sup>99</sup>**

24 oz. Selected Variety  
Classico  
Pasta Sauce  
**\$3<sup>49</sup>**



8.5-8.8 oz. Selected Variety  
Ben's Original  
Ready Rice  
**2/\$5**



## MEAT, DELI, & CHEESE

Fresh, Boneless  
Bell & Evans  
Chicken Breasts **\$8<sup>99</sup>**

Fresh  
Baby Back  
Pork Ribs **\$5<sup>49</sup>**

3 oz. Pkg.  
Al Fresco  
Chicken Bacon **\$4<sup>99</sup>**

14 oz. Pkg. Meat  
Kayem  
Fenway Franks **\$5<sup>49</sup>**

12.5 oz. Pkg.  
Boar's Head  
Skinless Beef Franks **\$7<sup>99</sup>**

3 oz. Pkg.  
Boar's Head  
Speck Italiano **\$7<sup>99</sup>**

Deli Sliced, Fryer's Deep Fried  
Boar's Head  
Turkey Breast **\$14<sup>99</sup>**

Deli Sliced  
Boar's Head  
American Cheese **\$6<sup>99</sup>**

Deli Fresh  
Friends' Store Made  
Macaroni Salad **\$9<sup>99</sup>**

Deli Fresh  
Friends' Store Made  
Chicken Salad **\$11<sup>99</sup>**

Deli Fresh  
Friends' Store Packaged  
Red Bliss Potato Salad **\$6<sup>99</sup>**

Deli Fresh  
Friends' Store Packaged  
Seafood Salad **\$11<sup>49</sup>**

4 oz. Pkg.  
Vermont Creamery  
Herb Goat Cheese **\$4<sup>99</sup>**

10 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety  
Ithaca  
Hummus **\$4<sup>99</sup>**

6.5 oz. Pkg.  
Boar's Head  
Pepperoni Stick **\$4<sup>99</sup>**

Ready to Serve  
Allen's  
Rotisserie Chicken **\$9<sup>99</sup>**

## BAKERY

9 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety  
BisouSweet Confections  
Donut Muffins **\$6<sup>99</sup>**

12 oz. Pkg. 4 ct.  
Superior on Main  
Éclairs **\$4<sup>99</sup>**

## CHEF PREPARED

With Sour Cream & Salsa  
Smoked Pork Burrito **\$12<sup>99</sup>**

Spicy Sesame  
Peanut Noodles **\$10<sup>99</sup>**

Pint  
Black Bean & Corn Salad **\$9<sup>99</sup>**

Fresh  
Garden Side Salad **\$6<sup>99</sup>**

Various Styles  
Take & Bake Pizza **\$8<sup>99</sup> - \$10<sup>99</sup>**

Homemade  
Savory Pies to Go

Small **\$13<sup>99</sup>** Large **\$19<sup>99</sup>**

Chicken Pot Pie **\$12<sup>99</sup>** **\$19<sup>99</sup>**

Shepherd's Pie **\$12<sup>99</sup>** **\$19<sup>99</sup>**

## GARDEN CENTER

4.25 Inch Pot - Proven Winners!  
Annuals **\$6<sup>99</sup>**

Assorted  
Hanging Baskets **\$29<sup>99</sup>**

50% Off!  
Cold Season  
Vegetables & Annuals **\$1<sup>49</sup>**

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SALE EFFECTIVE: Friday, July 3 to Thursday, July 9, 2026

# BLOCKBUSTER SAVINGS!

Certified Black Angus, Boneless  
Friends' Premium Ribeye Steak  
**\$20<sup>99</sup> lb**



8 oz. Selected Variety  
Food Club Shredded Cheese  
**2/\$5**



64 oz. Selected Variety  
Almond Breeze Almondmilk  
**\$3<sup>99</sup>**



32 oz. Selected Variety  
Frozen Yogurt or  
Gifford's Ice Cream  
**\$4<sup>99</sup>**



## SPIRITS

Summer Sale!

1.75 Liter Titos Vodka **\$29<sup>99</sup>**  
1.75 Liter Smirnoff Vodka **\$19<sup>99</sup>**  
1.75 Liter Bacardi Rum **\$24<sup>99</sup>**  
750 ml. Jose Cuervo Silver Tequila **\$24<sup>99</sup>**

16.5 oz. Selected Variety  
Outshine Frozen Fruit Bars  
**\$3<sup>99</sup>**



## QUALITY PRODUCE



6 oz. Pkg. Raspberries **\$3<sup>99</sup>**

2 lb. Pkg. Clementines **\$4<sup>99</sup>**

Seedless Red Grapes **\$3<sup>99</sup> lb**



Fresh Red Peppers **\$2<sup>49</sup> lb**

Fresh Broccoli Crowns **\$2<sup>99</sup> lb**

Fresh Sweet Onions **\$1<sup>39</sup> lb**

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