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55th Annual Mattapoissett Road Race

By Sam Bishop

On the morning of July 4, Mattapoissett saw its typical wave of athletes arrive, ready to run. This time was a record breaker! Even with high heats from an extreme heat advisory, 1387 racers crossed the line in the end, over 50 more racers than last year and the most the race has seen in its 55 years of running. For reference, the first race in 1971 saw 15 runners compete in the race organized by locals Bob and Doris Gardener.

Bob passed away in 2018 at the age of 84 and Doris in 2020 at the age of 87 and the race they began lives on, bigger than ever.

Again, we cannot stress enough the heat was intense with a heat index in the 90s. That being said, nearly 1400 racers crossed the line on Saturday. Of those, the first was Henry Myers, 26M, of San Diego, CA who crossed with a time of 21:03.6. 2nd was Tim Bolick, 31M, of Marion with a time of 21:12.5. 3rd was Nicholas Stathos, 26M, of Wellesley Hills with a time of 21:27.6.

For women and hot on the tail of the leading men, Abigail Hassman, 24F, of Foxboro finished first with a time of 22:16.1. In 2nd was Anna Weirich, 22F, Portola Valley, CA with a time of 25:13.7. 3rd was Mary Butler, 23F, of Brighton with a time of 26:06.2.

Tri-Town 250th Celebrations

By Sam Bishop

On July 4, the Tri-Town and its many residents celebrated the United States' 250th birthday. Though we were coming off the back end of an extreme heat advisory, no events had to be canceled, and celebrations were held across the towns; and the nation.

In Marion, Piney Point Beach had fireworks on July 2 and the town itself the following night off Silvershell Beach. That same day, the town Department of Public Works worked hard to decorate the town, notably by lining the parade route flags: American flags, colonial

On the Cover: Two girls celebrate America's 250th in Marion with a flag and a carriage during the annual Marion Independence Day Parade on Saturday. The parade ran from the Town House up Main Street, down Spring, and circled back from Route 6 and Front Street. Photo by Mick Colageo

era flags, and America 250 flags. That brings us to July 4, where Marion held its annual Independence Day Parade.

In Mattapoissett, the Community Picnic was held at Ned's Point on July 3 followed by a concert that night. The next morning began with a bang, with over 1300 athletes arriving to compete in the Mattapoissett Road Race. The afternoon saw historic bus tours around town led by the Mattapoissett Historical Museum and line dancing at Town Wharf that night.

Rochester held their own Town Picnic on the morning of July 4. The Congressional Church rang its historic bell for the area to hear as festivities moved into the afternoon, seeing the Patriotic Children's Parade beginning at Town Center.

Across the Tri-Town, many different semiquincentennial events were held. Though Marion was the only town that held its own fireworks display, I did hear fireworks go off from the other towns; surely from residents with permits, right? Happy birthday America! If you're about 80 years old, you've been here for one-third of it!

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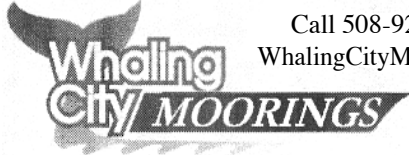
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War of Revolution Becomes A War of Independence

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 British lost the Battle of Sullivan's Island in South Carolina, protecting Charleston, General William Howe made landfall on Staten Island with 10,000 Redcoats, and the Continental Congress approved the Declaration of Independence, creating the United States of America.

On July 5, 1776, General George Washington does not yet know if the ratification of the call for

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independence. He writes President of the Continental Congress John Hancock from New York, fearing British retaliation is eminent. He writes, "It now seems beyond question and clear to demonstration, that the enemy mean to direct their operations and bend their most vigorous efforts against this colony." He recommends troops stationed in Massachusetts Bay be recalled immediately to defend New York. He worries, however, that militiamen from New England won't arrive in time.

Awaiting an attack at any moment, in his General Orders for the day on July 6, Washington says, "The General hopes the officers and soldiers will improve this opportunity, to get their arms in the best order for service - as they cannot tell how soon, or how suddenly, they may be called forth." He also asks that stores of water be frequently swapped out, to keep their containers clean and to ward against disease to the already short manpower.

That day, Hancock writes to Washington to inform him of the Declaration. He writes, "the Congress have judged it necessary to dissolve the connection between Great Britain and the American Colonies, and to declare them free & independent states; as you will perceive by the enclosed Declaration, which I am directed to transmit to you, and to request you will have it proclaimed at the Head of the Army in the way, you shall think most proper." He also notes weapons and ammunition from Rhode Island are on the way, along with mentioning the militia of Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland will soon be headed to New Jersey to help with the defense of New York.

Along with Hancock spreading the news to Washington, printers in Philadelphia have begun copying the document which is being sent to state governments. On July 6, the *Pennsylvania Evening Post* prints a copy



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of the Declaration in its current edition. On July 8, the Declaration is read to the public for the first time. Colonel John Nixon reads it to a crowd outside the State House in Philadelphia at an area now called "Independence Square." Bells are rung across the city, likely including the Liberty Bell, which was in the steeple of the State House, not known as Independence Hall. That same day, the Declaration is read aloud in Easton, Pennsylvania and Trenton, New Jersey.

George Washington reads the Declaration aloud to the army defending New York on July 9. The large, 4000-pound statue of King George III in Bowling Green Park is pulled down by the ensuing mob and members of the Sons of Liberty. The statue would be melted down in

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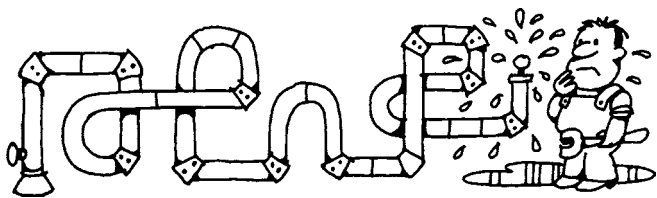
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On July 10, John Adams writes to his wife Abigail, checking in after a busy few weeks. He writes, "You will see by the newspapers, which I from time to time enclose, with what rapidity, the colonies proceed in their political maneuvers. How many calamities might have been avoided if these measures had been taken twelve months ago-?" Regularly writing his wife, the next day, the future-President pens, "The fatigues of war, are much less destructive to health, than the painful laborious attention, to debates, and to writing, which drinks up the spirits and consumes the strength."

July 11 marks a week since the ratification of the Declaration of Independence. The Continental Congress by this point has begun the long process of debates on what will become the Articles of Confederation.

Unsung Heroes of the Garden

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

Every gardener has them: the plants that never make the cover of a seed catalog but somehow become the backbone of the garden. They aren't the divas with enormous blooms or exotic colors. Instead, they're the dependable souls that quietly fill the gaps, soften the edges, and make everything else look better. I've come to think of them as the unsung heroes of the garden.

I was reminded of that the other day while walking to the chicken coop to refill their water. As I passed our old gazebo, I noticed a breathtaking cascade of climbing pink roses tumbling over one side. They were absolutely glorious and impossible to ignore. But as I stood there admiring them, the line from Herrick's *carpe diem* rang in my head: "This same flower that smiles today, tomorrow will be dying."

It's true, isn't it? Those spectacular roses will have their moment and then fade, leaving the vines, foliage, and sturdy framework to carry the garden through the rest of the season.

Our gazebo has plenty of that quiet support. Grapevines and hops scramble over the structure, while espaliered fruit trees create living walls around it with yarrow, lilies and meadow rue along with lemon verbena filling in the sides. Even on days when hardly anything is blooming, it's still one of my favorite places in the garden because the greenery alone is enough to make it inviting.

The gazebo itself has become something of an outdoor family room. My husband built it about 25 years ago, and over the years it has witnessed birthday celebrations, quiet afternoon conversations, and one memorable Fourth of July weekend when it became the perfect place to collapse and recover after a long bicycle ride around Martha's Vineyard. There's something about it that instantly makes you exhale. During our son's wedding, it became the bar for the reception, and our youngest son still enjoys sitting there today, just as he did

years ago when it served as his favorite teenage hideaway. Like the plants that surround it, it's grown richer with time.

Not far from the front walk is a garden companion that reminds me not to judge a plant by its flowers. New Zealand plume poppy (*Macleaya cordata*, Papaveracea)



certainly isn't grown for its blooms, which are rather forgettable. In fact, I can't even remember why I bought it in the first place. But I do know why it's still here. Its handsome, deeply cut foliage and impressive height give the garden wonderful texture. It faithfully returns every year - perhaps a bit too faithfully, since it has no hesitation about reseeding itself - but I've learned to appreciate its



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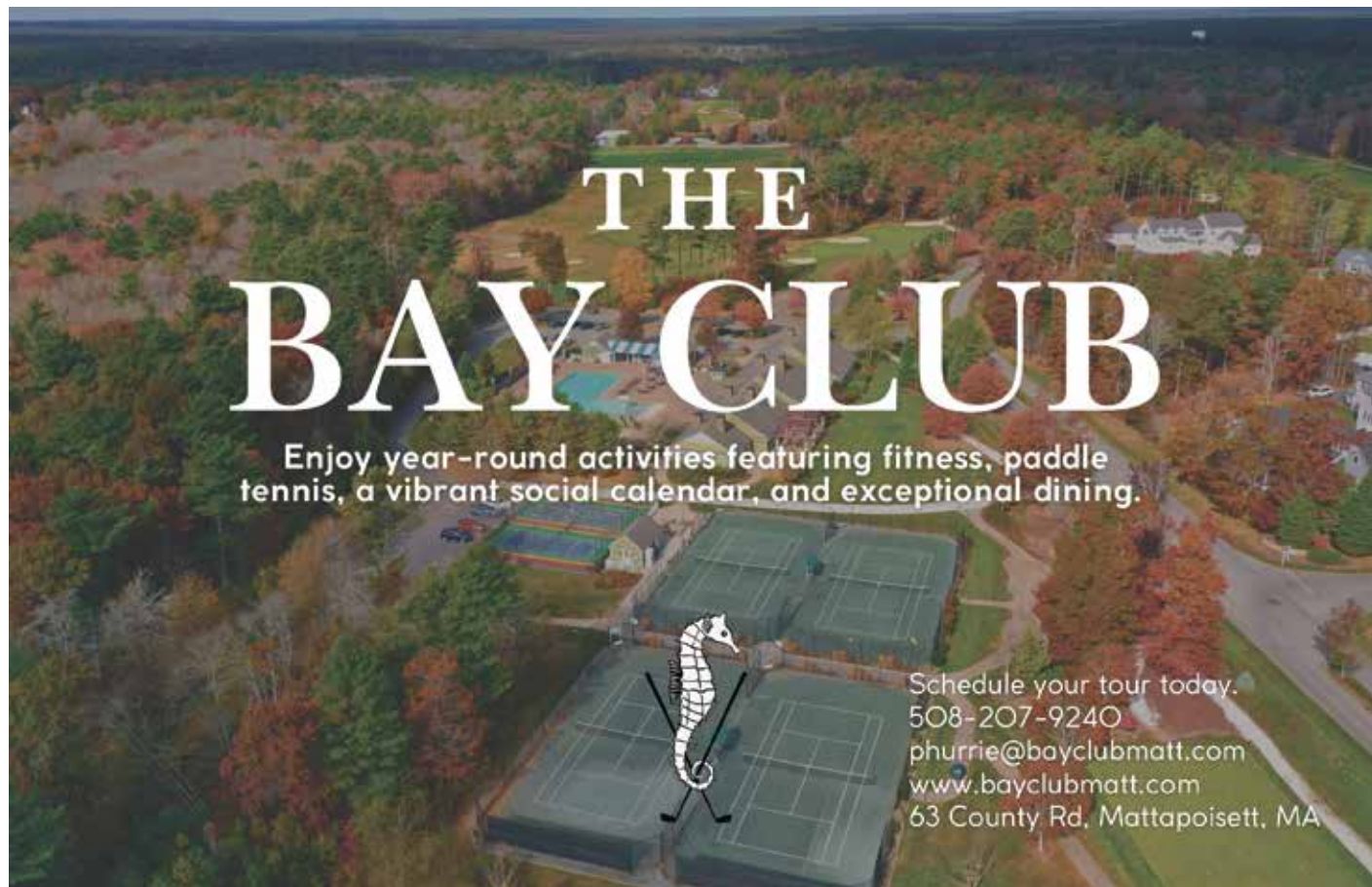
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This vigorous plant grows 5-to-8 feet tall without staking and has earned a reputation as a bit of a garden thug. Yet its sea-green foliage, silvery on the reverse, and creamy white flowers that mature into rusty plumes are undeniably impressive. It's probably happiest in a space of its own rather than competing with more delicate neighbors. I'm considering using it as a seasonal hedge to screen the trash bins, where it can spread to its heart's content and make a bold statement in the landscape.

Then there's lady's mantle (*Alchemilla vulgaris* Rosaceae), one of those plants that seems content almost anywhere. Sun or shade, it simply gets on with the job. Its frothy chartreuse flowers are charming, but it's really



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the leaves – “a tender shade of greyish-green and covered with fine, silky hairs which help their cup-like shape to hold raindrops glittering like drops of quicksilver that steal my heart.” So wrote British plantsman E.A. Bowles who found respite in the plants when forced to stop his horticultural chores during downpours.

“Long before Mr. Bowles’s time, medieval alchemists noted the silvery water on the leaves of Lady’s Mantle and collected this liquid to add to their gold-making recipes. The Arabic word describing this group of dreamers, Alkemelyeh, was later Latinized to make the generic name, Alchemilla”, notes Katherine Whiteside in her book *Antique Flowers*. Early in the morning they cradle sparkling droplets of dew like tiny jewels. As an edging plant, it’s hard to beat, asking for very little while giving so much in return.

And finally, there’s the old-fashioned yellow lysimachia, *Lysimachia punctata* (Primulaceae), commonly known as Yellow Loosestrife. Typically found along the banks of English rivers, it should not be confused with Purple Loosestrife. *Lysimachia* has the stronger claim to the common name, as lysis means “dissolving” and mache means “strife.” As Whiteside notes, the plant’s soothing qualities have been celebrated for centuries. One bit of folklore holds that a wreath of Yellow Loosestrife tied to the yoke of a pair of oxen would calm their surliness while plowing. More practical, perhaps, was its reputed ability to drive away flies and gnats.

Preferring moist soil and sunshine, *Lysimachia* grows to about three feet, producing whorls of cheerful, cup-shaped yellow flowers that cluster close to the stem. It’s an understated perennial - and a worthwhile choice if you’re looking for a natural insect repellent.

The *Lysimachia* gracing the back corner of our beloved gazebo, however, had to be banished from a raised bed where I’d planted it for a cutting garden. The reason is simple: it spreads. Left unchecked, it will happily claim far more territory than intended. Still, every garden has corners where a vigorous, dependable plant is exactly what’s needed. Sometimes enthusiasm is a virtue.

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showstoppers. We all do. But over the years I've found myself becoming more grateful for the plants that quietly hold everything together. They may never stop visitors in their tracks, but without them, the stars of the garden wouldn't shine nearly as brightly.

*"To me the meanest flower that blows can give
Thoughts that do often lie too deep for tears."*

- William Wordsworth, *Ode: Intimations of Immortality.*

Dunkin Coffee Incident: It Was an Iced Coffee! By Sam Bishop

As has been widely reported in the last week, on Friday, July 3, a customer angrily threw their coffee at a worker at the Mattapoisett Dunkin at 51 County Road. Something not reported, however, is that it was an iced coffee, not a hot one.

Speaking with an employee who did not wish to share their name, they informed *The Wanderer* this week that the coffee thrown at the staff member was iced, not hot, and no serious injuries were reported.

Mattapoisett Police did not offer a statement, and nor was Dunkin able to provide more information, though it should be noted everyone is safe and no one was seriously injured.

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June 30 Mattapoissett Shooting Update

The afternoon of June 30 saw a shooting, murder, and chase in Mattapoissett. Since then, the Mattapoissett Police Department and Plymouth District Attorney have offered press releases and responded to questions from the public.

For the timeline of events, at 3:07 pm on Tuesday, June 30, the Mattapoissett Police Department received calls regarding a shooting in the area near Harbor Beach. The caller also notified police that the perpetrator was seen in a red sedan. Upon arriving to the residence at 10 Harbor Road, officers found 57-year-old James Rizza severely injured in the driveway. Identifying multiple gunshot wounds, the police quickly transported Rizza to the hospital where resuscitation was attempted before he was pronounced dead at 3:40 pm.

While responding to the call, officers noted a red 2021 Toyota Corolla traveling at a high speed that matched the original description they received. Officers attempted a traffic stop on the vehicle, which sped off, leading to a pursuit east on Route 6. The chase eventually ended after cruisers boxed the car in near Front Street in Marion. While police at the time were unable to offer a statement, they notified the public the area was safe and secure.

Nicholas Bottella, 33, of Fairhaven was arrested. A passenger was present in the vehicle who was taken in by Mattapoissett Police for questioning. Bottella was arraigned

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at Wareham District Court on July 1 where he pled not guilty to one count each of: Carrying a Firearm Without a Weapon, Carrying a Loaded Firearm, Discharge of a Firearm, Failure to Stop for Police, Failure to Stop/Yield, First-Degree Murder, a Marked Lanes Violation, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Possession of Ammunition without a Firearm Identification Card, Speeding, and Trespassing.

Following preliminary investigations, State Police noted Botella and Rizza had been involved in a neighborly dispute roughly a year ago. He is held without bail and has a Probable Cause Hearing scheduled for July 31, announced Plymouth District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz and Mattapoisett Police Chief Jason King.

Information regarding Nicholas Bottella's personal life has not been corroborated by authorities

The Wanderer originally reported on the June 30 shooting in last week's edition before the posting of any press releases.

Town Debates State Marijuana Permit Regulation

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Select Board Monday took under advisement the proposed adoption of a new Special Equity Policy regarding marijuana establishments, out of concern the regulation will limit who can receive that type

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The policy that the state is mandating every city and town adopt requires towns to grant permits for marijuana-related establishments to minority-owned businesses. The theory is that minorities were the most adversely affected by the past illegality of marijuana.

In an appearance with the board on Zoom, Town Counsel Elizabeth Lydon explained that the town has three options to comply with this mandate: adopt the policy exclusively for three years, adopt a model bylaw setting the policy in town regulations, or merely put the policy into the permitting process. In any of these cases, a socially-equitable applicant must get the permit.

Select Board member Brad Morse pushed back,



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saying adopting this mandate means that if someone comes to town to request a marijuana establishment who does not fit the social equity criteria, the town can't approve the permit. The town is considering one applicant for a marijuana establishment already. Beyond this application, a second permit applicant would have to match the "social equitable" definition. "It's just wrong," he said. "I don't like being told we can't have a certain business in town."

Lydon said the only way around this mandate was for the applicant in question to partner with a minority business owner. Both Morse and fellow member Paul Ciaburri indicated they disagreed with this mandate. "We want to encourage more business in town, not less," Morse said.

"To summarize," Town Administrator Cameron Durant said, "this is something that the town should have done since 2022 (when marijuana-related establishments were first allowed)."

Morse and Ciaburri chose to take the policy change under advisement and await absent member Adam Murphy's return at its next meeting for a formal vote.

In other action, the board appointed Stephen Doonan, a town resident since 2014, to the Historic District Committee.

The board approved newly appointed Park Commission member Douglas Sims as a Special Employee. Durant explained this designation will avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest, as he is also a member of the Old Rochester Youth Baseball League and mans the league's snack shack.

The board acknowledged the town has received \$179,671.94 from the Massachusetts Senate Committee on Ways and Means' Winter Recovery Assistance Program. Durant said these funds will be used to town roadwork.

Board of Selectmen's next meeting will be Monday July 20 at 6:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Revised Proposal by Sippican Holdings

Marion Planning Board

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Planning Board met on Monday in the Police Department's conference room and along with the approval of payment to Toll Brothers, Inc. for a Field Engineering Peer Review, held a Public Hearing for the expansion of the existing structure at Sippican Holdings, LLC's site at 14 Barnabas Road.

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Following the approval of minutes from their June 15 meeting, Chair Sean Sweeney moved to approve paying their invoice of \$1,354.20 to Toll Brothers, Inc. for a Field Engineering Peer Review, which the board quickly approved.

Next, the Public Hearing for the Site Plan Application for the Expansion of the Existing Structure at 14 Barnabas Road was opened. The applicant was Paul Downey of Sippican Holdings, LLC.

Jeff Couture, Senior Project Manager at SITEC Engineering, began by speaking on behalf of the applicant and explained the project's scope. The site at 14 Barnabas Road was originally commercial office space with two separate buildings connected by an entry vestibule. The building is hooked into town water and sewer systems, as well as having natural gas hookups.

The proposed plan would see the removal of the conjoining vestibule and the creation of two distinct buildings which would be converted for residential use, totaling in 20 one-bedroom units and 30 two-bedroom units. The buildings will also be made ADA compliant. Couture noted 327 parking spots would be required per zoning bylaw, though the project would see 488 total spots made available.

A Peer Review was deemed necessary. It was also noted that the site must be inspected, that being by multiple officials including a building inspector, environmental specialist, engineers, and the Fire Chief. The Peer Review will encompass stormwater, a traffic study, and construction phases. There were questions on whether the hearing should be continued to the board's next meeting, though a motion was made to allow Chair Sweeney to unilaterally approve the Peer Review. The Public Hearing was then continued to the board's August 3 meeting.

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, July 20.

High Street Solar Partially Approved

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Michael J. DeCicco

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began its busy meeting on Tuesday by approving a positive Determination of Applicability to town wetlands regulations for renewal of the wetland's delineation within the vegetative management plan of a Massachusetts Coastal Railroad right of way in Rochester near SEMASS. Project representative Thomas Lewis explained this regards the company's five-year management plan for the site that has expired and was simply asking the commission to approve its renewal.

The commission then quickly approved four Certificates of Compliance for the construction of single-family homes within the buffer zone of cranberry bogs at 31 Cross Road, 82 Pierce St., 119 County Road and 127 County Road, all filed by Sarajon Realty.

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The biggest approval of the night, however, came next. The commission endorsed the Notice of Intent for High Street Solar, Site A, which proposes work within the 100-foot wetlands buffer zone for a massive ground-mounted solar array.

Site A of the project is the southerly portion of the property close to High Street itself. This vote came after project representative Sarah Stern explained this array will cover 23 acres of the 68-acre property. Only a small portion of this section of the property is within 100 feet of a wetlands buffer zone, she said, but added a small portion of the land is being preserved and a box turtle habitat there is being studied for the developer's further protection. The commission, however, continued to its

next meeting the NOI hearing for High Street Solar Site B, which covers the northern lots near Mayflower Lane.

Next, the board approved the Notice of Intent to install a seasonal metal retractable deck in Snipatuit Pond and an access ramp to the dock from the bank of the pond at 485 Neck Road. This vote came after applicant John Sullivan reported the state Natural Wildlife recently endorsed the project with its own Order of Conditions that include a mussel protection plan and filing a compliance report.

The commission then continued to its next meeting the Notice of Intent hearing for the Buzzards Bay Coalition's seven-acre ecological restoration project of former cranberry bogs at 0 Wolf Island Road, upon the applicant's request.

The commission continued to its next meeting the Notice of Intent hearing to remove trees within the 100-foot wetlands buffer zone at 192 Pierce St. Here, commission members were close to issuing the after-the-fact NOI; the applicant, David Jones had already cut trees up to 25 feet before the buffer unaware of the 100-foot buffer rule. Commission chair Chris Gerrior then noted the board needs a DEP case number before voting on this project.

The commission continued to its next meeting the Notice of Intent hearing on constructing a solar array on Walnut Plain Road.

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Regulatory Discussions With SRPEDD

Mattapoisett Planning Board

By Sam Bishop

The Mattapoisett Planning Board met on Monday in a hybrid-format in Town Hall and on Zoom.

First, Chair Thomas Tucker began the meeting by introducing Taylor Perez from the agency Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) who walked the board through updated rules and regulations for surrounding communities. SRPEDD is working with the towns of the Tri-Town, as well as

surrounding Massachusetts Communities, to develop sustainable plans for community/economic development.

Perez provided a draft of various updates to rules and regs for planning boards across the SoutCoast, notably Lakeville. The board will spend time going over the draft, and Perez said she would return mid-August with more updates, though discussion lines will remain open in that time.

Other representatives from SRPEDD then discussed the draft of the Stormwater Management Bylaw. SRPEDD representative noted, "Like all Massachusetts communities, Mattapoisett has to abide by MS4." The board and the consulting agency went through various aspects of stormwater management, including discussing other communities and their watershed management procedures. The board is still in preparatory phases of their MS4 compliance planning with plans to have something for vote at Town Meeting.

SRPEDD encouraged board members to continue asking questions and independently study various facets of water management.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, July 20 at 7:00 pm in Town Hall, 16 Main Street.

Norman Hills Revolves Into Chair

Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission met on July 2 for an agenda that contained a wide range of discussion topics ranging from the Wings Cove Construction Project, the Marion Shared Use Path property transfer, the Point Road Bike Path, and MOSAC maintenance plan.

First on the docket, however, was the election of officers. Chair John Rockwell noted this had been pushed off from last meeting's agenda due to member Adele Sands not being present. Though she was present this time, Kitty DeGroot was not, so the chair recommended it be delayed until the fall when full attendance is more guaranteed. However, Vice Chair Tom Friedman noted the new fiscal year has started already, and new officers



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should be appointed sooner rather than later.

Friedman stated DeGroot should and wishes to remain Scribe and nominated Norman Hills as Chair. Rockwell contested, saying, "I've been chair for a while. I think I've been doing a good job. I certainly have the expertise." Friedman clarified he was not suggesting his tenure was negative but believed positions such as chair should revolve. Hills accepted the nomination. A motion was made, with Hills becoming the new Chair, Friedman staying on as Vice Chair with the understanding he would seek the position of Chair in the future, and DeGroot maintaining her position as Scribe.

Chair Norm Hills, as his first act, moved to accept the minutes from their last meeting of June 4, which were approved as written. Next, they discussed the Land Bank Fund report, which Rockwell explained is released monthly about a week following the commission's meetings. As of May 31, there was \$250,606 in the fund.

The board then had a short discussion on the Marion Shared Use Path, where they voted in favor of sending the 30-page easement plan to the Select Board for review.

Member Adele Sands was then voted by the commission to be the MOSAC representative to the Community Preservation Committee. Tom Friedman was then voted to be the representative to Sewer and Community Open Space.

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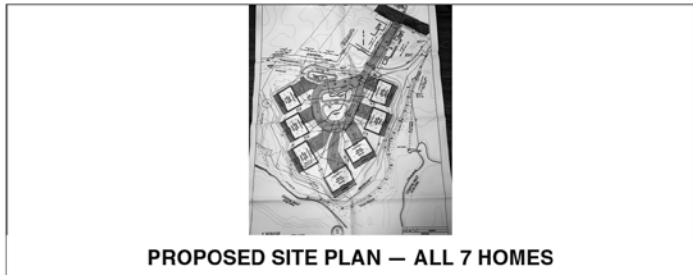
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To the Editor;

When Election Security Becomes Voter Suppression

The SAVE America Act should be defeated because it would make it harder for eligible Americans to vote while addressing a problem that evidence suggests is exceedingly rare. Election integrity is essential to democracy, but protecting elections should not come at the expense of eligible citizens' access to the ballot.

The bill would require documentary proof of U.S. citizenship to register to vote in federal elections. While that may sound straightforward, millions of Americans lack immediate access to documents such as passports or certified birth certificates. Replacing lost records can be costly and time-consuming, creating unnecessary barriers for citizens who are legally entitled to vote.

These requirements could disproportionately affect married women who have changed their names, military personnel, students, older adults, tribal citizens, rural residents, and people with disabilities. For many, proving citizenship may involve gathering multiple documents simply because their current legal name does not match older records. No eligible voter should face unnecessary obstacles because of paperwork.

Supporters argue the legislation is needed to prevent noncitizens from voting. However, noncitizen voting is already illegal and carries serious criminal penalties. Election officials, researchers, and independent investigations have consistently found documented cases to be exceedingly rare. Rather than targeting widespread fraud, the bill would impose new requirements on every eligible voter.

The SAVE America Act would also place additional burdens on state and local election officials. Election offices would need to verify citizenship documents, revise registration procedures, train staff, and resolve more registration disputes, all requiring time and resources that many jurisdictions already lack.

Americans should not have to overcome new bureaucratic hurdles to exercise one of our most fundamental constitutional rights. We can strengthen election security through accurate voter rolls, robust

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audits, modern election technology, and vigorous enforcement of existing laws without making it harder for eligible citizens to vote.

Our democracy is strongest when elections are both secure and accessible. Laws that risk disenfranchising eligible voters in response to a problem that evidence indicates is uncommon move us in the wrong direction. Congress should reject the SAVE America Act and instead pursue reforms that protect both the integrity of our elections and every eligible citizen's right to vote.

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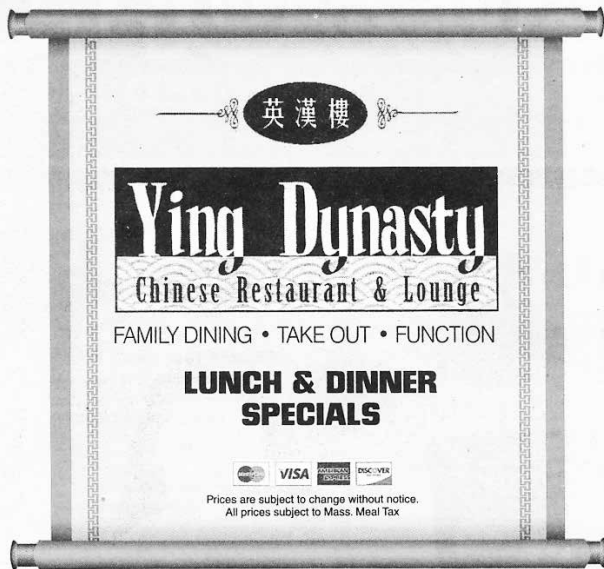
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Young People's Concert

The Marion Concert Band continues its Friday evening concert series with a Young People's Concert on Friday, **July 10**. The concert will include an opportunity for children in the audience to play rhythm instruments with the band. The program is as follows:

- Looney Tunes Overture - B. Holcombe
- A Disney Spectacular - arr. J. Moss
- Highlights from Frozen - arr. Sean O'Loughlin
- Pixar Movie Magic - arr. M. Brown
- Variations on "Bingo" - S. Reisteter
- The Candy Man (from Willie Wonka) - A. Newley
- Pure Imagination - A. Newley
- Journey to the Lion's Castle - R. Galante
- Walt Disney Overture - J. Christensen
- The Wizard of Oz Fantasy - H. Arlen
- Moana - arr. J. Bocook
- Shrek Dance Party - arr. P. Murtha

The concert, under the direction of Tobias Monte, will begin at 7:00 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.

Academic Achievements

Kelsi Chick of Rochester has been named to the Plymouth State University President's List for the Spring 2026 semester.

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

The Rev. Marc Eames, Rector St. John's Church, Vernon, CT will officiate 8:00 am and 10:00 am services, on Sunday **July 12**, using the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. Historic St. Philip's Church is located next to the Town Beach in Mattapoisett, MA. All are welcome.

Adult Events at the Mattapoisett Library

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library, located at 7 Barstow Street, is open and ready for some amazing programs.

Come to the library for a series of Senior Technology Workshops this summer. The first presentation, Cyber Security in 2026, will be held on **July 9** at 10:30 am, and is sponsored by MFPL, ORRHS, and the North Attleboro Senior Tech Program. Free technology help services will be available following the presentation. No registration required.

Join Jeff Belanger at MFPL for a presentation on "Turning Passion into Your Profession," on July 14 at 6:00 pm. This motivational talk helps lay out a road map to self-employment or building a side hustle for almost any type of job. No registration required.

Play Monopoly with a local twist. "Purchase" Mattapoisett businesses, but be wise with your money, or you will go bankrupt. Register to play in the Adult Board Game Club. One session will be held on June 15th at 6pm, and another will be held on **July 28** at 6:00 pm.

Adult Crafting with Ms. Miyuki will take place on **July 21** at 6:00 pm. Kick back and dive into a crafty night, creating an adorably purr-fect kitty diamond art coaster. All materials are provided and registration is required.



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MFPL is excited to announce a film screening of the award-winning movie, "In the Whale," on **August 7** at 6pm. The film tells the true account of a local, Cape-Cod fisherman who was swallowed by a whale and survived to tell the tale. Watch the movie and then participate in a Q&A with the director, David Abel. Registration optional.

The Garden Lady is coming to the library for a presentation on "Success with Vegetables," on **August 13** at 2pm. Learn the best ways to succeed with your vegetable garden/growing, from how to treat a range of issues, how to make the most of your fall & winter harvests, and more. C.L. Fornari is the host of The Garden Lady on WCAI and GBH 89.7, and a frequent speaker to groups and green industry trade events.

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Marie Grable Appointed Assistant Superintendent of Student Services for ORRS

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson is pleased to announce the appointment of Marie Grable as the next Assistant Superintendent of Student Services for Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55.



Grable will succeed Dr. Jaime Curley, who was recently named Superintendent of Martha's Vineyard Public Schools, pending successful contract negotiations. Grable will begin her new role on Monday, July 6.

Grable most recently served as Assistant Executive Director of the North River Collaborative, where she helped oversee instructional programming, developed transition programs for students, coordinated mentoring initiatives and participated in strategic planning and budget development.

Before joining North River Collaborative, Grable served for eight years as Administrator of Special Education for Silver Lake Regional School District and Superintendency Union #31, where she coordinated special education services, developed in-district programming, managed budgets and ensured compliance

with state and federal requirements.

Earlier in her career, she served as Director of Pupil Personnel Services in East Bridgewater Public Schools and spent more than 10 years as a school psychologist in East Bridgewater and Mashpee Public Schools.

Grable holds a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies (C.A.G.S.) in School Psychology from the University of Massachusetts Boston, a Master's Degree in Educational Psychology from Rhode Island College, and a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Special Education from Salve Regina University. She is licensed in Massachusetts as a Superintendent/ Assistant Superintendent, Special Education Administrator and School Psychologist, and is also a Nationally Certified School Psychologist.

"Marie has dedicated her career to ensuring students receive the services and support they need to succeed," said Superintendent Nelson. "She brings a wealth of experience and knowledge in special education leadership and program development to our school system. We are excited to welcome her to our leadership team and know she will be a tremendous resource for our students, families and staff."

"I am honored to join Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55," said Grable. "I look forward to working alongside our educators and families to strengthen the outstanding student services programs throughout the school system."

Amanda Chamberlin Appointed Principal of OHS

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson is pleased to announce that Amanda Chamberlin has been appointed as the next Principal of Old Hammondtown School.

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“We are thrilled to welcome Amanda into the Old Hammondtown family,” said Superintendent Nelson. “Her extensive experience in early childhood education, skills in social-emotional learning and advocacy for staff and faculty will bring strength and support to the school. Amanda’s community-centered approach to education will be invaluable to both our students and staff.”

Chamberlin joins the school system from Seekonk Public Schools, where she has served as Assistant Principal of George R. Martin Elementary School since 2022.

She previously served as assistant principal of Fall River Public Schools’ William S. Greene Elementary School from 2020 to 2022.

Prior to becoming an assistant principal, Chamberlin held roles as a literacy academic coach, kindergarten inclusion teacher and second-grade teacher at Fall River Public Schools, Framingham Public Schools and Somerville Public Schools.

Chamberlin earned a Master of Education in Education Leadership from Bridgewater State University and bachelor’s degrees in Early Childhood Education and Psychology from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

She is a certified Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) School Leader and was a Selected Member of the District Collective Leadership Project in Bristol County, where she was chosen by her superintendent to participate in a five-month workshop centered around strategic planning, time management and fiscal budgets.

Chamberlin was also the head coach of Girls on the Run at George R. Martin Elementary School. For two academic years, she led a 10-week 5K training program and community service project for girls in grades 3 through 5.

“I am excited and honored to begin my role as Principal of Old Hammondtown School,” said Assistant Principal Chamberlin. “I believe that a community-centered approach to education fosters a supportive school environment for both students and staff, and I look forward to building meaningful connections with the Old Hammondtown community as we prepare to enter the next academic year.”

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MWC Presents the 22nd Annual Taste of Mattapoissett

The Mattapoissett Woman’s Club presents its 22nd annual Taste of Mattapoissett on Tuesday, **July 14** under the Lions Club’s big white tent in Shipyard Park in Mattapoissett. This family-friendly, rain-or-shine event will take place from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm with tickets being sold on-site for \$10 for 10 tickets. Come enjoy fine cuisine from your favorite local restaurants while enjoying the musical talents of The Showstoppers.

A free shuttle bus will be provided to Shipyard Park from St. Anthony’s and the Town Beach lot courtesy of the Council on Aging. Avoid parking hassles and take advantage of this service, which will run continuously from 4:15 pm to 7:00 pm. Table bouquets and vases will be available to take home after the event for a \$10 donation.

All proceeds from the Taste of the Town benefit the Mattapoissett Woman’s Club’s Scholarship Fund, public programs, and community outreach. For questions or membership in the Mattapoissett Woman’s Club, go to www.mattapoissettwomansclub.org/info.

Mattapoissett Yacht Club June Series Race Results

In a hotly contested battle, Black Ice wins the last

race in the June Ensign series to take a one point win over Odyssey for the night and the series. This was a battle every night as the two boats swapped first and seconds throughout the month.

In the Wednesday PHRF series, Class A, Kindred Spirits recovered after a loss to Restless the prior week and won the night and also the June series. In the tightly contested Class B, 3 boats tied for the lead, and in which four boats were in a position to win the series, it was Kinsail that took the win for the night and the series on a windy night. Lindisfarne, who was one point behind the pack before the race, placed second, winning the tie breaker for second place in the series over FirNa Tine. Chickadee, finishing fourth in the race and series.

MYC is holding a Bermuda Night Friday Night, July 10. Rum cake and swizzles will be on hand. RSVP can be done on our website on the social page.

2026 Mattapoissett Road Race

Despite the hot and humid weather, the Mattapoissett Road Race was a great success. More than 1400 runners registered for the race. Henry Myers of San Diego was the overall winner with a time of 21:03.6 minutes and Abigail Hassman of Foxboro was the women's winner with a time of 22:14.6. Lowell Copps was the first Mattapoissett resident to cross the finish line. Thank you to our many sponsors and volunteers.

Proceeds from the race are used to fund stipends for newly graduated ORRHs athletes. The 2026 recipients are Carly Mello, Logen Pinto, Amanda Ignacio, Emma Johnson, Brady Maguire and Henry Berry from Mattapoissett; Caroline Houdelette, Delilah Post and Katherine Young from Marion; Hadley King, Brody Hiles, Kaitlyn Rodriques and Brendan Foster from Rochester; and Jayden Aguiar from Acushnet. Receiving the Bob Gardner Award, named for the founder of the Mattapoissett Road Race is Ella Milhench of Marion. The recipient of the Danny White Award, named for a former director of the road race who continues to volunteer tirelessly, is Linden White, of Mattapoissett. We congratulate these students and wish them well in their college studies.

SLT Poker Paddle Fundraiser

Support Sippican Land Trust with a fun poker game on the water on Tuesday, **July 28**. Participants will paddle between designated stations in the harbor to pick up poker cards. Put in from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the Island Wharf on Sippican Harbor, then join us for a bring-your-own picnic following the event. Paddling-related prizes will be awarded for the best hand, most spirited boat, and best decorations. \$50 per person, All proceeds to benefit the Sippican Lands Trust. Register on our events page: sippicanlandstrust.org/events/.

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Museum

There will be two events. The first event is a members only preview of the new exhibit "Rochester and the Revolution". It will be **July 15** beginning at 5:30 pm where after a short introduction, you'll have a chance to view the exhibit. At 6:20 pm-or-so we'll be serving hearty appetizers and punch downstairs. If you're unsure of your membership status and/or want to bring a friend, email me at eshbach2@aol.com or call Connie at 617-750-2818.

The Grand Opening of the Exhibit will be **July 25** from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. There will also be a pie and cookie sale, music with the Buzzard Bay Buccaneers from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, as well as an exhibit-based scavenger hunt and kids' games with prizes. This is open to all. These events will take place at the museum at 355 County Rd., Rochester.

Teen Events at the Mattapoissett Library

The Teen Summer Reading Challenge continues at MFPL. Teens who read books from their assigned reading list and fill out a book review get to pick a prize. Students going into grades 7-12 are eligible to participate.

Calling all gamers. The library is hosting a Teen Video Game Takeover on **July 21** from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Use the library's PlayStation or Switch consoles to play a variety of fun games. Play with friends, improve your video game skills, and enjoy a snack. No registration required, just drop in. This session is for Grades 6 and up.

Jennifer Mason-Black, author of the YA novel "Sometimes the Girl," is visiting the Mattapoissett Library for an Author Talk on **August 8** at 2:00 pm. 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. Email bdumais@sailsinc.org for more info.

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

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The Marion Social Club, located at 44 Pumping Station Road in Marion, is having a Pig Roast on **August 16**. Dinner will include a very nice portion of roast pig, jag, baked beans, applesauce, coleslaw, corn bread and dessert. The Pig Master is the same one we have had in the past, and the meal is out of this world. Tickets are \$40 each and can be reserved by calling Betsy Youngson at 508-295-8253. Cut-off date is August 8, don't delay. The doors will open at noon for socializing, and dinner will be served at 1:00 pm. Also, we are looking for new members to help us with our dinners, the proceeds of which fund our scholarships and Senior Bake.

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 harkens 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 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.

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.

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 15 per session so make sure to register early for this summer program. Perfect for children entering grades 2-6. This year we will also be offering a full-day option in partnership with the Marion Recreation Department. Please register at www.marionmuseum.org.

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.

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.

Declaration & Dialogue: Reflections on 250 Years

Declaration & Dialogue: Reflections on 250 Years opens on **July 10** with an artist reception on Friday, **July 17** from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the MAC, located at 80 Pleasant St. in Marion.

The exhibition and the reception are free to the public, who are warmly encouraged to visit.

As we mark the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, we invited artists to engage deeply with what this milestone means now - through lenses of commemoration, critique, hope, and transformation. This exhibition showcases contemporary

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works that spark conversation, paired with historic artifacts or artworks on loan from private collections or institutions. Works in the show reflect the artist's personal interpretation of the Declaration's legacy - its ideals, challenges, complexities, or contradictions.

Artists whose works will be on display at the exhibition include: Erline Belton, Matt Brackett, Margaret Bruzelius, Rebecca Doughty, Robert Dunn, Susan Gentile, Helen Granger, Christy Gunnels, Michael Hubert, Mary N. Hurwitz, Elyse Laurelle, Susan G. Lawrence, Keith Maddy, John Magan, David Owen Maloney, Gayle Wells Mandle, Lidia Mikhaylova, Nancy Dyer Mitton, Alanna Nelson, Cher Sauter, Rebecca Stoffer, Peter Stone, Herby Thompson Erline Belton, Matt Brackett, Margaret

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Gallery hours from now until July 25th are Tuesday-to-Friday: 1:00 pm to 5:00pm, Saturday: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and the galleries are closed Sunday-Monday. Regular hours will resume on July 28 as follows: Tuesday-to-Wednesday: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Thursday-to-Friday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, and the galleries remain closed on Sunday and Monday. More information at marionartcenter.org/events.

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Judith C. (Akins) Arne age 84 died peacefully at home in Marion on June 28, 2026. Judy was born in Wareham; the daughter of the late Clyde and Edith (Morse) Akins. Judy spent most of her life living in Marion where she raised her three children. She loved spending summers at Silvershell Beach getting a tan while watching her grandchildren play. She was a great cook, an avid tennis player, loved bird watching and had a very green thumb.

Throughout her life, she was an active member of the Marion Tennis Club as well as the Marion Mothers Club. She had a successful career as a CNA, working for many years at Sippican Healthcare Center in Marion and Forestview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Wareham.

Judy was smart, strong-willed, and determined. She was a woman of dignity and strength of character with a side of sarcasm and wit. She was also kind, caring, and loved deeply; especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She made a good home often filled with family, had a knack for coordinating the perfect outfit and never left the house without her lipstick. If you knew her, you will miss her.

She passed surrounded with love and is survived by her children, Carla (Arne) Edwards of Mattapoisett, Cheryl Arne of Marion, James Arne and wife Felicity (Ashworth) Arne of Marion. Her grandchildren, Alyssa Arne and partner Francois Ralet of Boston; Catherine (Duncan) VanGilder and husband, Micah VanGilder, of Marion; Holly (Duncan) Langlois and her husband Andrew Langlois of Mattapoisett; Sarah Edwards of Torrance, California; Elijah Arne and wife, Lauren (Eldridge) Arne of Marion; James Arne of Marion; and Stephen Arne of Marion. Her great grandchildren Payson Langlois, Jeffrey Arne, and Aurelia Ralet.

The family will celebrate her life privately. Please honor your memories of her by doing something you love, or take a page from her book and go to the beach, play some tennis or go out for a lobster roll and ice cream.

Fried Clams in Heaven!

David M. Albert of Marion MA, passed away peacefully on June 29th with loved ones at his side. He was 84 years old. He lived an extraordinary life interspersed with laughter, family love, and many close friends who appreciated his humor, kindness and wit.

Meg, his wife of 34 years, enjoyed traveling the world with him, sharing his light spirit, benefiting from his kindness, and parenting their 5 children.

One of his happiest places was on the tennis court, and if he wasn't playing with his father, brothers, son or friends, he was watching a tournament on TV.

David was a distribution manager for the Boston Globe for 10 years, during which he endured a 2am delivery



schedule with a smile on his face. He also worked for Marion landscapers for many years, keeping a close eye on his younger co-workers and making close friends with every customer – always a people person!

David spent much of his life in retail, opening 12 different women's clothing stores over the course of 50 plus years. His generosity and love of people made him the perfect shop keeper. His last store was in Onset, MA, which he ran for 20 years.

Meg and David owned and ran The Cranberry Gardens Inn, in Wareham MA, for 21 years. His personality and work ethic was the perfect combination to entertain and service guests from all over the world.

His best friends were his four brothers, Jim, Dick, Bernie and Alan, who passed before him. Their camaraderie and love were the most important part of their lives growing up. His parents Sam and Phyllis Albert instilled a strong appreciation of family and adventure.

His three children Janet Albert, Jill Celik and Michael Albert were the love of his life. Their spouses, Jonas, Feyzi and Cindy added to the special aura of the Albert close-knit clan. Mark Seely and Erin Seely Duggan, and their spouses, Heidi Seely and JK Duggan were a special addition to the Albert household when Meg and David wed in 1993 on Quonochontaug Beach in Rhode Island. The love from his children had no bounds.

He also leaves behind nine grandchildren, Ayla, Isabel, Benji, Julia, Harry, Alex, Ellie, Siena and Maggie, all of whom he entertained with endless antics and loving advice.

David only wanted to go to heaven if he was guaranteed there would be fried clams to eat! There will never be another individual so caring, humble and delightfully funny as David Albert.

A celebration of his life will be held later this summer.



Donald J. Gregory, 94, of Mattapoisett passed away Sunday June 28, 2026 after a period of declining health. He was the husband of the late Beatrice M. (Antoune) Gregory; they had been married for 67 years.

Born in Mattapoisett, the son of the late Manuel J. and Mary H. (Morgado) Gregory, he lived in Mattapoisett for most of his life.

Donald was formerly employed as a firefighter at Otis Air Force Base until his retirement.

During the Korean War, he served in the U.S. Navy. He was a former member of the Knights of Columbus,

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Moe Dixon at the Mattapoissett Museum

On Thursday, **July 16**, 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm, the Mattapoissett 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 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.mattapoissettmuseum.org/events. Cost is \$18.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members.

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Every day, Earth is bombarded by material from space, from microscopic dust grains to house-sized asteroids. Most burn harmlessly in our atmosphere as brilliant meteors, but occasionally a larger object creates a spectacular fireball and even a sonic boom. In this talk, we'll explore where asteroids come from, how they differ from meteors and meteorites, what scientists have learned from studying these ancient remnants of the solar system, and how they have shaped Earth's history. We'll also examine the recent meteor that exploded off the coast of Massachusetts, using this dramatic local event to understand what happens when space rocks encounter Earth's atmosphere, how scientists investigate these events, and what they tell us about our dynamic solar system. Join us as we hear more about these interesting phenomena with Dr. Sarah Caudill, Astronomy professor at UMass Dartmouth, on **July 24** at 6:30 pm. To ensure a seat please register through the museum's website: www.marionmuseum.org.



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Rep Mark Sylvia at Mattapoissett Museum

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Vacation Bible School

Rainforest Falls, Exploring the Nature of God, is this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) at the First Congregational Church of Rochester. VBS Will take place on Monday, **July 20** through Friday, July 24 from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. All children ages 3 to 12 are invited to participate. The church's VBS is free. For more information, please contact the church at 508-763 - 4314.

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Damien Council, the American Legion Post 166 in Fairhaven, and the Antique Truck Club of America. He and his late wife had been active in Worldwide Marriage Encounter. In his spare time, he enjoyed woodworking.

He is survived by his sisters, Joann Rocha and Rose Marie Gonsalves; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was the brother of the late Patricia Gregory and Nancy Gregory.

His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday July 9th at 10 am at St. Anthony's Church, Mattapoisett. Burial with military honors will follow in St. Anthony's Cemetery. Visiting hours will be on Wednesday July 8th from 4-6 pm at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett.



Marian Hazel Treichler, of Marion, passed away on Thursday July 2, 2026 at the age of 96. She was the daughter of the late Hazel (Berry) Raymond and "Jack" Alphonse Raymond of Rochester.

She was born and raised in Fairhaven before moving to Rochester.

Upon graduating high school she attended Columbia University in New York where she earned a degree in Psychology. While in New York she met her future husband Nino Treichler of Wädenswil, Switzerland. They moved to Switzerland for 15 years while raising a family of three children before ultimately moving back to Massachusetts where she received her Master's degree in teaching from Bridgewater State College.

She worked as a Special Needs teacher for over 25 years at Rogers Elementary and Fairhaven High School. Her ability to recognize what others often missed in children's learning, behavioral and health issues was invaluable, and often resulted in significant developmental improvements for her students. Through her thoughtful and kind approach, she was able to gain the trust needed to help kids open up and get to whatever the core issue was at hand. Her mantra was always "Teach the children with love." After retirement from teaching she continued to work part time as a tour guide at the Samuel Whitehorn House in Newport, Rhode Island.

She was an avid reader who enjoyed researching and managing her own investments and even earned a real estate brokers license to dabble in that field. She also really enjoyed cooking, having learned numerous Swiss recipes during her time spent abroad, as well as classic American recipes learned from her mother Hazel. She had a special affection for her Dachshund, Lieber and was known to always be well supplied with lemons for her tea. She loved vacationing with her children in the Lakes region of Maine in summers and ski areas in Vermont and New Hampshire in winters as well as numerous trips up and down the east coast. She lived her life always

encouraging the pursuit of creative arts, the love of animals and the appreciation of nature.

She is survived by her three children, Nicole Treichler, Pascale Treichler and Marc Treichler and her four beloved grandchildren, Danjasha, Emelia, Chelsea and Landis.

A private burial and celebration will be held on Friday July 10th. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your local MSP-CA shelter.



Carl A. Correia, 70, of Marion, died Wednesday June 24, 2026 at Boston Medical Center after a courageous battle with cancer. He was the devoted husband of Karen J. Correia for 48 years.

Born in New Bedford, Massachusetts, the son of the late Rosalie Ouellette and Arnold Correia, he lived in the greater New Bedford area until moving to Marion in 1981.

Mr. Correia was a dedicated special education teacher for New Bedford Public Schools for 39 years, and spent most of his career at Thomas R. Rodman School until his retirement in 2016. He also enjoyed working in the Food & Nutrition Department at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford, delivering dinner trays to patients until he fully retired in 2025.

He was a hard worker, and a great man, husband, and father. He was patient, kind, and concerned about everyone he knew, and was always willing to help anyone who needed it.

Family was very important to him, and he loved spending time with his family and his dog Olly. He enjoyed gardening, woodworking, traveling, and doing projects around the house.

He was an active member of the First Congregational Church of Marion. He was also a member of the Massachusetts Retired State, County & Municipal Employees Association.

Survivors include his wife, a daughter, Mikki L. Correia, and her spouse MJ Boomer, of Fortuna, CA, a son, Finnick C. Morrison, and his wife Ashley of Forestdale, MA, a sister, Bonnie L. Bowers and her spouse Darlene Robertson of Thorndike, ME, a nephew, Ryan W. Bowers of Jackson, ME, and other family members in Ohio. He was predeceased by his father, his sister, Roxanne "Rocky" D. Chartier, and his mother.

His memorial service will be on Saturday, August 1, 2026 at 3 pm in the First Congregational Church of Marion, 28 Main Street, Marion, MA. A private burial service will be held in Evergreen Cemetery. Visiting hours are omitted. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Southcoast Health Cancer Center online at <https://www.southcoast.org/>

The shuttle will loop back repeatedly until the concert begins. After the concert, meet the shuttle right outside the venue. The shuttle will run continuously until all passengers are cleared from the hall.

Please let your driver know as you board the shuttle if you prefer to use the accessible entrance to the Fireman Performing Arts Center. The accessible entrance offers a "same level" entrance to the auditorium, avoiding the main lobby stairs.

A special thank you to Tabor Academy for 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.

Buzzards Bay Musicfest Returns to Marion

The musicians for the Buzzards Bay Musicfest come from around the country and, indeed, around the world. They perform in the finest concert halls, opera houses and ballet theaters while continuing to collaborate with world-class artists that make their experiences unique and profound. From the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra to the Pit Orchestras of Broadway and from the Washington Concert Opera to the recording studios of Hollywood, the biographies of these players are remarkable and will astound you with their accomplishments and musical pedigree. What is even more astonishing is that they will be performing in the 28th season of the Buzzards Bay Musicfest at Tabor Academy in Marion, from **July 15 through July 19**. All concerts are free admission.

Charles Stegeman, Concertmaster, Artistic Director, violin, is the co-founder of the Buzzards Bay Musicfest as well as the Sunflower Music Festival. He is a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music (accepted at the age of 14) and the Juilliard School, with a bachelor's and master's degree, respectively. Mr. Stegeman has performed for approximately five million people on four continents in a performance career that spans five decades, averaging approximately 70 concerts a year for the last 50 years, performing concerts nationally and internationally as soloist, concertmaster, and chamber musician, and is internationally sought after as a teacher and master clinician.

Antony Walker, Guest Conductor, is Music Director of Pittsburgh Opera. Since making his debut in Sydney, Australia in 1992, Maestro Walker has conducted

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over 100 operas, as well as large scale choral orchestra / symphonic works with companies and orchestras in Australia, the U.S., Asia, the UK, and Europe. He has led operatic performances for The Metropolitan Opera, English National Opera, Opera Australia, Opera di Firenze, Teatro Comunale in Bologna, Welsh National Opera, Canadian Opera Company, Santa Fe Opera, and New York City Opera, amongst others. Symphonic engagements include a recent debut with the Mozarteum Orchestra in Salzburg, as well as the Orchestre Colonne in Paris, Orchestra of the Antipodes, Sinfonia Australis, Melbourne Symphony, and Orchestra Victoria. Maestro Walker is also the founding Artistic Director and now Conductor Emeritus of the award-winning Pinchgut Opera in Sydney.

The Buzzards Bay Musicfest is a series of five concerts, all free admission, from July 15 through July 19, in the Fireman Performing Arts Center on the campus of Tabor Academy, 245 Front St., Marion, MA 02738. For more detailed information, please visit: www.buzzardsbaymusicfest.com.

OBITUARIES

giving/tribute-giving or the First Congregational Church of Marion, P.O. Box 326, Marion, MA 02738. For directions and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

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

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



The 55th Mattapoisett Road Race was held on Independence Day kicking off from Shipyard Park as morning temperatures at start already crept over 85. In the end, 1387 racers crossed the finish line after the 5K. Photos by Shawn Sweet

Residents lined Spring, Mill, Front and Main streets on Saturday morning to enjoy Marion's Independence Day Parade. The lineup featured community veterans of foreign wars, town officials, volunteer organizations such as The Friends of Jack and Friends of the Marion Council on Aging, the Scouts of America, several floats celebrating the nation's 250th birthday, police and fire trucks from Marion and surrounding towns, farm tractors and heavy equipment, a miniature horse, a deejay, and patriotic songs played by the Portuguese-American marching band. Photos by Mick Colageo



Photo by Jennifer Shepley

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

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

While the Rochester Historical Society will be celebrating the semiquincentennial throughout 2026, a high point was certainly joining in Freedom Bells on this past Saturday. We had good attendance at the museum even with the hot temperatures. Several people came early to try their hand at ringing the bell. They received Freedom Bells certificates to mark their participation.

I've already expressed my thanks to Col.

Briggs and Wendy and Russ Keeler for their assistance with the bell ringer and I need to again. As we approached noon, the bell rope for the museum bell began to have issues. My first thought was "Oh, no. what will we do?"

Then I realized that all the help I needed was on hand. Russ and Wendy headed up into the attic and Col. Briggs backed his trailer with the church bell float into the driveway.



Noon came and a duet of 13 bell tolls rang out as Wendy rang the bell in the belfry by hand and Col. Briggs rang the bell on the float. Several people around the museum vigorously rang the bells that they had brought. Bell ringing accomplished, I handed out certificates and ice cream cups.

To paraphrase what one of the participants said, "It was great to do something that really honored the true meaning of the day". Going forward we have to appreciate the risks that the Founding Fathers took when

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Thursday July 9, 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 - Andrew Santos
 9:30 AM Mattapoissett Woman's Club Speaker Series - Alfred H. Saulniers
 10:15 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
 3:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - The Cathedral of Notre Dame
 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 10, 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 - Andrew Santos
 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 11, 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
 4:30 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 Paltrocst - 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 12, 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 Nolan Fest 2026
 10:00 PM ORR Promenade
 11:00 PM Classic Movies

Monday July 13, 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 Paltrocst with Darren Paltrowitz
 3:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 4:30 PM The Human Truth
 5:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
 6:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
 7:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson

7:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - 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 14, 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 15, 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 Paltrocst 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

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 8:00 AM Marion Marine Resources
 10:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission
 11:00 AM Marion Finance Committee
 1:00 PM Marion Planning Board
 2:00 PM Marion School Committee
 3:00 PM ORR School Committee
 4:15 PM ORR Joint School Committee
 6:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
 8:00 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
 8:30 PM Marion Board of Health
 10:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

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 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
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 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

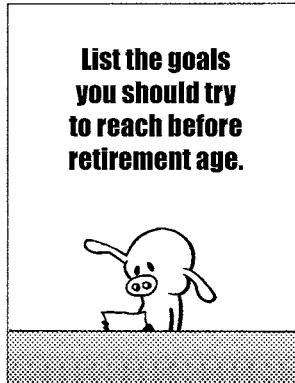
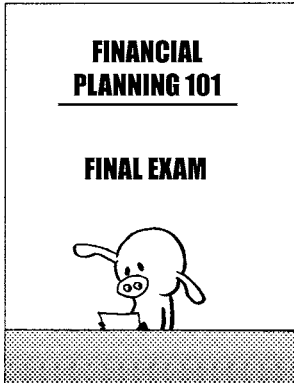
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 9:30 AM ORR School Committee
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 12:00 PM ORR Promenade
 1:00 PM ORR Softball vs Bishop Stang
 2:30 PM ORR Softball vs Bourne
 4:00 PM ORR Softball vs Somerset-Berkley
 5:30 PM ORR Spring Concert
 7:00 PM ORR/JHS Spring Concert
 8:30 PM ORR Girls Lacrosse vs Somerset-Berkley
 9:30 PM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs Bourne
 10:30 PM ORR Softball vs Fairhaven

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



they signed the Declaration of Independence and the risks taken by the Rochester residents who vowed to defend them with their "Lives & Fortunes".

Arts in the Park Returns

Arts in the Park returns on Saturday, **July 11** from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Bicentennial Park, located at the corners of Spring and Main streets in Marion. The event sees a select group of artists and artisans who apply for review by the MAC's exhibitions committee. Around 50 artists and artisans produce goods that include baskets, ceramics, clothing, collage, fiber, glass, jewelry, woodworking, painted and hand-crafted furniture, original illustrations, paintings, photography, and more.

The MAC sponsors this family-friendly event which also features live music - Richard Lewis and Ric Allendorf, the Oxcart food truck, raffle, and free games and activities for kids and families.

The galleries will remain open during the event so that patrons can enjoy our summer exhibition, Declaration and Dialogue.

The rain date for the event is Sunday, **July 12**. More information can be found at marionartcenter.org/events.

Unplugged Concert Rescheduled

The MAC wishes to advise members and patrons that the Unplugged: show featuring Matt Richard and

Paul Del Nero, originally scheduled for May, has now been rescheduled for **July 24**.

There will be two separate performances during the night, and each set will last about an hour. Find a spot at a cabaret table to listen to a mix of jazz standards and original compositions by both artists. The first seating is at 7 pm and the second is at 8:30 pm with each seating lasting about an hour. Tickets for one seating are \$15 for MAC members and \$20 for nonmembers. This popular event has limited seating so secure your tickets early. Tickets and more information at marionartcenter.org/events.

Scrumptious Summer Lobster Roll and Bake Sale

The First Congregational Church of Marion announces that its Summer Lobster Roll and Bake Sale is coming soon. This fundraising event takes place on Saturday, **July 11**, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in front of Penny Pinchers Exchange at 39 Main Street, Marion.

Delicious Lobster Rolls, at \$27 each, will be limited, so to ensure availability you are strongly encouraged to preorder (no more than 10 per person) and pay at the Church Office, 144 Front Street, Marion, Tuesday-Friday from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm (508-748-1053) or at Penny Pinchers Exchange, 39 Main Street, Marion, Wednesday and Saturday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Last Dance

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Jackass Best and Last. Starring Johnny Knoxville and Steve-O. Directed by Jeff Tremaine. Running time: 92 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters.

If any film franchise legitimately holds a claim to pure cinema, it's the *Jackass* project. You heard me. Now that it's all over (yeah, that's what Johnny Knoxville said the last two times ... but this crew definitely isn't getting any younger), *Jackass Best and Last*, which combines some greatest hits, unseen or little-seen footage, and some new stuff, provides a chance to look back on it all and assess what it's all meant. It has meant, by and large, a group of self-styled buffoons going as far as their courage and the studio's insurance policy can take them.

I hadn't watched the show, but I remember giving the first *Jackass* movie (2002) a day in court on DVD and laughing myself into a headache, specifically at the brilliantly timed "golf course airhorn" bit. That segment won me over and made me a fan, and as if showing me how much they care, the assemblers of *Jackass Best and Last* put up that bit, which is as funny as ever without going overboard on gross-outs or pain, this series' twin forms of currency. It's like a classic prank on NBC's old thing *TV's Bloopers and Practical Jokes*, but updated to tap into class resentment. *Jackass* has always been about working-class dudes (and one woman, Rachel Wolfson, who doesn't do much this time out) entertaining themselves by maiming themselves, and the elite can go bleep themselves.

Knoxville, 55, is an elder statesman of stupidity by now, and we see the baby Knoxville in early footage shooting himself while wearing a buffer of a janky-looking mix of a bulletproof vest and some skin magazines. The skin magazines seal the stunt's status as proto-*Jackass* jackassery. After all, Knoxville isn't using the Sears catalog or issues of the *New Yorker*. But the bits we see of Knoxville's



past flirtations with the almighty (such as the bullring stunt from *Jackass Forever*, which really rang his bell) explain why he's mostly a master of depraved ceremonies here, not a participant. Still, folks like Steve-O (prostate exam via Larry the robot) and the fellow known as "Poopies" (a lip-filler experiment) fill in the gaps.

"Poopies" also stars in perhaps the most sympathetically painful stunt for men to watch, wherein he must walk a balance beam while a shock collar does what it does ... on his penis. Shocks take up a lot of space here; an electric chair makes more than one appearance, and there's an ingenious bit in which Knoxville's arm is wired to Steve-O's arm so that every time Knoxville flexes his muscle, Steve-O gets zapped. Which would be harsh enough, except that Steve-O is also trying to tattoo someone while getting randomly zapped. The resulting excuse for a tattoo might be my favorite sight gag in the movie, though another gag from the *Jackass* side project *Bad Grandpa* comes close.

Speaking of gags, these movies continue to be off limits for the easily emetically triggered. Cameraman Lance Bangs is so notorious a vomiter on the set that people are surprised he retains his lunch during a fecally adorned segment that has everyone else hurling. *Jackass* has never been coy about the various fluids our bodies produce, which was one reason their 3D effort was so terrifying. When Pasolini or Ruben Östlund do it, it's art; when Knoxville and his cadre of idiots do it, it's, you know, gauche or in bad taste, or something. Hit back at the parasite elites: rent or stream a *Jackass* movie today.

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Our Bake Sale is filled with yummy desserts, homemade pies, cakes, cookies, candy and more from the church's best cooks. Stop by to get a delicious dessert to top off your Lobster Roll lunch or get some treats to take home to enjoy later.

The Chapel Café in the Community Center will be open and air conditioned, offering comfortable seating for enjoying lobster rolls and cold drinks.

Also, the air-conditioned Penny Pinchers Exchange will be open during the sale and is cooking up a few surprises for the special day. Come shop for clothes, household goods, and many other special finds. This is the area's best place to find amazing prices and selection.

Come support The First Congregational Church of Marion. Savor a luscious lobster roll, explore great bargains at Penny Pinchers Exchange, and take home some delicious baked goods. All are welcome. For more information, please contact the church office at 508-748-1053 or visit the church website at: www.marionfirstchurch.org.

Parking is available at the Island Wharf public lot (Front Street across from the Music Hall) and on streets surrounding Penny Pinchers Exchange. Come one, come all.

The Great Community Picnic

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

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

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

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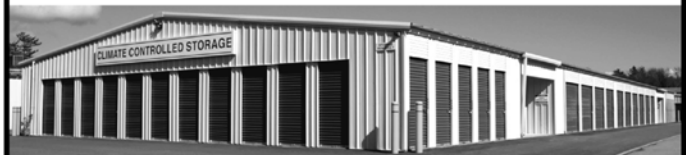
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- 71 It might consist of a dictionary, thesaurus and atlas
- 76 Pouches
- 78 Tic — -toe
- 81 "You wish!"
- 82 They may get slammed
- 83 Dad on "Rugrats"
- 84 For takeout
- 85 Fail to remain calm
- 87 Annual mailing to the IRS
- 92 Baskers' goals, often
- 94 Birth-related
- 95 Home for French presidents
- 96 Lerner's musical collaborator

- 99 Kind of salute performed at military funerals
- 101 Cherubs, e.g.
- 105 Smartphone buy
- 107 Emulate
- 107 Picabo Street
- 108 Mag bigwigs
- 109 Heroic fighter pilot of the 1940s
- 114 Sinister
- 117 Studios with easels
- 118 Question you might feel like asking after seeing nine key words in this puzzle?
- 123 Yellow turnip
- 124 Roast beef fast-food chain
- 125 Big brand of cosmetics
- 126 Water quality org.
- 127 Pack neatly
- 128 L.A.'s region
- 129 Pitfalls

DOWN

- 1 German auto
- 2 Spa sigh
- 3 Material in viral genes
- 4 Tiny pieces
- 5 Pro — (in proportion)
- 6 Post-workout feeling
- 7 Multivolume Brit. lexicon
- 8 Matzo — (Passover breakfast option)
- 9 In — (stuck)
- 10 Soft shoes, for short
- 11 Locations
- 12 Actress Marlee
- 13 Agenda unit
- 14 Stick around to see
- 15 Rig accidents
- 16 Doozies
- 17 Fully grown
- 18 Borscht base
- 22 Kind of lift for downhillers
- 24 Yalies
- 28 Mauna —
- 29 Waste barrel
- 30 Capital of South Dakota
- 31 Mounted to a backing for decoration
- 33 Big-eyed primates
- 37 Egyptian city with pyramids
- 38 Myrna of old movies
- 39 Spellbound
- 40 Roman 7
- 41 Finale
- 43 Plow pioneer John

- 46 "Mama" Cass
- 48 Orang cousin
- 49 Figure skater Lipinski
- 50 Epochs
- 51 Plate
- 53 Key near Q
- 54 Brewery kiln
- 55 Actor Sahay who played Lester Patel on "Chuck"
- 60 Lip- — (mouth the words)
- 63 Pantry container
- 64 Got older
- 65 Alternative to Mazola or Crisco
- 66 Charlemagne ruled it: Abbr.
- 67 Bro's sibling
- 68 Suit well
- 69 Orch. section with timpani, cymbals, etc.
- 71 Performs like Drake
- 72 Jacob's twin
- 73 Twain's Huck
- 74 Clamor
- 75 Hoodwink
- 76 Gets trite
- 77 "La Cage — Folles"
- 78 Muss, as hair
- 79 "I concur"
- 80 Chili dogs
- 83 Headliner
- 84 "Ciao 4 now"
- 86 Beat others in claiming something
- 88 Dojo surface
- 89 Old verb suffix
- 90 Remade musicals, e.g.
- 91 "Showdown" rock gp.
- 93 "Easy-peasy"
- 97 Polish capital
- 98 Start for Pen or dermis
- 100 Barely earns, with "out"
- 101 Informed (of)
- 102 Still in bed
- 103 Garbo of old movies
- 104 Singer Fitzgerald
- 106 Gyro wraps
- 110 Ship of myth
- 111 Sleek, in brief
- 112 "Fast Money" network
- 113 "Watermark" singer
- 115 A party to Hercules
- 119 Oahu, e.g.: Abbr.
- 120 Atop, in odes
- 121 Scot's dissent
- 122 Raised trains

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Is someone at work resisting your ARIES charm? Hard to believe. But seriously, Lamb, you might want to back up your ideas with some solid data, then watch the "yeas" pile on.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your hard work could pay off in ways that you didn't expect but certainly deserve. Tend to a pesky health problem now so that you'll be in top shape to tackle the new projects coming up.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Planning a family event can be stressful, unless you make it clear from the start that you're in charge. You might accept suggestions, but it'll be your decisions that count.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You still have a way to go to bring a professional matter to a satisfactory conclusion. Meanwhile, an important personal situation could require more of your attention by week's end.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) There's something about you Fine Felines that makes people want to tell you secrets. But once again, be wary of who's doing the telling. You might not want to be this person's confidante.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Creating a fuss about a family matter might get everyone's attention. But it might be better to talk one-on-one with family members in order to spare a loved one from unnecessary embarrassment.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You're making progress on a career move, albeit not as quickly as you had hoped. But stay with it. Meanwhile, your personal life takes an unexpected (but very welcome) new turn.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) If you feel like you've been unfairly treated in a workplace decision, correct the situation now while there's still time to do so. Arm yourself with facts and go to it. Good luck!

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Devising your own system of doing things might be the best way to handle an increasingly complex situation. But do it tactfully in order to avoid ruffling too many of your colleagues' feathers.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A family member's health problem might once again require you to shift some of your current priorities around. But this time, make certain that other relatives will be around to help.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Catching up on tasks that you've left undone will take a while to accomplish. But the sooner you complete them, the sooner you'll be able to take on another time-sensitive project.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might feel swamped by everything that you're expected to do. But take a moment to come up for air, then handle things one at a time. You'll soon get through them all.

BORN THIS WEEK: Although you love being at home with your family and furry ones, you also enjoy traveling, exploring, and making new friends.

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"News or Announcement" to receive the main email updates. Important information such as road work, closures, Waste Management collection changes, events, and other town updates are shared through these alerts.

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

Annual Marion Town Party

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


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

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

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


Young Artists in Marion

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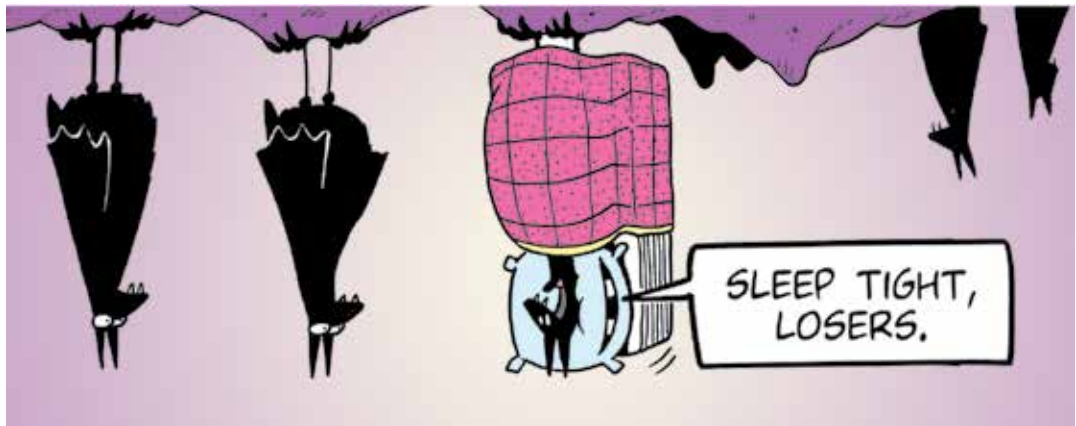
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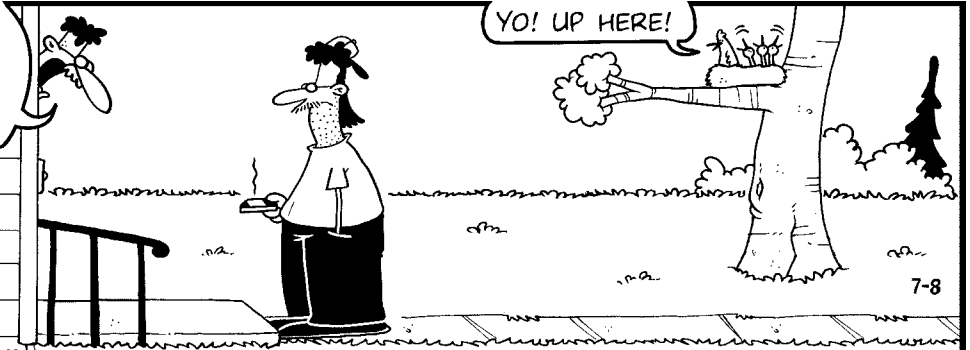


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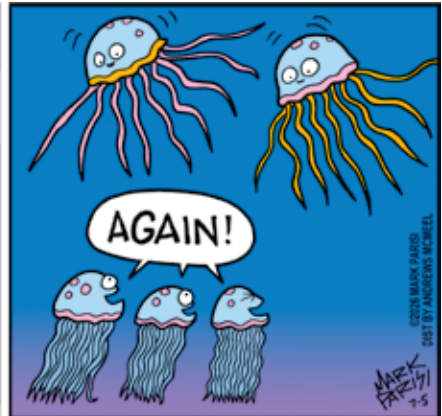
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Designs may be patriotic-themed, Marion-themed, or a creative combination of both. One winner will be selected from each age group (5-9 years old, 10-14 years old, and 15-18 years old), and all three winning designs will be printed and available to voters beginning with the September election. Show your community spirit and help make voting in Marion even more special. Please stop by the town clerk's office any time during normal business hours to pick up a template. The deadline for submissions will be **July 31**. Winners will be chosen on August 3.

Friends of the Mattapoissett Library Summer Book Sale

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

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

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

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

OCRVTHS Summer Discovery Experience

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



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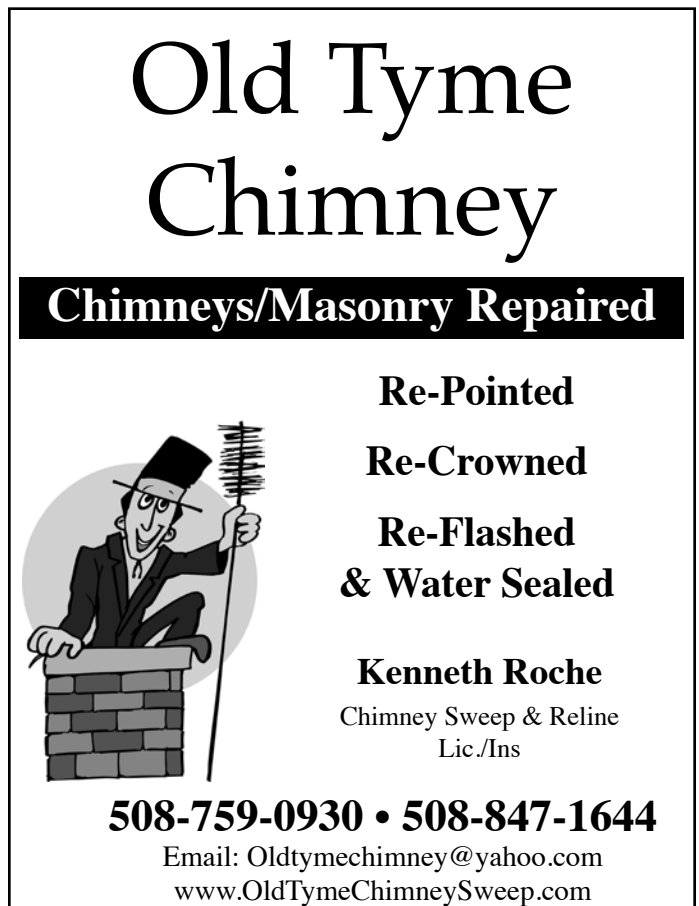
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This unique summer programming runs from **July 13 to July 24**. Registration is open now on Eventbrite starting at \$161.90 per session. Half-day and full-day options are available, with most morning and afternoon sessions offered for students entering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

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

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

"Our talented staff are a point of pride for us here at Old Colony," said Superintendent Aaron Polansky. "We hope that the variety of Summer Discovery programming



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<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT SELECT BOARD INVITATION TO BID</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>ITEM BID DUE DATE/TIME Bid: Oakland Street Reconstruction Project with an Additive Alternate Bid</p> <p>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@fieldengrg.com and through the COMMBUYS website at http://www.commbuys.com.</p> <p>All Bidders must be prequalified by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation – Highway Division with the class of work as, HIGHWAY-CONSTRUCTION, for the project with an estimated value of \$1,286,728.00 in order to receive the official copy of the bidding documents. A copy of the plans and specifications</p>	<p>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>TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1238</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, July 23rd, 2026, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA.</p>	<p>Donald Spirlet, Chairman 7/2, 7/9</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING To be held at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street Also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option). For remote access to this meeting please contact Jenna Riewer at jriewer@marionma.gov during regular business hours. The meetings are televised and video recorded by Old Rochester Community Television (ORCTV). The meetings are live streamed on ORCTV.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 & 21A, Zoning District GB.</p> <p>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. Sean Sweeney, Chair Ann Morgan, Vice Chair 7/2, 7/9</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #845</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The property, located at 8 Crapo Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 16 as lot 195. Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 7/2, 7/9</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>A public hearing of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Notice of Intent filed by John Graham for property located at 527 High Street, Map 19, Lot 5C. The applicant is proposing work on a single-family dwelling and lot within the 100-foot buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland.</p> <p>This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetlands Protection By-Law. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81730333772 Meeting ID: 817 3033 3772 Christopher Gerrior, Chairman 7/9</p>

lets campers develop their current interests and also explore new paths.”

Most programs run Monday through Friday. Since its introduction in 2017, the Summer Discovery Experience has expanded its schedule from five days to 10, spanning two weeks. Most activities now have time to run twice and accommodate more participants.

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

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

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

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

For more details and to secure a spot for your student email SummerDiscovery@OldColony.us with

questions or concerns.

Coastal Explorations with the MNHM

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

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

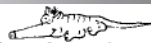
This year we will also be offering a full-day option in partnership with the Marion Recreation Department. Spend half the day with us, and then, if you want extended hours, Marion Recreation will be busing from our location to Silvershell beach for the remainder of the day.

Register at www.marionmuseum.org for both options. Dates: **July 6 to July 10**, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, and **August 3 to August 7**, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION



Log highlights June 28 – July 4

- Jenney Ln – Animal bite
- Shady Ln – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Assist other police
- Front St - Disturbance
- Beach St - Death
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Health/welfare
- Jenna Dr – EMS/medical
- Washburn Park Rd – Officer wanted
- Main St – MV collision
- Dexter Rd – Officer wanted
- Delano Rd – Health/welfare
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Delano Rd – Suspicious MV
- Delano Rd – Burglar alarm
- East Ave – EMS/medical
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Front St – Parking enforcement
- Rogers Dr – EMS/medical
- Front St – Parking enforcement
- East Ave – EMS/medical
- Point Rd - Disturbance
- Zora Rd – Incapacitated person
- Mill St – MV collision
- Main St – Found property
- Wareham Rd – Found property
- Point Rd - Disturbance
- Wianno Rd – Health/welfare
- Oakdale Ave – Fireworks complaint

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights June 28 – July 4

- Acushnet Rd – MV violations
- North St – Animal control
- Homestead Ct – General service
- Bay Shore Dr – Suspicious persons
- Cedarcrest Ave – General service
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- Acushnet Rd – Health/welfare
- Acushnet Rd – Animal control
- Water St – Officer wanted
- Brandt Island Rd – Domestic
- Fairhaven Rd – MV repossessed
- Oliver’s Ln – Assist citizen
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Harbor HB Rd – Gunshots reported
- Brandt Island Rd - Disturbance
- Ocean Breeze Ln – Suspicious MV
- Acushnet Rd - Complaint
- Brandt Island Rd – MV crash
- Shore Dr – Assist citizen
- Wildwood Ter – Medical alarm
- Homestead Ct – 911 call
- North St – MV crash
- County Rd - Assault
- Grand View Ave – Assist other agency
- Water St – Parking violation
- Water St - Disturbance
- Long Plain Rd – Abandoned property
- Bethany Ln – Suspicious persons
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist

ROCHESTER

Log highlights June 28 – July 4

- Mattapoissett Rd – 911 call
- Neck Rd – Well-being check
- Quaker Ln – Suspicious activity
- Negus Way – Animal control
- Dexter Ln – General services/arrest
- Jasons Ln – Parking complaint
- Braley Hill Rd – MV collision
- Pierce St – 911 call
- Ryder Rd – Outside fire
- Jasons Ln – Animal control
- Marys Pond Rd – Erratic MV
- Churchs Field – Suspicious activity
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- Rounseville Rd – Animal control
- Bisbee Dr – 911 call
- Sylva St – Suspicious activity
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/towed
- New Bedford Rd – citation
- Stevens Rd – General services
- Constitution Way – General services
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Cushman Rd – Burglar alarm
- Cranberry Hwy – Structure fire
- Snipatuit Rd – General services
- Boxturtle Dr – Well-being check
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity
- Marys Pond Rd – Parking complaint
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity

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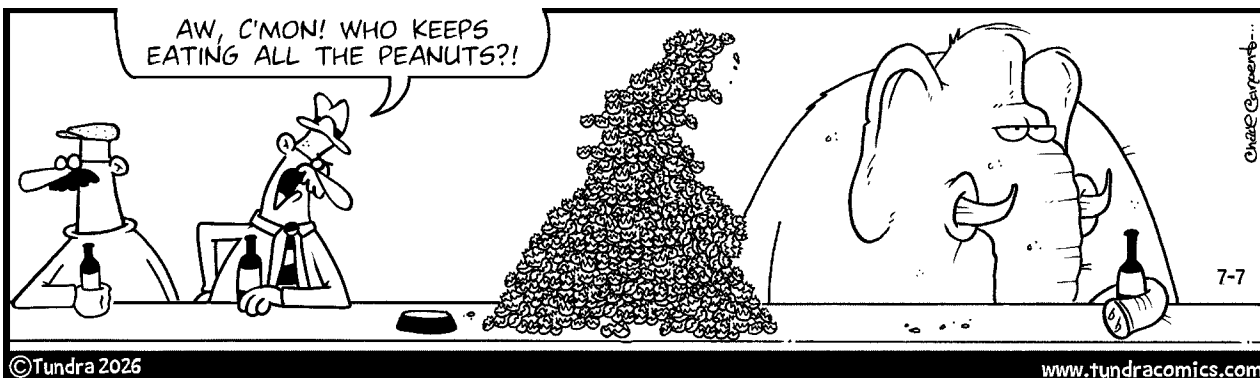
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MHC Historic Plaque Program

The Mattapoissett Historical Commission was established in 1973 to identify, evaluate, preserve, and protect the historically significant resources of the town. The historic house plaque program serves to recognize historic structures with the placement of an historic plaque.

In honor of the nation's 250th (Semiquincentennial) Anniversary, the Historical Commission encourages the residents of Mattapoissett to apply for an historic house plaque or to replace existing house plaques in need of updating.

A property must meet two or more qualifying criteria:

Age: The structure must be at least 75 years old.

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Period/Style: The structure embodies distinctive characteristics of a period of architecture or style and may be associated with a noted architect or builder.

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Call for Entries - Declaration & Dialogue: Reflections on 250 Years

The Marion Art Center announces a call for entries to its upcoming juried summer exhibition, Declaration & Dialogue: Reflections on 250 Years. As we mark the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, we invite artists to engage deeply with what this milestone means now - through lenses of commemoration, critique, hope, and transformation. This exhibition seeks contemporary works that spark conversation, paired with historic artifacts or artworks on loan from private collections or institutions.

All visual media is eligible - painting, sculpture, mixed media, video, or new media. Works should reflect the artist's personal interpretation of the Declaration's legacy - its ideals, challenges, complexities, or contradictions. Submissions may or may not offer political or social commentary; entries may reflect personal, aesthetic, emotional, or conceptual interpretations.

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Mattapoisett Library Online Learning Platform to Empower Adults 55+

With the number of Americans aged 65 and older projected to increase by 24,000,000 by 2050, MFPL is proud to announce the availability of Gale Presents: GetSetUp, a proven digital resource designed to support the growing needs of older adults across our community. According to the 2024 Active Aging Report, older adults are increasingly turning to digital tools for health, wellness, and lifelong learning, as evidenced by their participation in over 5,270,000 GetSetUp online activities last year. To meet their needs, Mattapoisett Library is offering free access to this innovative platform built

specifically for adults aged 55 and over.

"We're excited to bring this empowering resource to our patrons," said Amanda Lawrence, Adult Services librarian. "GetSetUp helps older adults stay mentally sharp, socially connected, and physically active - all from the comfort of home."

Key Features of Gale Presents: GetSetUp:

A rotating catalog of 5,000+ live and on-demand classes, short videos, and articles on topics like digital literacy, fitness, nutrition, mental wellness, travel, and retirement planning.

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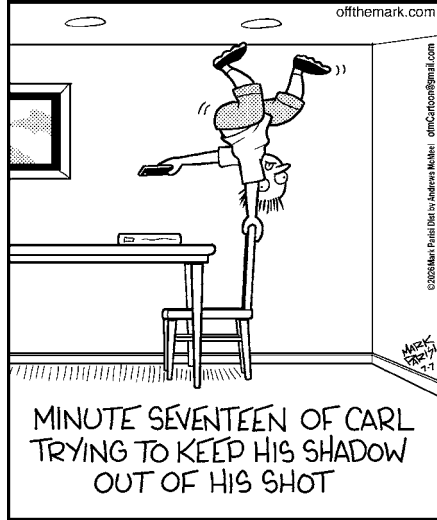
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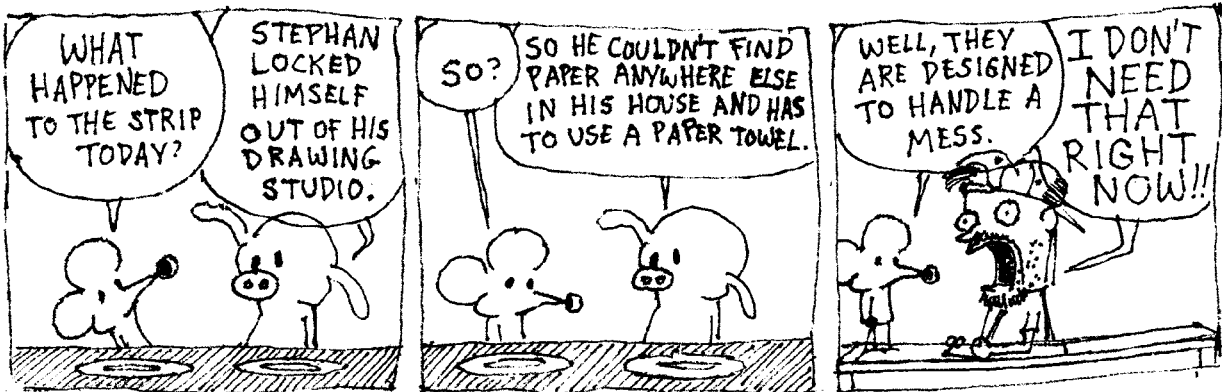
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Emergency Preparedness

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

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

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

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

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

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS			See past listing on our website: www.wanderer.com		
Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Linnehan, Joseph R Jr Linnehan, Anna M	Leblanc, Jean J Cote, Nancy C	8 W Silver Shell Ave	Mattapoissett	06/17/2026	975,000.00
Sanborn, Philip Earl Sanborn, Karen Beverley	Poshkus, Jayne	234 Converse Rd	Marion	06/18/2026	900,000.00
Miller, Andrew Herbert Miller, Margaret	Burr, Luiza Smith, Luiza Burr, Tucker	65 Old Knoll Rd 65 Olde Knoll Rd	Marion	06/18/2026	1,300,000.00
Burr, Tucker Burr, Luiza Maria	13 Cottage Street NT Seidel, Ruah F TR	13 Cottage St	Marion	06/18/2026	1,650,000.00
Gitsit, Solutions LLC TR Gv, Trust 2025-1	Besse, Barbara S By Mtge	289 North Ave	Rochester	06/22/2026	299,900.00
Van, Ripper Michael Van, Ripper Rachel	Jahn, William H Jahn, Anna M Jones, Anna M	47 Mayflower Ln	Rochester	06/23/2026	930,000.00

Local Tides



Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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
Monday	July 20	1:06	1:41	6:35	7:35
Tuesday	July 21	1:56	2:32	7:18	9:00
Wednesday	July 22	2:47	3:24	8:09	10:11
Thursday	July 23	3:41	4:21	9:07	11:04
Friday	July 24	4:42	5:22	10:06	11:47
Saturday	July 25	5:43	6:17	11:02	
Sunday	July 26	6:35	7:03	12:27	12:02

Phases of the Moon	New Moon	July 14th
	First Quarter	July 21st
	Full Moon	July 29th
	Last Quarter	August 6th

I Found the Aardvark!

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

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

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

In the July 2, 2026 edition the Aardvark was on page 31

PUZZLE ANSWERS
CROSSWORD SOLUTION

B	A	R	B	R	A		O	B	A	M	A		M	I	S	O		L	A	B	
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SCRAMBLERS
solution

1. Armor; 2. Extol
3. Stein; 4. Spire

Today's Word
ESTIMATES

Sudoku Answer

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





GROCERY, DAIRY & FROZEN

12 oz. Selected Variety
Dunkin'
Ground Coffee
\$8⁹⁹



64 oz.
Old Orchard
Cranberry Juice **\$2⁹⁹**

Half Liter Bottles, 24 pk.
Poland Spring
Spring Water **\$5⁹⁹**

66.9 oz. Selected Variety
San Pellegrino
Sparkling Water **\$6⁹⁹**

13 oz. Selected Variety
Quaker
Life Cereal
\$4⁹⁹



11.5 oz. Cans 12 Pack
Arizona
Arnold Palmer **\$6⁹⁹**

5.2-5.5 oz. Selected Variety
Pringles
Snacks **2/\$5**

16 oz.
Hood
Half & Half **\$1⁷⁹**

8.5-12.5 oz. Selected Variety
Old El Paso
Taco Kits
\$3⁹⁹



12.3-14.8 oz. Selected Variety
Kellogg's
Eggo Waffles **\$2⁹⁹**

16 oz. Selected Variety
Ben & Jerry's
Ice Cream **\$5⁴⁹**

BAKERY

Fresh
Store Made
Garlic Bread **\$3⁴⁹**

9.75 oz. 5 Pack
Fresh
Éclairs **\$4⁹⁹**

CHEF PREPARED

With Sour Cream & Salsa
Smoked Pork Burrito **\$12⁹⁹ ea**

Spicy Sesame
Peanut Noodles **\$10⁹⁹ lb**

Pint
Black Bean & Corn Salad **\$9⁹⁹**

Fresh
Garden Side Salad **\$6⁹⁹ ea**

Various Styles
Take & Bake Pizza **\$8⁹⁹ - \$10⁹⁹ ea**

Homemade Small Savory Pies to Go! **\$13⁹⁹ ea**

Chicken Pot Pie **\$19⁹⁹ ea**

Shepherd's Pie **\$12⁹⁹ ea** **\$19⁹⁹ ea**

GARDEN CENTER

Assorted
Hanging Baskets **\$29⁹⁹ & Up**



MEAT, DELI, & CHEESE

Certified Black Angus, Bone-In
Strip Steak **\$17⁹⁹ lb**

Fresh
Bell & Evans
Chicken Thighs **\$5⁹⁹ lb**

Fresh
Pork
Tenderloin **\$4⁹⁹ lb**

14 oz. Pkg. Meat
Kayem
Fenway Franks **\$5⁴⁹**

4 oz. Pkg.
Boar's Head
Uncured Fennel Salami **\$7⁹⁹**

Deli Sliced
Land O Lakes
American Cheese **\$7⁹⁹ lb**

Deli Sliced
Friends' Store Made
Roast Beef **\$17⁹⁹ lb**

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Made
Broccoli Salad **\$9⁹⁹ lb**

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Made
Egg Salad **\$11⁹⁹ lb**

Ready to Serve
Allen's
Rotisserie Chicken **\$9⁹⁹ ea**

12 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety
Boar's Head
Greek Yogurt Dips **2/\$8**

8 oz. Pkg.
Boar's Head
Pepper Jack Cheese **\$5⁹⁹**

Freshly made hot food in store at our buffet bar. Only \$11.99/lb!

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at PLUMB CORNER

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Rochester, MA 02770
Phone: 508.763.5333

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SALE EFFECTIVE: Friday, July 10 to Thursday, July 16, 2026

BLOCKBUSTER SAVINGS!

Certified Black Angus
Friends' Premium Porterhouse Steak
\$17.99
lb

10 ct. K-Cups, Hot Cocoa or Selected Variety
Dunkin' Coffee
\$7.99

12.7 oz. Squeeze
Heinz Sweet Relish
2/\$4

12.4 oz.
Cheez-It Crackers
\$4.99

SPIRITS *Summer Sale!*

1.75 Liter Titos Vodka **\$29.99**
1.75 Liter Smirnoff Vodka **\$19.99**
1.75 Liter Bacardi Rum **\$24.99**
750 ml. Jose Cuervo Silver Tequila **\$24.99**

48 oz. Selected Variety
STOK Cold Brew Iced Coffee
\$5.99

QUALITY PRODUCE

			Pint Blueberries \$3.99
			2 lb. Pkg. Clementines \$4.99
			Plump Cluster Tomatoes \$1.99 lb
			Juicy Peaches \$2.99 lb
			Fresh Red or Yellow Peppers \$2.99 lb
			Fresh Corn 3/\$2

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVINGS THIS WEEK!