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Some Massachusetts Beaches Closed; Tri-Town Reopened

By Sam Bishop

Over the last few weeks, multiple local communities along the South Coast have issued alerts that their beaches would be closed, followed by a notice they were reopened a few days later. The Tri-Town was no different.

On July 6, water samples were taken off Silvershell Beach in Marion. Tests yielded high bacteria levels, with the state Department of Public Health's Division of Environmental Toxicology, Hazard Assessment and Prevention issuing a "Bacterial Exceedance" posting to the town. Due to this, across the harbor, portions of Silvershell Beach were closed the following days and were reopened by town issuance on July 9. Similarly, beaches off Converse Road received the same warning and closure.

Similarly, tests on June 30 led to the closure of Town Beach in Mattapoisett until July 1. Tests like this are conducted weekly through the summer, ending post-season on September 12.

There is no epicenter of bacteria nor concentration of beach closures around the state at any given time. Currently, the Bacterial Exceedance posting is sporadic though highly monitored by the state's DPH. They state that the high levels of bacteria generally arise from stormwater runoff carrying bacteria from septic systems following this month's heavy storms.

In the last week, over 50 Massachusetts beaches have temporarily closed due to this same posting. The DPH warns that exposure can lead to skin irritation or digestive/respiratory discomfort.

State beach statuses are put in a central database by the state and can be viewed at www.mass.gov/info-details/interactive-beach-water-quality-dashboard.

***On the Cover:** Marion was busy last weekend with post-Independence Day events. The First Congregational Church held its annual Lobster Roll sale on Saturday. At the same time, Arts in The Park was in Bicentennial Park and was hosted by the Marion Art Center. Photo by Mick Colageo*

Currently, all the town beaches are open, and summer festivities go on, weather permitting.

Marion Author Details Atlantic Voyages

Retired 35-year faculty member at Tabor Academy and 33-year captain of the school's 92-foot training vessel the *SSV Tabor Boy* James Geil of Marion has taken his experiences and brought them to live on the page.

Geil told us, "In 2020, I began writing about my years on *Tabor Boy* and have since published two non-fiction books." His most recent book, "Adventures Aboard Tabor Boy: Tales About a Schooner's Historic

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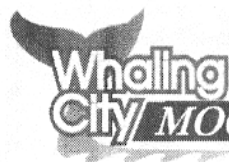
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The 115-foot two-masted schooner was built in 1914 and has been owned by the academy since 1954. Captain James Geil took over in 1985 when he served as Tabor's Director of Boy Programs throughout his long tenure. Geil's book is currently available on Amazon in paperback or on Kindle.

22nd Annual Taste of Mattapoisett

By Sam Bishop



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On Tuesday, the Mattapoisett Woman's Club hosted their annual Taste of Mattapoisett in Shipyard Park under and around the big white event tent. Local food vendors occupied the outsides of the tent and more in trailers outside as patrons entered, spending \$10 for 10 tickets.

Tickets, in turn, were traded in, or spent, for food items ranging from cheeseburger sliders from one vendor to cookies and cupcakes from another. There were French fries and mozzarella sticks for some, pizza for others, and seafood for more.

The Showstoppers also performed numerous pop hits, as visitors either set up lawn chairs to watch and listen or sat and ate with their food, listening to their music and looking out at the harbor.

As with years past, profits garnered by the Woman's Club from the culinary "Taste" event are used to provide scholarships to Mattapoisett students as well as other local community donations.

Canadian Wildfire Smoke Blankets Skies

By Sam Bishop

As wildfires rage in the Canadian wilderness, the billowing smoke has begun to descend on the Northeast. Throughout this next week, the effects of the fires in Canada will thicken the air.

Smoke from the wildfires, mainly occurring in Ontario and Quebec, began to drift south into Massachusetts earlier this week, darkening and yellowing the sky. Air quality throughout the week is projected to reach a "moderate" level, being mostly unnoticeable though possibly irritating some with breathing difficulties.

According to Natural Resources Canada, the government origination that agitates data on the fires, roughly 1,900,000 hectares have already been burnt in wildfires this year, recently mainly in Ontario. That's about 7,300 square miles, or just about the total land area of Massachusetts.

The blanket of smoke will, in theory, block sunlight and reduce temperatures, though it will hardly be noticeable with forecasts still in the 80s. Less heat is likely to lessen the power of developing storms, however.

The smoke will alter sunsets, so keep a keen eye out for vibrant skies this week.

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New York's Weaknesses Shown

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, Massachusetts and other New England militiamen are called to New York to aid in the city's defense, as 10,000 Redcoats disembark on Staten Island. General George Washington is informed of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, as the document is printed in local newspapers and is read aloud to communities across the colonies as it slowly disseminates out of Philadelphia. The Revolutionary War

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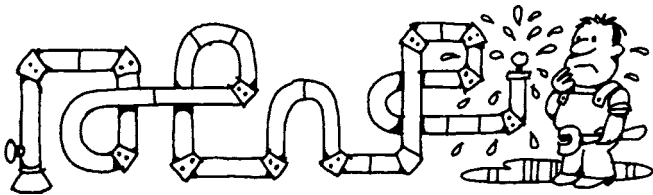


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formally became a war of independence from the Crown.

On the morning of July 12, 1776, Washington meets with his Council of War in his New York headquarters at the Richmond Hill Estate. Though the estate is gone today, it and its 26 acres of farmland sat in today's Greenwich Village. At their meeting, Washington pushed for offensive action, with meeting notes saying, "The General proposed to the consideration of the board a plan of a descent upon Staten Island in different places so as to form a general attack upon the enemy's quarters - and a question was made whether in our present situation such a measure was advisable." In the next line: "Agreed Unanimously. That it was not."

That afternoon, Admiral Molyneux Shulldham of the Royal Navy ordered two of his experienced captains, Captain Hyde Parker Jr. and Captain James Wallace, to make haste and push up the Hudson to Haverstraw Bay, roughly 35 miles north. At around 3:00 pm, two smaller warships, the *HMS Pheonix*, *HMS Rose*, and three smaller tenders raced up the river with the wind pushing behind from the south. Defensive batteries across the area rang out from forts on land and on Governors Island. Smoke filled the air as the ships' broadsides fired back, though the ships didn't slow.

Following the onslaught, three British crew members were injured, though multiple American defenders had been killed. The ships made it past Fort Washington and to Haverstraw Bay, highlighting major deficiencies in the city's defenses.

On July 13, in his General Orders, Washington lambasts his men's poor performance, saying, "The General was sorry to observe yesterday that many of the officers and a number of men instead of attending to their duty at the beat of the drum; continued along the banks of the north river, gazing at the ships; such unsoldierly conduct must grieve every good officer, and give the enemy a mean opinion of the army, as nothing shews the brave and good soldier more than in case of alarms, coolly and calmly repairing to his post, and there waiting his orders; whereas a weak curiosity at such a time makes a man look mean and contemptible." Washington orders greater defensive measures to be taken.

That same day, Admiral Richard Howe writes to Washington looking to have a discussion, hoping the general will hold "consideration of the Kings benevolent intentions, may be the means of preventing the further Effusion of Blood, and become productive of Peace and lasting Union between Great Britain and America." He states if he hears back positively, a frigate will pick up Washington and bring him to Howe. Both Richard and his brother, Commander William Howe, were granted the powers to make peace in the colonies. Washington would not write back until August 13, where he would make no mention of any meeting.

On July 16, Thomas Jefferson brings forward the Articles of Confederation for discussion and consideration on the floor of the Continental Congress. This document

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sought to unify the Thirteen Colonies into a single entity, albeit, highly decentralized. That same day, New York delegate John Alsop resigned in protest of the Declaration of Independence.

On July 17, the declaration begins to make its way through Massachusetts, with the document officially entering the records of Worcester and Boston.

On July 18, it is read aloud to thousands in Boston from the balcony of the Old State House. The crowd thunders with cheers and applause.



Cultivating Joy in the Heart of Mattapoissett

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

In Mattapoissett, garden gazing is as much a rite of summer as tootling around the harbor in boats.

Deanne Girouard is the epitome of a seaside gardener. Around her home in the heart of Mattapoissett Village, her passion for gardening has blossomed into breathtaking borders and colorful beds

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that stop passersby in their tracks. Whenever I walk by her charming home with its wide front porch and classic white picket fence, my eyes are drawn instinctively to the garden beyond.

More often than not, Deanne is right there among the flowers - weeding, planting, deadheading, tending to the ever-changing tapestry she has created. It's clear this garden is more than a hobby; it's a labor of love. Or, as Deanne says with a smile, "It's my happy place."

I had the chance to explore Deanne's garden last week, and as you might expect, there's far more to it than what passersby see from the street. Talking with a dedicated gardener is as much about the journey as the destination. Their fascination lies not only in the finished landscape but also in the process of creating it. In the end, you learn as much about the gardener as you do about the garden.

We began in the backyard, where a row of *Persicaria polymorpha*, commonly known as giant fleece flower, caught my eye. The towering, eight-foot plants, topped with airy white plumes, form a dramatic backdrop to an island bed. Deanne explained that the entire hedge grew from a single \$10 plant she purchased years ago from Avant Gardens. Through root cuttings, that one plant multiplied into the impressive drift that now anchors the garden.

As we scanned the back perimeter of the property, it became clear that some of Deanne's earliest gardening




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efforts were devoted to creating privacy. A row of towering trees now forms a living screen, including a striking Himalayan variegated pine whose blue-green needles are tipped with soft yellow, making it a nice accent tree. "It's beautiful in winter with the snow," Deanne said.

"I planted the Leyland cypress myself," she added. "I have my own ecosystem back here. It's cooler."

Other standouts include a handsome Carolina allspice that has grown to nearly twice its advertised eight-foot height and an 'Elizabeth' magnolia that has been outwitted by squirrels every spring.

"They eat the buds like corn dogs," Deanne laughed. "I've yet to see it in full bloom!"

Perhaps one reason the plants thrive so well is the foundation beneath them. Deanne



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enriched the beds with farm soil from Westport and continues to feed them with composted manure. Like any well-loved garden, this one is constantly evolving. Plants are regularly moved to better suit the landscape and the changing needs of the property, which over the years has been enjoyed by her children and grandchildren and, for many years, welcomed guests as an inn.



One of the first flowers to catch my eye was crocosmia, basking in the sunshine beside a statue of "Mimi the Mermaid," a whimsical figure that reminded me of Copenhagen's famed Little Mermaid. Deanne describes crocosmia as a delicate version of Bird of Paradise, and its fiery blooms certainly have a tropical flair.

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butterflies. White and magenta rose campion mingle with bold sweeps of garden loosestrife (*Lysimachia*) and cheerful black-eyed Susans, while the fans of spent iris foliage provide structure. At their feet, a carpet of spurge and sedum ties the planting together.

When designing this island bed, Deanne wanted bold, tall plantings that would stand out when viewed from the back porch and the house. The task wasn't easy. The area was riddled with tree roots, making every planting hole a challenge.

Across the lawn, a lush garden embraces the expansive back porch and fans out from the stone patio, where comfortable chairs invite visitors to sit and take in the view. Pots overflowing with vibrant chartreuse foliage and upright rosemary soften the patio before giving way to deeply layered borders of shrubs, yellow daylilies, herbs, and perennials. The plantings blur the line between the stone terrace and the lawn, making the transition feel effortless.

Overhead, hanging baskets spill with cascading orange begonias, while the property's signature swordfish sign - a nod to its years as a bed-and-breakfast - provides a touch of nostalgia. Nearby, a bucket, spade, an array of homegrown seedlings awaiting planting and other gardening tools rest where they were last used, a quiet

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reminder that a beautiful garden is never truly finished.

Everywhere you look, there is something to admire - climbing roses, fragrant herbs, colorful containers, and beautifully planted window boxes. Among Deanne's many talents is her gift for creating window boxes that are works of art. One, tucked beneath a painting of poppies, echoes the artwork above with a lush tapestry of foliage and delicate blooms. Coleus, polka dot plant (*Hypoestes phyllostachya*), and creeping fig spill gracefully over the rim of the white planter.

The entire garden feels relaxed and welcoming, made even more inviting by the soundtrack of '70s music



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Like any devoted gardener, Deanne propagates many of her own plants and carefully saves seeds, storing them in a cool, dark place for future seasons. She takes a practical approach to her roses, too. "I feed them when I think of it," she laughs.

The front garden is the one that captures the attention of passersby - a joyful cottage garden overflowing with color and texture. Hollyhocks, delphiniums, yarrow, Shasta daisies, balloon flowers, nepeta, zinnias, peonies, dahlias, sedum, and cosmos fill the beds, all following a succession of spring bulbs and early bloomers.

"Every week I try to have something blooming," Deanne says, noting that she cultivates the soil every two days to keep it loose, encourage worms, and help with irrigation.

The sun-drenched window boxes are impossible to overlook. Overflowing with colorful annuals and cascading greenery, they frame the house with the same exuberance found throughout the garden. Deanne was especially delighted by one standout plant: a chocolate-scented cosmos with deep maroon blooms. "Magic!" I exclaimed, making sure to put it on my shopping list. Just beyond the spacious front porch, a narrow ribbon of lawn is bordered on both sides by lush perennial beds, creating an inviting approach and a garden that celebrates the entire growing season.

A garden often reveals as much about the person tending it as it does about the plants themselves. After exploring Deanne's garden, I asked her to share the experiences, influences, and inspirations that shaped her journey as a gardener:

Who influenced you as a gardener?: "I've loved planting flower seeds (nasturtiums and zinnias) since I was a small child and rescuing my mom's failing African violets and coleus, treating them in my plant 'hospital.' I learned about plants from my parents, especially my father, who had a huge organic vegetable garden that we worked in together.

Flower gardening inspiration came from our beloved neighbor, Edith Healy. She was like a grandmother to me. She had a beautiful perennial flower garden perfected to ensure constant color. I never left her

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home without a bouquet. She instructed me to pick stem by stem, teaching me the names of each perennial. She had a beautiful 'wall' of hollyhocks lining the walkway to her back entry, perpetually loaded with bumble bees."

Favorite season to garden?: "Definitely spring! Plants are waking up and it's cool weather for cleaning out beds and transplanting."

Advice for novice gardeners?: "Visit many nurseries, talk to fellow gardeners, and read gardening books. During the winter months, enjoying the plethora of excellent gardening books helps inspire you to be creative with your garden planning."

What inspires your window boxes?: "The first decision I make is coming up with my color scheme. Last year's color scheme I took from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. This year's color palette came from a floral outdoor mat I purchased at Ocean State Job Lot!

Secondly, I visit my favorite nurseries early and scout out the plants that interest me. I sketch out how I want the plants arranged based on color contrast, differing textures, and growing habits. Deep and wide window boxes are needed. I mix in a bit of Osmocote and snugly plant the selection. I use 12-14 plants per my 'extra large' window boxes. I have eight boxes in total, and four

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“Earth laughs in flowers.” - Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Licensing Bill Moves To State House Vote

Marion Select Board Special Meeting

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Select Board met for a Special Meeting on July 8 in the Town House Annex.

First, State Representative Mark D. Silvia (D-10) spoke on special legislation for the Home Rule Petition H5451. The bill grants Marion additional liquor licenses. The state General Court held three hearings on the legislation which passed Town Meeting, and was “received favorably” by the state assembly. He noted the Consumer Affairs Committee made four amendments to the legislative piece, which would require Select Board approval to be moved to the floor of the House for a vote.

Town Counsel stated they had reviewed the amendments and approved of them. Select Board Member Randy Parker made a motion to approve of the amendments to H5451 which focuses on specifics of the liquor licensing process. Chair John Hoagland and Vice-Chair Toby Burr added their approvals, thus sending a vote to the House floor. The bill has not yet been voted on, though its status can be checked at malegislature.gov/Bills/194/H5451.

The board then voted to allow 25 special parking permits for Salty Dog Regatta should the need arise.

Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator Donna Hemphill stated work was nearing its end on the Town House, and added, “if all goes well, our August meeting will be at the Town House.”

The next regular meeting of the Marion Select Board is Scheduled for Tuesday, July 21 at 6:30 pm in the Marion Police Department.

Long Agneda Cut By Multiple Continuances

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Sam Bishop

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission met on Monday for a hybrid meeting in Town Hall and on Zoom for a packed agenda, though Chair Michael King noted six items had been continued to their next meeting.

The first item was a Request for Determination of Applicability by Edith Mikina of 6 Old Mattapoisett Neck Road for the construction of a 14’-by-13’ shed. It was noted by the representative from Field Engineering Co, Inc. the proposed location of the shed was within the “developed area” of the property, though it is in a flood zone and within the riverfront of Swift Brook. It was noted construction would be elevated, eliminating risks from a flood zone, though it was then noted the site itself did not actually fall within the zone. Without serious questioning, the hearing was closed. The commission voted on and approved a Negative Determination.

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Next was the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Brittany Armstrong of 6 Riverside Drive for the removal of the existing septic tank and its upgrade and replacement. The engineer from Foresight Engineering, Inc. stated due to the location of the tank, work would need to commence within the property's buffer zone, though no vegetation would need to be removed. With no questions or comments, the hearing was closed.

The hearing for the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Randall Enos of 8 River Bend Land for, again, the replacement of an existing septic system. This time, however, it would be replaced with a denitrification system for the single-family home. Work would progress through the buffer zone of neighboring wetland. The commission voted on and approved a Negative Determination.

Finally, there was the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by BCM Country Club LLC for the construction of a divided driveway with an island at Bay Club Drive. The entrance and exit of the gated community would have a keypad and automatic gate, thus not requiring a manned hut. The island would be 3' wide and 23' long in the approve to the gates. There were no comments from the commission, and the hearing

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was closed. The commission voted on and approved a Negative Determination.

The Notice of Intent filed by Dennis Mahoney & Sons, Inc. was continued to the commission's next meeting.

The hearing for Notice of Intent filed by EMM Realty Trust at 84 Angelica Ave was then opened. Represented by Project Engineer Dave Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. explained amendments to the project he had originally proposed three weeks earlier. He noted new plantings added to the project, though it was noted Davignon was awaiting a



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filing from the Department of Environmental Protection and requested the hearing be continued.

There was a request for a Certificate of Compliance of Intent filed by Juanita Howland of 70 Mattapoisett Neck Road for the rebuilding of a retaining wall within the existing footprint of the former wall. It was granted with a unanimous vote.

Next, there was another Certificate of Compliance of Intent filed by Daniel and Jennifer Schlitzer of 53 Water Street for work on an enclosed porch. It was granted quickly without much discussion.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation

Commission is scheduled for Monday, July 27 at 6:30 pm.

New Town Hall Parking Approved
Rochester Planning Board
By Michael J. DeCicco

Get ready for a larger parking lot at Rochester Town Hall. The Rochester Planning Board on Tuesday approved the Site Plan Review application for the town's plan to clear and re-grade land behind Town Hall for an 8,220-square foot parking lot.

The vote came after Project representative Rick Charron explained that on the board's advice he has changed the planned surface of the lot from gravel to impervious stone, and the drainage system will be a hybrid retention and detention pond because of the lot's sandy surface. The plan will double the parking lot's size and prepare for any future modifications. "It's a much better design," Chair Arnold Johnson said before initiating the approval vote.

The meeting's second hearing applicant wasn't so lucky. The board again reviewed Steen Development Corp.'s request to modify its Site Plan Review application for a senior living apartment building proposed for Rochester Crossing, 22 Cranberry Highway. Steen's engineering consultant Philip Cordeiro explained last month that the modification is a slight change in the underground drainage design to accommodate a new ring road through the project. He said the town's peer engineering review by Ken Motta asked only for clarification on drainage and other calculations.

Johnson responded that Motta has said he needs more information and he is not comfortable with making a decision as to whether this is a minor or major change; the latter determination would require a new public hearing. Johnson said the drainage changes now gives the board a margin for error. He doesn't want to see the drainage changes flooding a neighboring property. The board continued the hearing to its next meeting. Cordeiro



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promised to give Motta the additional information he needs by week's end.

The board also hesitated over a request for a modification of the special permit and Site Plan Review application for Dexter Lane Solar 1, 53 Dexter Lane. That change is to remove the project's proposed floating panels, associated fencing and battery energy storage system. Here too, Johnson said, the board must decide if this is a major or minor change.

Project representative Dean Jones of New Leaf Energy revealed the reason for requesting the elimination of these floating panels is marketing; buyers were not interested in these types of panels. He said the company wishes to strike multiple conditions because of the change. These are mostly related to conditions related to the floating portion of the plan that also include land-mounted arrays but also include a dramatic change in the project's decommissioning bond.

The board said it would be considered a minor change if the decommissioning bond is lowered using numbers New Leaf could provide soon. New Leaf representatives agreed to this. The board then voted to mark the elimination of these floating panels as a minor change.

In other action, the board continued to August 18 the site plan review hearing for Walnut Plain Road Solar and the site plan review hearing for High Street Solar, sites A and B, at 0 High Street.

The Rochester Planning Board's next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, August 18 at 7:00 pm at the Council On Aging Senior Center, Dexter Lane.

Walsh as Chair

Marion Conservation Commission

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Conservation Commission met for a quick meeting on Wednesday, July 8 where they committed to maintaining membership in the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions, approved of the construction of a screened-in porch, and reorganized the commission's membership.

Following the approval of minutes from their June 10 and June 24 meetings, Chair Matt Schultz made motion to approve the payment of annual dues to the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions. The motion was approved, allowing ConCom to maintain membership in the MACC, which offers education, counseling, and other resources to commissions across the state.

The chair then made a motion to begin the Public Hearing for the Request for Determination of

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Applicability for Michael and Roberta Tracy of 32 Joanne Drive for the demolition of an existing deck and construction of a screened-in porch. Sizes would be similar and the porch would occupy the same land as the original. Commissioner Millie Seeberg noted the project was "pretty straightforward" and without question from the commission, the hearing was closed with a unanimous vote. At the end of the meeting, the commission voted unanimously on a Negative Determination, though there was some concern with the flood zone.

Next, the commission quickly voted to approve a Certificate of Compliance for the new septic system

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The commission also received a request for comment for the Site Plan Review of the proposed permanent Uncle Jon's Coffee location at 413 Wareham Road. There were no comments offered by the body, and thus they moved to reorganization. Unanimously, the commission voted in Shaun Walsh as Chair, Alex Hansell as Vice Chair, and Millie Seeberg as Clerk.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22 at 7:00 pm in the Marion Police Department's conference room.

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Coastline Elderly Nutrition Program

Monday, July 20: Cheesy chicken & rice casserole, seasoned rice, mixed vegetables, wheat roll, mandarin fruit cup

Tuesday, July 21: Beef stew w/buttermilk biscuit, green peas & peppers, pound cake, diet: fruit.

Wednesday, July 22: Hot ham & cheese sandwich, whole grain croissant, sweet potato tots, Brussel sprouts, apple, mustard.

Thursday, July 23: Whole grain cheese ravioli w/ beef bolognese & parmesan cheese, kale & peppers, wheat roll, vanilla pudding, diet: fruit.

Friday, July 24: Tuscan chicken thigh, rice pilaf, Cali blend vegetables, wheat roll, peach cup.

Academic Achievements

Jaggar Jones, of Mattapoisett, graduated from the University of Tampa. Jones received a Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurship.

Benjamin Giumetti, son of Shannon and Don Giumetti of Mattapoisett, has earned Dean's List honors again at Providence College for the Spring 2026 semester. Ben is an Honors Finance major in the Ryan School of Business.

Madison Azzara of Rochester, **Lauren Rapoza** of Marion, **Patrick Spenard** of Rochester, and **Alexa St.**

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A Trip to the Movies That's Out of This World

On Friday, **July 24**, the Marion Concert Band continues its Friday evening concert series with a program of music based on two themes. The first half of the program will feature soundtrack music from a variety of motion pictures and TV shows. The second half of the program will feature movie music with a "space" theme. The program is as follows:

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Rozsa

The Sounds of Hollywood - J. Higgins



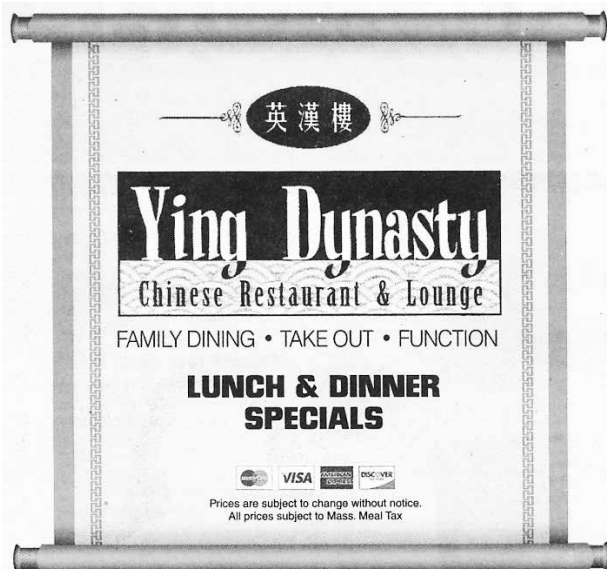
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Hollywood Milestones - arr. J. Higgins
Bond...James Bond - arr. S. Bulla
Star Wars Saga - arr. S. Bulla
Star Trek Through the Years - J. Moss
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with the Massachusetts All-State Band, the New Bedford Symphony Youth Orchestra, the UMass Dartmouth Wind Ensemble and Jazz Orchestra, St. Cecilia Philharmonic Band, the Tri-County Symphonic Band and the Brown University Orchestra. He has been a member of the Marion Concert Band since 2011.

The concert will be held at the Robert Broomhead Bandstand, Island Wharf off Front Street in Marion. The program, under the direction of Tobias Monte, will begin at 7:00 pm. 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.

An Evening of Jazz

The Buzzards Bay Musicfest continues its five-concert series with performances throughout the week of July 15 to July 19. On Friday, **July 17**, the Buzzards Bay Musicfest Swing Band will delve into Music from the Movies with a sampling of compositions from the pens of some of the elite Hollywood composers. The nine piece "little big band" will offer selections that demonstrate the varied approaches to songs from the feature films "A Rainy Day in New York", "On Green Dolphin Street", "Midnight in Paris", "The Wizard of Oz" and many more. The arrangements will present the music with a

tasteful combination of well-voiced ensemble passages and improvised solos. The Buzzards Bay Musicfest Swing Band is comprised of some of the finest jazz musicians in New England. Since its inception in 2017, the BBMF Swing Band has performed at each festival to enthusiastic audiences with programs that have been well-received. The concert begins at 7:30 pm in the Fireman Performing Arts Center on the campus of Tabor Academy, 245 Front St., Marion, MA 02738. All of the concerts for the Buzzards Bay Musicfest are free admission. Please visit www.buzzardsbaymusicfest.com/ for more detailed information.

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The Friends of the Rochester Council on Aging will, once again, be featuring our local, beloved band, the Relics, on **July 24**. Join us for this free outdoor concert, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Bring your appetites, the Friends will be serving delicious pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, chips, drinks, and watermelon and ice cream novelties for a nominal amount.

This concert is free and open to the general public. Bring your chairs or blankets and have some summer fun.

Mattapoisett Yacht Club Results

July series. Once again, the Ensign Class had to cancel racing due to Tuesday's rain and wind.

Wednesday Night PHRF series got off to a slow start as winds were very light and shifty. The race committee had their work cut out for them, first by moving the starting line and then a postponement waiting for the wind to increase enough for a start.

In Class A Kindred Spirits led the fleet around a shortened course followed by Coconuts and Oddball in third. Oddball is the former Billy Budd, still owned by Jeff Lee. In fourth place was Morpheus and Surprise was fifth.

In Class B it was Chickadee taking first place followed by Lindisfarne, Fir Na Tine and Kinsail.



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Mattapoisett Town Band

The Mattapoisett Town Band will have a 70s concert on **July 15** at 7:00 pm at Shipyard Park. It is also Strawberry Shortcake night, thanks to The Mattapoisett Lions Club.

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

Upcoming Event at Rochester Historical Museum

We are continuing to celebrate our country's 250th and will be opening our new exhibit, "Rochester and the Revolution" on Saturday, **July 25**. With this exhibit we are trying to show what happened in Boston and throughout the colonies during the Revolution and how Rochester reacted to it. Also, we will have our ongoing Revolutionary War Veterans' wall.

In addition, you will be able to visit a

Revolutionary War militia man's campsite, engage in some colonial activities, play kids' games to win prizes, solve a scavenger hunt, listen to music and buy pies or cookies.

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Can't Miss July Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

It's not too late to sign up for Summer Reading at the Elizabeth Taber Library. Kids of all ages can set a reading goal and win ice cream coupons and free books. Adults and Teens earn raffle tickets by checking out books and attending Library programs.

Join us on Monday, **July 20** at 10:30 am for a special storytime visit from the Wareham Gatemen. Kids of all ages are invited to listen to stories, sing and move, and even play catch with the players after storytime is over.

On Tuesday, **July 28**, stop by the Washburn Trust Farmer's Market for storytime at 2 pm. This storytime is designed for kids ages 0-5. After storytime, you won't want to miss shopping for local produce and goods.

July 28 will be a nature-filled day of special programs at the Library. Kids can learn about how animals survive in the wild with Joy from Joys of Nature. We'll be hosting two sessions of this program - one at 3:30 pm and one at 4:30 pm. Register at elizabethtaberlibrary.org/events to save your place in this program. You won't want to miss meeting live animals at this incredible educational event.

Adults will want to join us back at the Library at 6 pm for a special lecture by Joy Marzlof about Madagascar's rainforest and the singing Indri, a species of lemur. This incredible nature and conservation-based program will be chock full of incredible photographs and information.

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Original contemporary choreography by New Bedford Ballet advanced students and classical and contemporary dance pieces choreographed by NBB instructors Sara Brownell and Charis Hall will also be included in this artistic collage of dance styles.

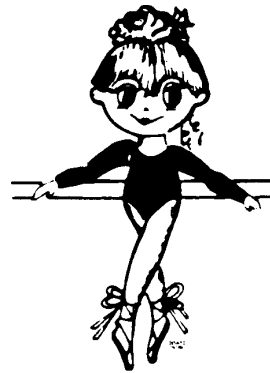
Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for seniors, students, and children 12 years and under. All proceeds from this performance will support the New Bedford Ballet, a non-profit organization. Tickets are limited and sell quickly. Tickets may be purchased online at www.newbedfordballet.org. For more information, please visit the New Bedford Ballet website at www.newbedfordballet.org or contact the New Bedford Ballet Office at 508-993-1387.

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For over thirty-five years New Bedford Ballet has continued its mission of providing classical ballet training for children and adults, granting scholarships, and educating the community in the value of the performing arts. On-site registration for the 2026-2027 season will take place July 28 and July 29, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm and August 18 & 19, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Registration can also be done online.

Adult Events at the Mattapoisett Library

Summer is in full swing at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, located at 7 Barstow Street.

Don't miss the upcoming Adult Craft Workshop, where you'll make an adorable cat-themed Diamond Art Coaster with Ms. Miyuki, on **July 21** at 6:00 pm. All materials are provided and registration is required.

Let your dog unleash their inner Pawblo Picasso. Bring your furry friend(s) to the library between 11am and 1pm on **July 24**, where they can create their own masterpieces through lick painting. Registration is optional, but leashes are required. Visit our website for more details.

Join us for a Sunset Cinema Movie Showing on the MFPL Lawn, for all ages. We will be showing "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" on Tuesday, **July 28** at 6pm, with a runtime of 1 hour & 59 minutes. Bring a blanket or chairs to lounge on, and some snacks, to fully enjoy the movie experience. No registration required.

The library is hosting a Senior Technology Workshop on **July 30** at 10:30 am, on Misinformation in Media. This presentation 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.

Learn how to fold an Origami Lobster. Follow along as Ms. Betsy teaches the basic folding steps and guides you through the process. This program is on **July 30** at 3:00 pm, designed for ages 16 & up, and requires registration. Beginners welcome.

The Picnic Book Club is meeting again on **July 31** at 10:00 am for literary conversation, pastries, and light beverages on the library front lawn. Bring any book that you are currently reading and come ready to discuss it. Please register on our website to reserve your spot.

Looking to spruce up your plant collection? Need to pass on some of your propagated plants? Join us at the library for a Plant Swap on **August 22** from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Bring any healthy, pest-free plants to trade. Plants should be easy to carry and properly planted. If possible, please clearly label your plant type. No registration required - stop by anytime from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Teen Events at the Mattapoisett Library

Explore the Teen Summer Reading lists at the library and check out the books we have available. Teens can pick prizes each time they read a book from their assigned reading list and fill out a book review. Students going into grades 7-12 are eligible to participate.

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.

Don't miss the chance to win a themed gift basket at the Jennifer Mason-Black Author Talk. Teens who check out the book "Sometimes the Girl," write a book review on it, recommend it to a friend or family member, and/or attend programs related to the book will earn raffle tickets. One of the related programs is a Craft Workshop where teens will create a vintage catalog card junk journal, and the other is a book club where we will discuss "Sometimes the Girl." The raffle winner will be announced at the Jennifer Mason-Black Author Talk on **August 8** at 2:00 pm.

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

Children's Department Events at the Mattapoisett Library

Our Kids' Summer Reading Program officially started so be sure to come down and sign up. All of our

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summer reading events are free and open to the public, so you don't need to register for the Kids' Summer Reading Program to attend, but you must register to be eligible for prizes.

We are still working on rescheduling events in our Summer Reading Program that were postponed due to weather and our HVAC issues (Our air conditioner is working again, by the way.). Once those are rescheduled, we will let everyone know.

Every Thursday and Friday from now until **August 6 and August 7**, we have Family Storytime and Baby Storytime. On Thursdays, you can attend Family Storytime at Munro Preserve at 10:30 am (if it's raining, we will meet at the library), and on Fridays, you can have some fun at Baby Storytime at 10:30 am at the library.

On Tuesday, **July 21**, come listen to our friends and neighbors from The Inn on Shipyard Park read Pizzasaurus. This event is open to all ages, and there is no registration is required. This event will be taking place at the library, not at The Inn.

Racers, start your engines. We are hosting a kids' Mario Kart Tournament (ages 8-12) on Wednesday, **July 22**. The large meeting room will open at around 5:45 pm, and races start at 6:00 pm sharp. While this is a tournament, there will not be any prizes other than the glory of earning the coveted first place - but there will be snacks for all. Registration is required. We hope to see you there.

On Thursday, **July 23**, at 10:30 am, kiddos can create a vibrant ping-pong ball light craft with fun and creative color combinations. Recommended for ages 3 and up, no registration required.

Come down to the library to take part in some Family Yoga with certified yogi, Sara DaCosta. All children must be accompanied by an adult, and we encourage participation from everyone. Spots are limited, so registration is required.

More information about all of our programs is available on our website, mattapoissettlibrary.org, or by calling 508-758-4171. We hope to see you in the library soon. Until then, keep reading.

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.

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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.

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 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 Magnan, 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 Bruzelius, Rebecca Doughty, Robert Dunn, Susan Gentile, Helen Granger, Christy Gunnels, Michael Hubert, Mary N. Hurwitz, Elyse Laurelle, Susan G. Lawrence, Keith Maddy, John Magnan, David Owen Maloney, Gayle Wells Mandle, Lidia Mikhaylova, Nancy Dyer Mitton, Alanna Nelson, Cher Sauter, Rebecca Stoffer, Peter Stone and

TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights July 5 – July 11

- Front St – General service
- Nye's Wharf – Waterways hazard
- Front St – Drug violations
- County Rd -EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Found property
- Front St – General service
- Alden Rd – EMS/medical
- Spring St – General services
- South St – Officer wanted
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Marconi Ln – Burglar alarm
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Village Dr – Officer wanted
- Quail's Crossing Rd – EMS/medical
- Barnabas Rd - Disturbance
- Holmes St – Smoke investigation
- Wareham Rd – Found property
- Quail's Crossing Rd – EMS/medical
- Mansfield Ave – Larceny/past
- County Rd – Suspicious MV
- Bass Point Rd – Wildlife services
- Rezendes Ter – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Officer wanted
- Mill St – MV collision
- Mill St – Health/welfare
- Front St – Parking enforcement
- Front St – General service
- Stephens Ave – EMS/medical

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Log highlights July 5 – July 11

- Aucoot Rd – Ambulance request
- Centre Dr – MV lockout
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Martin Ave – Follow up investigation
- Upland Way – Suspicious MV
- Angelica Ave – MV crash
- Lebaron Way – Unattended death
- North St – MV crash
- Main St – Restraining order
- Marion Rd – MV lockout
- Crestfield St – Medical assist
- 195 West – Assist other agency
- Crestfield St – Medical assist
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- Fairhaven Rd – MV lockout
- Split Rock Ln – Animal control
- Howard Beach - Disturbance
- Dyar Ave – Officer wanted
- Randall Rd – MV violations
- North St – Suspicious persons
- Railroad Ave – MV crash
- Pearl St - Threats
- Harbor – Harbormaster emergency
- Aucoot Rd - Parking violation
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- Byrne Ave – Officer wanted
- Water St – Parking violation
- Reservation Rd – 911 call
- Ryan's Way – Animal control

ROCHESTER

Log highlights July 5 – July 11

- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Cranberry Hwy – MV collision
- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious activity
- County Rd – MV stop/citation
- High St – Noise complaint
- Cranberry Hwy – Noise complaint
- Cranberry Hwy – MV collision
- Vaughn Hill Rd – Medical alarm
- Snipatuit Rd – Suspicious activity
- Neck Rd – Suspicious activity
- Hartley Rd – MV collision
- Pine St – Burglar alarm
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- North Ave - Investigation
- Forbes Rd - Investigation
- Dexter Ln – Follow up
- Burgess Ave – 911 call/arrest
- Hathaway Pond Circle – Medical
- Rounseville Rd – Suspicious activity
- Boxberry Ln - Harassment
- Ryder Rd – 911 call
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/towed
- Clapp Rd – Road hazard
- Mattapoissett Rd – Follow up
- Walnut Plain Rd - Threats
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- Stevens Rd – MV collision
- Wordell St – Noise complaint
- Stevens Rd – Follow up

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

Herby Thompson.

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.

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/.

Marion Social Club Pig Roast

The Marion Social Club, located at 44 Pumping Station Road in Marion, is having a Pig Roast on **August**

16. Dinner will include a very nice portion of roast pig, jag, baked beans, applesauce, coleslaw, corn bread and dessert. The Pig Master is the same one we have had in the past, and the meal is out of this world. Tickets are \$40 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

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.

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History Museum, **August 3 to August 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

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Catherine R. "Pippen" Cook

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It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Catherine R. "Pippen" Cook, who died peacefully on July 1, 2026, at the age of 83. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, Pippen lived a life defined by kindness, generosity, and service to others.

Born on October 8, 1942, at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, Pippen was the daughter of Catherine Niland McDonough and Dr. Francis Edward McDonough. She was raised in West Newton, MA, and spent her summers at The Divide Sheep Camp, "Niland's Cabin's" in Wyoming, where she developed a lifelong love of the outdoors and family traditions.

Pippen graduated from Newton High School in 1960 and earned a BS degree in Zoology, with minors in Chemistry and Anthropology, from the University of Wisconsin in 1964. She then served in the Peace Corps in Malawi from 1965 to 1966, teaching science and English before beginning her career in Boston.

In 1972, she married Leonard "Lenny" Cook, and together they made their home in Dover, MA, where they raised their children, Chris and Carolyn ("CC"). Pippen devoted countless hours to the Dover community, serving on the Dover School Committee and Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee, volunteering as an EMT with the Dover Fire Department for about 20 years, and contributing for more than 25 years to The Dover Foundation. In 2005, she and Lenny were honored with The Dover Foundation's Lifetime Achievement Award for their exceptional volunteer service.

Pippen found great joy sailing with lifelong friends in Marion, Massachusetts, where she and Lenny moved in 2006. She treasured time with family, friends, and the ocean.

Pippen was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Lenny. She is survived by her daughter, Carolyn ("CC") Cook Tellier and her husband, James Tellier, of Natick, Massachusetts; her son, Chris Cook and his wife, Mitzi Cook; her cherished grandson, Tucker Cook, of Point Richmond, California; her brother, Bill McDonough of Sunapee, New Hampshire; her sister, Michelle DeVincent of Naples, Florida; and many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

Pippen will be remembered for her warmth, quick smile, generosity, and lifelong commitment to helping others. Her legacy lives on in the family she loved and the community she served.

A celebration of Pippen's life will be held Mid-August. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to The Dover Foundation in support of the scholarships and community programs that meant so much to her. Visit TheDoverFoundation.org

Daniel Oliver, 87, died early in the morning on June 26, 2026 surrounded by his wife and five children. He was the fourth generation of his family to spend his summers in Mattapoisett. His great-grandfather, Andrew Oliver, founded St. Philips Church on Water Street in 1884. Daniel learned to sail in a Herreshoff 12 in Mattapoisett harbor and spent many happy hours in his father's catboat. He became the proud owner of a Herreshoff-designed Stuart Knockabout, Eagle, which he liked to sail out to the bell buoy in Buzzard's Bay.

Born in New York City on April 10th, 1939, he was the son of Andrew Oliver and Ruth Blake Oliver. The Olivers were a prominent colonial Loyalist family, which included Chief Justice Peter Oliver, who presided over the trial of the British soldiers for the Boston Massacre, and Andrew Oliver, the last royally-appointed Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts. His mother's grandfather, Francis Blake, invented the telephone transmitter that was used worldwide in the decades after the invention of the telephone.

Daniel grew up in New York City and then went to Milton Academy, graduating in 1957. He matriculated at Harvard in the class of 1961 but left to join the army. He learned Russian at the Army Language School in Monterey, CA and then spent two years on the East German border doing intelligence work during the Cold War. He returned to Harvard and graduated in the class of 1964.

After college, Daniel went to Fordham Law School and then practiced law at Hawkins, Delafield & Wood for the writer Louis Auchincloss. While he was in the army, Daniel discovered William F. Buckley Jr.'s National Review magazine, and his deep interest in politics began to unfold. He met Bill Buckley through their mutual love of sailing and became the executive editor (and, ultimately chairman of the board) of National Review.

A witty and prolific writer, Daniel was the last surviving member of Buckley's inner circle – collectively the founders of the American conservative movement. In 1965, the year Buckley ran for mayor of New York City, Daniel gave Buckley's insurgent Conservative Party down-ballot depth by running for the New York State Assembly on the Conservative line. In 1970, he was director of research for James L. Buckley's successful New York senatorial race on the Conservative Party ticket.

As Buckley's right-hand man, he played an essential role not only in the success of National Review magazine and the rise of the New York State Conservative Party, but also in the broad success of the American conservative movement and with it the election of Ronald Reagan as president in 1980.

Daniel served on Reagan's presidential transition team and was then confirmed by the Senate as general counsel of the Department of Education, as general counsel of the Department of Agriculture, then as chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, where he had a profound effect on U.S. antitrust

from the balcony was 'God save our American States' and then three cheers which rended the air."

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

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

Moe Dixon at the Mattapoisett Museum

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

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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

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Daniel was profoundly committed to the Episcopal church. He was a direct descendant of Bishop Samuel Seabury, the founder of the Episcopal church in America. Daniel battled to preserve Christian orthodoxy in the church with the Society for the Preservation of the Book of Common Prayer. Like his father before him, he was a member of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem.

A lover of words, Daniel became a columnist to defend and advance the pillars of Western Civilization in national, religious, and world affairs. For decades, his articles appeared in many publications, including the Washington Post, the Washington Times, American Greatness, the Cla-

remont Review of Books, the Federalist, the New Criterion, and National Review. His columns were collected into three volumes. He was also a senior director of the White House Writers Group.

For the last four years of his life, Daniel fought Acute Myeloid Leukemia. He is survived by his wife of nearly 59 years, Ambassador Louise Oliver, U.S. Permanent Representative to UNESCO from 2004 to 2009, his five children, and thirteen grandchildren.

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.

Mattapoissett Lions Club Harbor Days Schedule

Shipyard Park, Mattapoissett

Wednesday, July 15

6pm - 9pm Strawberry Shortcakes

7pm - 8:30pm Town Band Concert

Thursday, July 16

6pm - 8pm Adult Paint Night

Under the Big Tent - Must Pre-Register

Friday, July 17

5pm - 7:30pm Fish Fry by *On the Go*, Strawberry Shortcakes

5pm - 7pm The Unholy Mackerels

Saturday July 18

9am - 4pm Silent Auction, Craft Fair 100+ Vendors, Lions Lucky Draw

9am - 5pm \$10K In Your Hand Raffle Tickets Available (While Supplies Last)

11am - 4pm Lions Club Grill, Strawberry Shortcakes

10am - 10:15am Reading of the Declaration of Independence - 250th Anniversary

11am - 1pm Showstoppers

1:30pm - 3pm Butch McCarthy

3:30pm - 5pm The Alternatives

5:30pm - 7:30pm Lobster Fest

5:30pm - 7pm Beau

Sunday, July 19

8am - 11am Pancake Breakfast

8am - 10am Cal Wingate (Carolyn)

9 am - 4pm Lions Lucky Draw, Craft Fair 100+ Vendors

9 am - 4pm \$10K In Your Hand Raffle Tickets Available (While Supplies Last)

11am - 4pm Lions Club Grill, Strawberry Shortcake (until sold out)

10:30am - 12pm North Woods Band

12:30pm - 2pm Rebecca Correia

2:30pm - 3:30pm Mad Science (Kid's Show)

Sunday, July 26

8am Mattapoissett Lions Club Triathlon at Town Beach

Registration for Triathlon:

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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.

Rep Mark Sylvia at Mattapoisett Museum

Please join us as we welcome our Massachusetts Representative Mark D. Sylvia, 10th Bristol District for his first visit to our Mattapoisett Museum, Friday **July 17** at 1:00 pm. The Museum will be open Friday as well as Saturday July 18 during Harbor Days weekend with Free lemonade and Free Air Conditioning. Please join us to celebrate our 250th Anniversary of the United States and explore our own local history. The Museum is located on 5 Church Street, Mattapoisett, right up the old trolley track route next to Town Hall.

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.

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



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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



CJ Carbone found a sea urchin at sandy beach at Point Connett this weekend. Photo by Cayla Carbone



Mimi sailing out of Sippican harbor. Photo by Greg Bongiorno



Patty Catoe shared this photo from a Bobcat sighting at Harbor acres in Mattapoisett.



The Marion Art Center held its annual Arts in The Park event on Saturday morning at Bicentennial Park, and right down Main Street was the First Congregational Church held its annual Lobster Roll sale at Penny Pincher's. Photos by Mick Colageo



Kite flying at Ned's Point. Photo by Jennifer Shepley



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

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 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.

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Thursday July 16, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
8:30 AM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Jonathan Henry
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 17, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM 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 - Jonathan Henry
5:00 PM Marion 4th of July Parade
5:30 PM Marion 4th of July Concert
6:30 PM Marion 4th of July Fireworks
7:00 PM Rochester 4th of July Celebration
7:30 PM Mattapoissett Town Band - America's 250th Anniversary Concert
9:00 PM Mattapoissett Firefighter Memories - July 4th
10:00 PM For Your Health
10:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Saturday July 18, 2026

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:30 AM Mattapoissett Land Trust - Dexter Elm Rededication
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 Marion 4th of July Parade
5:00 PM Marion 4th of July Concert
6:05 PM Marion 4th of July Fireworks
6:30 PM Rochester 4th of July Celebration
7:00 PM Mattapoissett Town Band - America's 250th Anniversary Concert
8:30 PM Mattapoissett Firefighter Memories - July 4th
9:30 PM Beacon Hill Report...

10:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday July 19, 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 4th of July Parade
4:30 PM Marion 4th of July Concert
5:35 PM Marion 4th of July Fireworks
6:00 PM Rochester 4th of July Celebration
6:30 PM Mattapoissett Town Band - America's 250th Anniversary Concert
8:00 PM Mattapoissett Firefighter Memories - July 4th
9:00 PM Nolan Fest 2026

Monday July 20, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US
9:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:30 AM Miss New Bedford
11:00 AM For Your Health
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 Paltrowitz 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 21, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM For Your Health
8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
10:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning
10:30 AM The Collective Chat
11:00 AM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM 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 Marion 4th of July Parade
5:00 PM Marion 4th of July Concert
6:05 PM Marion 4th of July Fireworks
6:30 PM Rochester 4th of July Celebration
7:00 PM Mattapoissett Town Band - America's 250th Anniversary Concert

8:30 PM Mattapoissett Firefighter Memories - July 4th
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Wednesday July 22, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Cape Conversations
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
10:30 AM Paltrowitz 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 Marion 4th of July Parade
3:00 PM Marion 4th of July Concert
4:05 PM Marion 4th of July Fireworks
4:30 PM Rochester 4th of July Celebration
5:00 PM Mattapoissett Town Band - America's 250th Anniversary Concert
6:30 PM Mattapoissett Firefighter Memories - July 4th
8:30 PM Teach your Home Energy Costs! With David Green
9:45 PM Mattapoissett Women's Club Speaker Series - Kathryn Tarleton
10:30 PM Classic Movies

MARION GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
7:45 AM Marion Conservation Commission
8:00 AM Marion Planning Board
9:30 AM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
10:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission
11:30 AM Marion School Committee
12:40 PM ORR Joint School

Committee
2:45 PM ORR School Committee
4:00 PM Marion Finance Committee
6:00 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
7:00 PM Marion Board of Health
8:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
10:00 PM Marion Marine Resources

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

Comcast Channel 26

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
8:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
1:00 PM Rochester School Committee
2:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee
4:35 PM ORR School Committee
6:00 PM Rochester Select Board
7:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
8:30 PM Rochester Planning Board
10:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

EDUCATION CHANNEL

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
9:00 AM Bulldog Pride Alumni Association
9:30 AM Sippican Elementary Graduation Ceremony
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
2:00 PM Old Hamondtown School 6th Grade Awards Ceremony
3:30 PM ORR/JHS Promotion Ceremony & Awards Night
4:30 PM ORR Graduation
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
7:00 PM Nolan Fest
9:00 PM Old Colony Graduation

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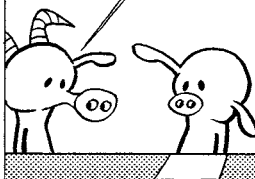
PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

by Stephan Pastis

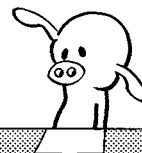
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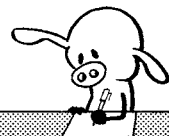
PIG. I JUST HEARD FROM ONE OF JOE'S GREAT-GRAND-CHILDREN. HE'S SUPPOSED TO DIE TODAY.



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Wishing you many happy tomorrows.
Hope you have a great rest of your afternoon.



away from the Fireman Performing Arts Center to attend a Buzzards Bay Musicfest concert, your experience has just become easier. The Buzzards Bay Musicfest will be offering free shuttle service for Wednesday, **July 15**, Friday, **July 17** and Sunday, **July 19** concerts. Parking will be at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center (465 Mill St, Marion, MA 02738). From there, a Tabor Academy shuttle van will deliver you directly to the Fireman Performing Arts Center and back to the Community Center after the concert.

Shuttle service begins one hour before the concert. 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.

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.

Marion E-Alerts

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

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***Evil Dead Burn*. Starring Souheila Yacoub and Tandi Wright. Directed by Sébastien Vaniček. Running time: 109 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters.**

A dog is killed in *Evil Dead Burn*, but I'm fine with it because (A) it comes back as an evil dead dog and (B) we're led to sympathize with the dog about as much as we care about almost anyone else in the movie, which is to say, not much. The exception is Alice (the impressive Souheila Yacoub), who has just lost her husband Will in a car crash. That crash, though, is caused by a card-carrying member of the evil dead. The slain Will, it turns out, belongs to a family whose patriarch was obsessed with destroying the evil dead with a special dagger. So one by one, the family becomes evil dead while Alice struggles to survive.

This *Evil Dead* is as gory and unpleasant as the previous two — the 2013 reboot and its 2023 sequel *Evil Dead Rise* — but it's skillfully directed, by Sébastien Vaniček (*Infested*), and even has a moment or two of levity. Plus the forces that tear the family apart seem almost beside the point when the family had been doing a good job of tearing itself apart. For this clan, there's enough blame to go around for Will's death, and most blame Alice, who, it's revealed, was suffering domestic abuse by the angry Will before he died. He was kind of evil before he was dead.

This family can't have been easy to grow up in, though; the patriarch ignored his wife's encroaching dementia to do his research on the evil dead, leaving his daughter, Will's mother, in charge of looking after the family. The mother's husband seems vicious and resentful even before the evil dead gets its claws into him — in fact, he seems more cheerful after he's been possessed. Will's brother and his girlfriend round out the group, whose names I seem to be ignoring because their identities don't matter much. Everyone is miserable and enraged; even the senile matriarch thinks she's being stolen from. Alice, like the director, is French (the actress actually hails from Switzerland), so this might be a commentary on American families and, more generally, the fear and loathing that seem to animate America of late.

I'm currently doing a project on "video nasties" for *Dirge Magazine*, and *Evil Dead Burn* would have had



no problem getting itself thus classified. (Sam Raimi's original *The Evil Dead* was one of the initial 72 nasties.) There's a bit where someone's face is all but vaporized by repeated bashing, and it reminded me of a similar atrocity that kicked off Gaspar Noé's *Irreversible*. Finally, a rated-R horror film in 3,000 theaters nationwide outgoes Gaspar Noé. People are burned, punctured, infected by drooling on their false teeth (probably the grossest bit, actually), and one gentleman shoots himself three times (four? I lost count) in the head and keeps on ticking under the steam of the evil dead.

You can't kill the evil dead except with the dagger, and it takes Alice forever to find it. Meanwhile, things keep happening that inspire the Wikipedia synopsis to make for hilarious reading. "During a tense family dinner," it reads at one point, "Edgar stabs the family dog Max to death and collapses." That's a tense family dinner, all right. It helps that we're barely aware the dog exists, so don't have time to attach to it before Edgar aerates it (and collapses, let's not forget). I think because the family is almost entirely composed of prickly pears there's more humor that's released via the carnage. There's still no Ash figure (Bruce Campbell appears in a vintage photo), but this is almost a Juvenalian satire of the bloodthirsty demons a toxic family summons, literal or not.

I still can't say I "enjoyed" *Evil Dead Burn*; it's more that I was left relieved that the thing didn't make me feel demoralized and sitting in the splatter zone. There's a whiff of impatience when the evil dead (deadites, the fans call them) don't stay dead, but only a whiff; the post-Raimi franchise has finally landed on victims we can halfway enjoy watching get super-soaked with blood and turned into ravenous thingoids. There's more of a spirit of play here than in the sour-toned previous two films, and except for Alice we're not really encouraged to care about anyone onscreen, even that poor dog that Edgar stabs, and collapses.

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.

Young Artists in Marion

We invite children and teens ages 5-18 to participate in our "I Voted" Sticker Design Contest. 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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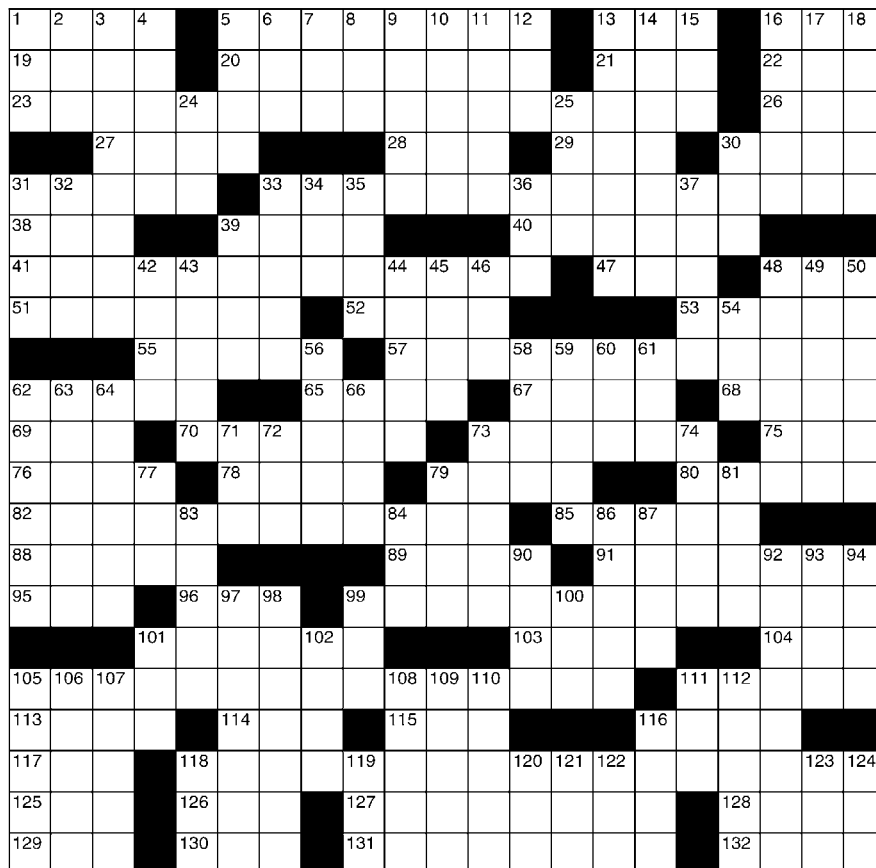
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10 Visibly awed
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14 A single block of sugar, say
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61 Heady drink
62 Dental buildup
63 Disproves
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66 Bank bought by Chase in 2008, in brief
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72 "Apollo 13" director Howard
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79 Assistant on iDevices
81 Uncluttered
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84 — Dhabhi (emirate)
86 Schleps

- 87 Deep blue dye
90 Dying rebuke from Caesar
92 Course part, in an eatery
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94 — Azalea ("Fancy" rapper)
97 Like built-up interest
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100 "— Sera, Sera"
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might be the Zodiac's Sheik of Sheep, but Cupid could soon turn you into a doting little Lamb who wants to be somebody's very special someone!
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your gift for creating order out of chaos might be severely tested as problems continue to arise. Be alert! Someone might be trying to undercut your efforts.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A romance that seemed to have a chance for a long run could be winding down instead. Take time to assess your true feelings before attempting to restart it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) More allies rally around as you deal with your workplace challenger. However, things are much easier on the home front, where good news brings cheer to you and your kin.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) An unexpected complication might force you to change your usual travel plans. But instead of growling over the situation, see it as a chance for a new experience.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A hazy atmosphere that you've been living under is clearing up. Things become more defined and easier to deal with. Celebrate with your special person!

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Expect to learn some surprising facts about some people in your life as you sort out a misunderstanding. Everyone benefits when the air is finally cleared.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your aspects are positive for new ventures. As usual, let your sharp insight guide you as you consider a new undertaking. Travel is also favored!

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) If you've been planning a career change, you could soon get some exciting news. Positive developments are also favored on the home front.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A longtime relationship with a partner or spouse is put to a severe emotional test. Your strength and innate wisdom will help you get through the difficult times.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Continue to make the needs of your loved ones your priority despite distractions. Once things are settled in your personal life, you can deal with other challenges.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Go with the flow and let a new relationship develop before you make a commitment. Things that you might have missed will come to the surface with time.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a flair for the dramatic. You also have a hot temper, which you often struggle to keep under control so that you can remain the cool cat who people admire.

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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 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.

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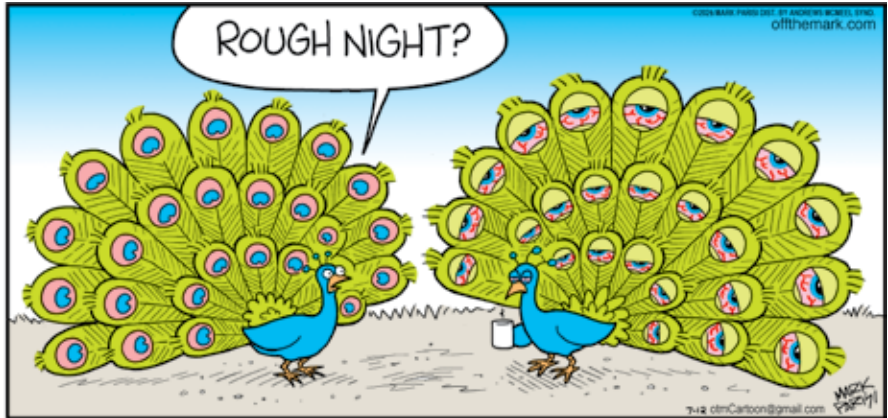
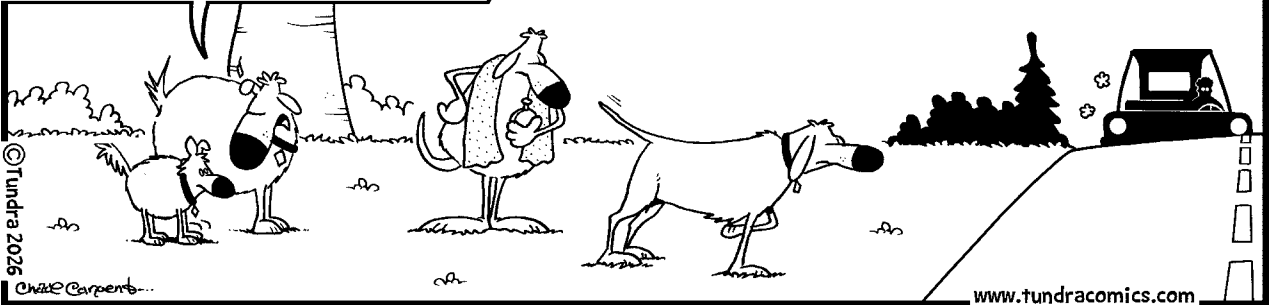
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"It's fantastic to see so many young people excited to roll up their sleeves and learn," said Superintendent Polansky.

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.

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North Rochester Congregational Church

The North Rochester Congregational Church, 247 North Avenue, Rochester, has services at 10:00 am on Sundays. The services are conducted by Reverend Merrily Harris, guest ministers, as well as members of the congregation. Communion is on the first Sunday of each month. Paul Sardinha is the longtime organist. Food and fellowship follows. Everyone is welcome.

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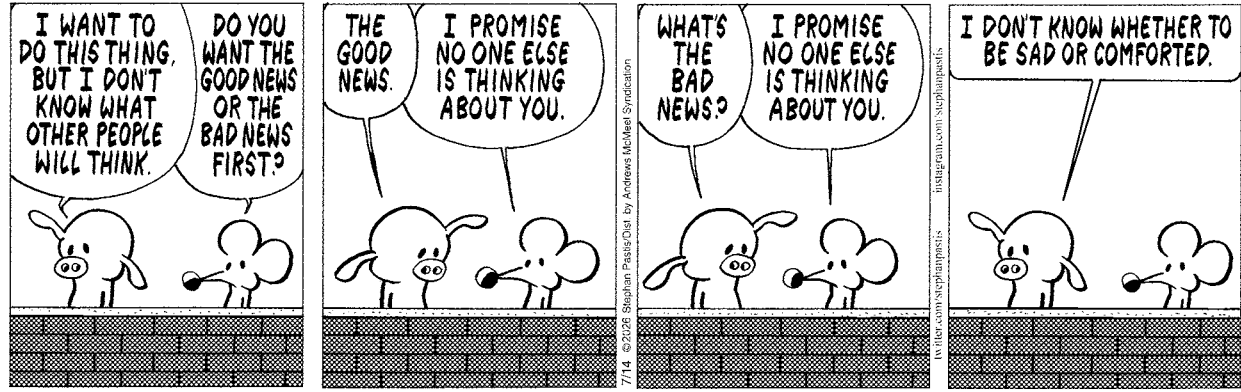


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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 27, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by John McCarthy & Kerry Smithers, PO Box 64, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to construct a 15'x25' storage shed with a 10'x25' attached carport within a FEMA flood zone. The project is located at 9 Oliver Street, and is further identified as Lot 39 on Assessor Map 5A. **Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 7/16 PUBLIC NOTICE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM Notice of Simplified License Application pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91 26-WW-PRE-0076-APP NOTIFICATION DATE: July 17, 2026 PERMITTEE: John & Stephanie Sullivan PROJECT SITE ADDRESS: 485 Neck Road, Rochester, Mass. 02770 Public notice is hereby given of the application for a Chapter 91 Simplified License by John & Stephanie Sullivan to construct/maintain a seasonal, removable dock in the waters of Snipatuit Pond at 485 Neck Road, Rochester, Plymouth County. The Department will consider all written comments on this Chapter 91 application received by within 30 days of the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c). The group of citizens must include at least five citizens who are residents of the municipality in which the proposed project is located. Project plans for this Chapter 91 application are on file for public viewing electronically, by request to dep.waterways@mass.gov. If you do not have access to email, please leave a voicemail at (617) 292-5929 and you will be contacted with information on alternative options. It is recommended that public comments be filed electronically with dep.waterways@	mass.gov when possible. Alternatively, comments may be mailed to the Waterways Regulation Program at: 100 Cambridge St, Suite 900, Boston, MA 02114. 7/16 TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 27, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Notice of Intent submitted by The Mattapoisett Water & Sewer Department, 19 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to construct a new Water & Sewer Department operations building which includes land clearing for the building, excavation for the foundation and utilities, construct a new detention pond for storm water runoff and other associated construction activities. The project is located at 15 Industrial Drive, and is further identified as Lot 403 on Assessor Map 27. **Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. off the mark by Mark Parisi 	Trucks & car\$ wanted Same day removal - foreign & domestic 508-642-9128 WANTED junk cars & trucks for salvage & parts. Paying cash. Free pickup. Heavy equipment. 508-763-4185 cell 508-524-3741 DM Auto Wanted to Buy - Cash Paid Sportscards - Non-Sportscards Baseball Basketball Football Hockey Boxes Packs Singles All Years Magic the Gathering - Pokemon - YuGiOh Highest Prices Paid 508-951-7163 WATERFRONT VACATION HOME 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, amazing views of Buzzards Bay, Brant Island Cove, West Island www.brandtcovemarina.com/waterfront-rental-house Call Dave 508-728-5288 Womens Closet SALE Sat. July 18th 8-1 pm - 79 Nakata Ave Fairhaven Noteable brands, sinfully newish. Over 110 items. XS-M - cash, all priced \$5 YOUR HANDYMEN Clean outs, dump runs, demolition, interior/exterior, dump truck service, pressure washing, & more. Insured 774-762-0016 Place your classified ads 24 hours a day 7 days a week on-line at www.wanderer.com
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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.

Historic Event: Structures must be associated with an event that has local, regional, or national significance.

Person: The structure must be associated with a person or persons who have made a notable contribution to history.

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

Cultural landscape/archeology: The site of the structure has an important connection to the local history.

The plaques will display the original owner's name and spouse, if applicable, and the date. There is space for three lines. It should be attached to the front of the house where it can be visible from the street. Plaques are informational only and do not restrict the owner from making changes to the property.

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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



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Cultural Council (2 Full Members and 1 Alternate)
Energy Management (1)
Finance Committee (2 Alternates)
Fireworks Committee (6)
Music Hall Advisory Committee (2)
Pathway Committee (1)
Scholarship Education Fund Committee (2)
Applications to serve are available at the Select Board Office and on the Town of Marion website (marionma.gov). In person applications will be accepted at the Marion Town House Annex, 14 Barnabas Road until July 22, 2026 and then at the Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street after August 3, 2026. The deadline to apply is August 12, 2026. For questions, please contact Donna Hemphill at 508-748-3520 or dhemphill@marionma.gov

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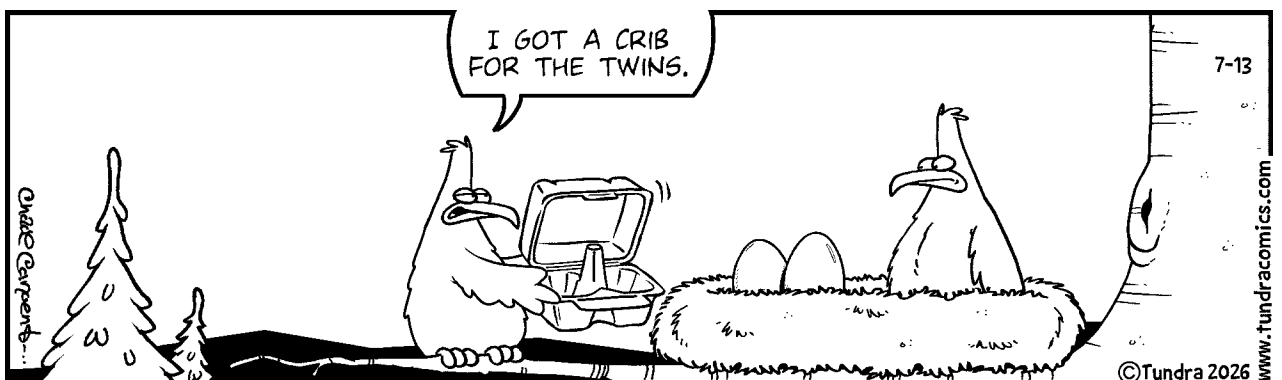
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The deadline for entries passed on **June 1**, and the show dates are July 10 to August 7. More information and application instructions can be found at marionartcenter.org/events.

Marion Town Sticker Purchases

The following permits will be available for purchase in the Town Clerk's Office at the Marion Town House Annex, 14 Barnabas Road:

- Marion Resident Beach/Parking Permits.
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- Marion Shellfish Licenses.

These stickers will no longer be available at the Harbormaster Building.

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

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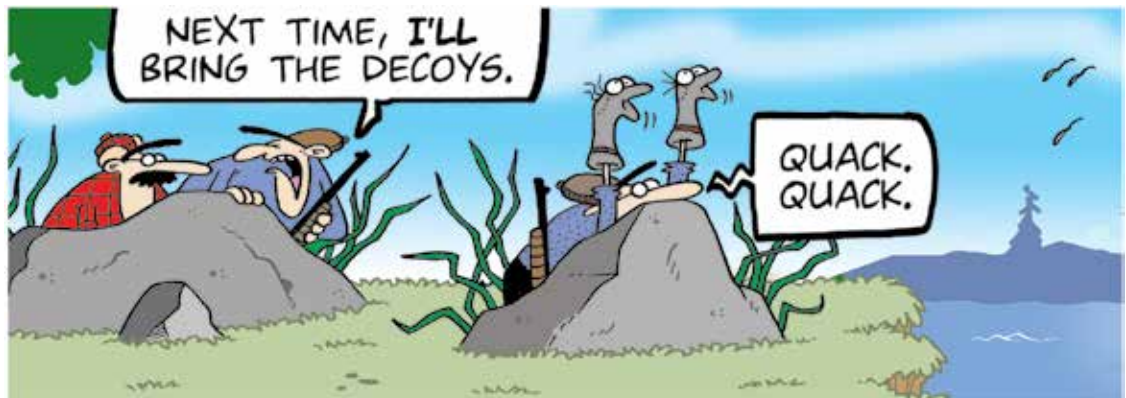
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How to Access: Library cardholders can access GetSetUp for free by visiting mattapoisettlibrary.org/, clicking "Online Resources," and then "Online Learning." Scroll down to "GetSetUp by Gale." If you need

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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Florence Eastman Post is located at 3 Depot Street, Mattapoisett. Tri-Town Veterans Office: www.mattapoisett.net/tri-town-veterans-office.

Birthday Parties at the MAC

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

Marion Natural History Museum

Attention Pre-Schoolers and Home Schoolers, the Marion Natural History Museum is now open to the public on Friday mornings. The museum features collections of minerals, fossils, butterflies, birds of

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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.

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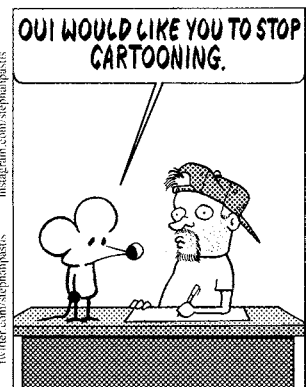
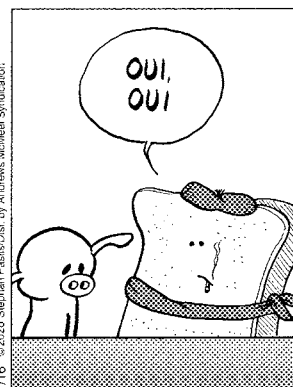
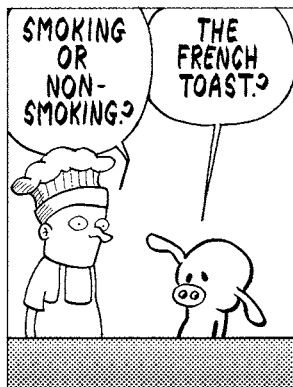
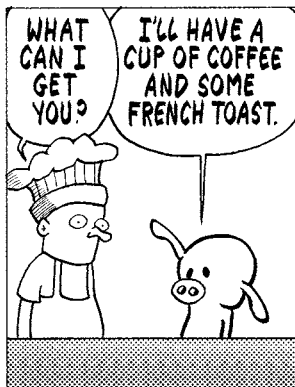
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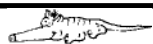
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Thursday	July 16	10:11	10:35	4:11	3:54
Friday	July 17	11:03	11:25	4:49	4:46
Saturday	July 18	11:56		5:24	5:36
Sunday	July 19	12:16	12:49	5:58	6:29
Monday	July 20	1:06	1:41	6:35	7:35
Tuesday	July 21	1:56	2:32	7:18	9:00
Wednesday	July 22	2:47	3:24	8:09	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
Monday	July 27	7:19	7:42	1:07	12:39
Tuesday	July 28	7:58	8:17	1:47	1:25
Wednesday	July 29	8:36	8:52	2:27	2:10
Thursday	July 30	9:13	9:27	3:03	2:53
Friday	July 31	9:50	10:03	3:35	3:34
Saturday	August 1	10:29	10:43	4:04	4:12
Sunday	August 2	11:10	11:27	4:33	4:51
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3. Wallow; 4. Decoy

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