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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



The image shows the Bird Island Lighthouse and nesting tern species flying around, with Assistant Harbormaster Peter O'Brien adjusting the American flag. Taken while on Bird Island for part of the Marion Natural History Museum's summer program, led by Elizabeth Leidhold. I was a counselor at the summer program, and the Marion Harbormaster was kind enough to take our group out to the island to educate the students about the conservation efforts underway there. Photo by Allyson Alford



Sunrise at Aucoot Cove in Mattapoisett toward Sippican Harbor. Photo by Jeanne Hopkins



Mattapoisett Harbor sunset by Rob Grant.



Bunny lunchtime. Photo by Jennifer Shepley

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Seaside Picnic Raises Funds for Local Groups

By Zakary Sarkarati

Conversation and music filled the air over the Munro Preserve as more than 150 patrons dined at the Mattapoissett Museum and Land Trust's Annual Great Community Picnic fundraiser on Thursday evening, August 6.

The picnic supports general operations for both groups, as well as trail maintenance and acquisitions for the Land Trust. It has been a major funding source for both organizations since its inception a decade ago, bringing in thousands of dollars annually.

For dinner, attendees were encouraged to bring their own drinks and food. A raw bar with dozens of \$1 oysters was donated by growers at Mattapoissett Oysters and Copper Beech Oyster Farm of Mattapoissett Neck, and Blue Stream Oysters of West Island in Fairhaven.

Ale from Buzzards Bay Brewing was also available.

The annual table decoration contest was won by the party at table No. 3 for the third consecutive year. Their theme was the Academy Awards, featuring a red carpet leading to a table decorated with Oscar statues and patrons dressed as celebrities, security guards and paparazzi.

"We love dressing up," said Sue O'Connell, a member of the winning team. "We definitely want to support the fundraiser. It's a beautiful evening with our neighborhood. It's absolutely wonderful."

Second place was awarded to table No. 6 for its tropical tiki theme, and third place went to table No. 19 with a golf theme. Other decorated tables featured themes around America, Christmas and lemons.

Gary Brown, former superintendent of Old

Colony, and Seth Asser, a guitarist in the North Woods Band and the Southcoast Troubadours, performed the music at the event.

Summer Reading Program Ends on a Sweet Note

By Jeanne Hopkins

There was one more reason to celebrate summer reading at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library on Saturday, August 8. It came with a scoop of ice cream.

Children who participated in the library's 2026 Kids' Summer Reading Program gathered with their families for an end-of-summer ice cream social, enjoying a sweet treat after seven weeks filled with books, activities and time at the library.

And there was plenty to celebrate.

According to Kevin Thompson, head children's librarian and assistant director, 119 young readers signed up for this year's program. While the library doesn't keep an exact count of the books read, Thompson estimates the total is in the hundreds.

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On the Cover: The annual Great Community Picnic was held at Munro Preserve on Thursday, August 6. the fundraiser is held by the Mattapoissett Museum and Land Trust and saw around 150 patrons come eat together; and to compete in who had the best table decoration/dressing theme. Photo by Zakary Sarkarati

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Fifteen children have already turned in completely filled Reading Bingo cards, with each card representing 24 books, for at least 360 books from those cards alone. More completed cards are expected, and many children are still working to finish theirs before the August 15 deadline for prize drawings.

The seven-week program offered children opportunities to keep reading while participating in library activities and special events. Attendance at this summer's programs is expected to reach about 850, with several rescheduled events still to come, including the popular Petting Zoo.

Most participants were between the ages of 7 and 9.

On Saturday, however, the books took a back seat to ice cream as children gathered with cups and cones to mark the end of another successful summer reading season.



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Creature Feature

Hermit Crabs

By Bailey Sweet

Have you ever caught a hermit crab at a beach? Did you notice that not all claws look the same? Many people may not know that there are two main types of these crabs found on the beaches of Massachusetts.

The first is the long-clawed hermit crab, the smaller of the two, growing between half an inch and 1 inch long. They have long eye stalks and claws and can live five to 10 years in the wild. The second is the broad-clawed hermit crab, which has unevenly sized flat claws and can grow up to 2 inches long. Their claws act as a shield for their shell from predators. This species typically lives up to three years in the wild.

You may wonder how hermit crabs impact our ecosystems. Hermit crabs are omnivores, eating both plants and animals. These creatures are also scavengers, foraging for dead animals, plants and other decaying material on the ocean floor.

They do a great job keeping our oceans clean, and other marine life benefit from them. Many creatures are "paguroid hosts," or live on the shells of hermit crabs. Some of these animals include sea anemones, slipper shells and barnacles.

Another cool fact about hermit crabs is that they are not connected to their shell. When they grow, they need to upgrade their shells to bigger ones. When a bigger shell appears, hermit crabs will create a "vacancy chain," where the biggest crab will move into the largest shell, freeing up the rest of the shells. The remaining crabs will line up from smallest to biggest to swap and try on their new shells.

Unfortunately, due to pollution, hermit crabs sometimes will seek out plastic, such as bottle caps, and can become trapped. It's important to be mindful of not leaving a footprint when outdoors and to practice "Leave No Trace" principles by packing out all waste, respecting

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wildlife, staying on designated trails and leaving natural areas as you found them. Also, it's important to return seashells to beaches to ensure these animals can have future homes. If you do take a shell home, be sure to look in the shell to be extra sure you are not taking any hermit friends home.

Thoughts on...

Remembering Lest I Forget

By Dick Morgado

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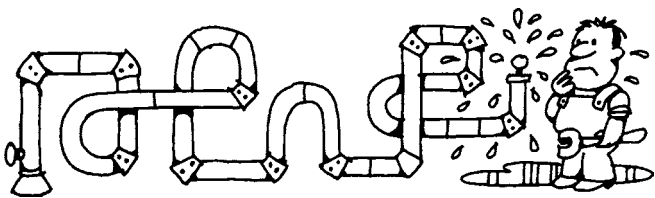


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moniker, the “ROMEOS” (Retired Old Men Eating Out). It was given to us by a group of the fairer sex who have observed our deliberations from time to time. Anyway, while we continue to solve the town’s and the world’s many problems, we mostly reminisce. Boy, do we reminisce! That may be because we are all so old that we can’t remember what we ate for breakfast yesterday morning, we can remember where we were and who we were with sixty years ago. However, one member remembers the name of every person he has ever met. I am sure you probably don’t care a whit, but I thought I would share a few of my favorite personal remembrances about growing up in our little hamlet while I can still remember them.

My father and I and my uncles would go up to Bill Apperson’s sawmill on Crystal Spring Road and collect pine slabs. We’d haul them to my grandmother’s house on what is now Driscall Lane. There was a rusty old gasoline powered saw with a blade about two feet in diameter set up behind her barn where the men would spend all day cutting the slabs up into stove length. My job was to stack the slabs up in rows inside the little barn near the house.

Grandma would burn the slabs all winter long in the giant pot-belly stove which sat in the middle of the “heater room” and use them in the cooking stove in the kitchen. When we were done the men would sit around and drink Dawson’s beer out of stubby glass bottles and I’d get to take a swig of beer.

Speaking of drinking, back in the 50’s state law prohibited the sale of retail liquor on Sundays. Dad would go up to Freddie Trocchi’s package store on Sunday afternoons, sneak into the back door to buy a fifth of Corby’s whiskey. Freddie would do brisk business on Sundays. Other Sundays we’d get up early and go to 5am mass at St. Anthony’s church. It lasted twenty minutes so the “fishermen” could get out early, then we’d go to the Pilot House diner for a real breakfast of bacon and eggs. Afterward he’d go to Seaport Pharmacy to get his liquor. Back then pharmacies had to hide their “medicinal” liquor behind a curtain on Sundays. Dad would sit at the soda fountain having a coffee and the pharmacist (who will remain nameless, lest the statute of limitations has not expired) would sneak out a bottle in a plain paper bag that dad would quickly put in his coat pocket, finish his coffee and scam out the back door, scamper across North St. to our back door. Then he and I would visit my uncles who lived up on Cathaway Lane near my grandmother. They’d drink shots until the bottle was empty and then we’d go home for lunch. I’d drive home. I guess I was the designated driver even at 13!



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Enough about the booze. When I was in the eighth grade, I recited the Gettysburg address in front of the library on Memorial Day. I was the only Explorer Scout in town, so I got to wear my uniform and march at the head of the parade with the veterans. Being the only

Explorer wasn't much fun. Once I camped overnight with the younger Boy Scouts at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven. We had those old canvas army surplus tents. It poured rain the whole time. We woke up in the morning soaking wet. That was when I realized I wasn't much of an outdoorsman.

If you are wondering why I wrote this column...I can't remember.

Mattapoisett resident Dick Morgado is an artist and happily retired writer. His newspaper columns appeared for many years in daily newspapers around Boston.

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Put Down the Hoe

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

It happens every year, around the time when the “dog days” of summer set in. You’ve been absolutely smitten with your garden — watching each new flower come into blossom, admiring those close-to-perfect, beautifully manicured, colorful vistas. And then, almost imperceptibly, everything seems to droop and fade. As the keeper of the garden, you take this very personally.

But don’t. It’s just the mirage of August.

The time of year has everything to do with this change in mood. In spring, gardening is about rejuvenation. The greenness, the milder climate, and the return of flowers after a weary winter have an immense impact on

us. We can’t help but feel positive. The work, no matter how much there is, seems manageable — even pleasurable.



But

by late summer, something changes.

Plants have responded to the heat, humidity, pests and diseases in their own ways. Some have flourished; others have clearly had enough. Sections of the garden begin to go to seed, flowers slump over and leaves lose their freshness. Even the most carefully tended borders can look a little unruly. And our own zest has been zapped by all the manual labor. In short, we’re as tired as the garden.

Perhaps this is where we make our mistake. We see the garden’s exhaustion as another problem to solve.



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We deadhead, weed, prune and water, trying to restore the picture we had in our minds back in June.

But maybe August is telling us something else. Maybe this is the season when the gardener needs to be revived, too. Spring asks us to cultivate the garden. August might be asking us to cultivate ourselves: to put down the pruners, sit in the shade and spend some time in the garden without a list of chores. A garden doesn't need to be at its peak for us to love it. And neither, perhaps, do we.

You can go on fighting the good fight to make things right out there. Or you can take a breather — a few days off, mentally and physically. Or simply slow down and take in your surroundings more deliberately.

Spring tends to turn us into officious clerks for our gardens, making lists of tasks, materials and plants, all organized around deadlines. There's the Fourth of July, perhaps, or a garden tour, a party or a houseful of guests. I've had them all, from our son's wedding to garden tours to houseguests, and the compulsion for perfection is undeniable.

But such haste in fine-tuning a garden can take away from the very pleasure we derive from it. We're all guilty of this. A few years ago, in time for the tulips, I invited a dozen friends over for a gathering. For several

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days, I labored as though I were preparing a doctoral dissertation. The day arrived, and rain forced us indoors. So much for all that work.

At some point, you have to ask yourself: Who is all of this for?

The garden is, after all, a hobby, a pleasure, a way of relating to nature and feeling more at one with the world. Goals are good, but they shouldn't become tyrants. Be passionate about your garden, but don't turn it into an assembly line.

Think of yourself as the garden's CEO, if you must: sketch out plans, focus on what matters most, delegate when you can — and, above all, understand that this is a process. There will be highs and lows, triumphs and disappointments, abundance and decline.

The garden is never finished. Nor should it be. The trick is to keep the work in balance with the pleasure, and to leave yourself some time to recharge. Here are a few things that may help you rebound:

- Your body may need a break, but your mind could use some sustenance. Take pleasure in reading those books you set aside, preferably outdoors in your garden space.

- Step back and behold your accomplishments.

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-Physical workouts don't end with the hoe.

Try rowing, swimming, kayaking, sailing, quahogging, golfing, bicycling. These will work different muscle groups that you might not use in gardening.

-Go to a nursery without a list. You may see some price reductions as nurseries get ready to bring in fall stock.

-Get hooked into a drama that is far afield from the likes of gardening — something that totally disconnects you. My current fav is *Widow's Bay*, which mixes horror and humor as it depicts a remote island community with poor cell reception, no reliable Wi-Fi, and a centuries-old supernatural curse that brings eerie events, strange fog and monsters.

-Don't be overly concerned with the big picture. Take it border by border. Rome wasn't built in a day. There is always tomorrow, even next year.

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News Reaches The Old World

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, Washington called on all troops in the surrounding regions to force-march to New York as British numbers increased on Staten Island. He does permit soldiers to largely have Sundays off for rest. There are continuing skirmishes on the Hudson River while at the same time in the South, Americans — unbound by British policies — begin to move west against tribal lands.



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He also, in keeping with the worry that the British attack could come at any minute, says, "The general exhorts every man, both officer and soldier, to be prepared for action, to have his arms in the best order, not to wander from his encampment or quarters; to remember what their country expects of them."

The next day, Washington writes to the Queens County Committee of Safety, noting his men have arrested various Loyalists he suspects have aided the enemy. He states he is "sending them into another colony for a short time," and notes the property they left behind is at the discretion of the local authorities. He finishes, "I shall be happy in believing you will exert your whole power and influence to prevent the mischief which these gentlemen seem to apprehend."

He also wrote of the event to Governor of Connecticut Jonathan Trumbull Sr. He asks the governor to allow the men to settle in the state, and adds, "I could wish they might have every accommodation and indulgence having a respect to their rank and education which may be deemed consistent with safety; and they are given to understand that your humanity and politeness will most effectually prevent their being liable to any unnecessary hardships."

Also on August 10, news of the Declaration of Independence reaches London and is printed in The London Gazette. They publish two letters from General William Howe, which say, "I am informed that the Continental Congress have declared the United Colonies free and independent states."

On August 11, news reaches St. Augustine, Florida, a loyalist colony recently taken from the Spanish in 1763. It was noted that effigies of Samuel Adams and John Hancock were burned in the town square.

On August 12, Continental Captain Andrew

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Pickens of the South Carolina militia fought the British-aligned Cherokee in Oconee County, where they won a pyrrhic victory against a larger force at close range, with a circle of Americans surrounded by a circle of Cherokee, or a "circle fight." The Americans would raze the Cherokee settlement of Tamasee.

Following the publication of news of the American Declaration of Independence, diplomats and ambassadors in London began sending news home. On August 13, Russian diplomat Vasilii Lizakevich sent word to the Empress in St. Petersburg, informing Catherine the Great that the American provinces had formally severed ties with Great Britain. Catherine believed the separation was the fault of the British Crown, noting the event may prove useful to Russia's ambitions. The first permanent Russian settlements in North America would not be established until 1784 in Alaska, under the orders of Catherine.

On August 14, the Continental Congress passed a resolution by Thomas Jefferson which sought to grant enmity and land to Hessian mercenary deserters. It notes



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the Germans will "be protected in the free exercise of their respective religions, and be invested with the rights, privileges and immunities of natives, as established by the laws of these states." It is not known the effectiveness of the resolution, though thousands of Hessians would desert as the war progressed.

Also on this day, a committee consisting of John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, and Thomas Jefferson would propose their first attempt at an official American government seal. All proposals would be rejected until 1782.

The Battle of Roanoke Inlet took place on August 15, when Captain Dennis Dauge repelled a British foraging/surveying party in the Outer Banks of North

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Carolina. The entire British party, consisting of 25 soldiers, was killed or captured.

Habitat For Humanity Seeks Development

Mattapoisett Select Board

By Sam Bishop

At its Tuesday, August 11, meeting, the Mattapoisett Select Board met with representatives from both Habitat for Humanity and the Sons of the American Revolution.

First, they approved the minutes from their July 14 meeting, followed by the approval of minutes from various Executive Sessions dating back to January 2023. They then approved the Election Warrant for the Statewide Primary Election on Tuesday, September 1.

The board then heard from a representative from Habitat for Humanity regarding their potential development of affordable housing on a plot in town. The representative noted the local branch of the non-profit had recently celebrated its 30th anniversary. The representative noted the hardest part of their job is finding suitable land. The plot in focus is undeveloped and is on the corner of Maplewood Street and North Street. He noted there is no history of development on the site, nor any conservation notices.

He said funding would come from donations and grants, and construction would take eight to nine months, with volunteers being present throughout the process. Pricing would be "around \$200,000, and we offer zero percent interest mortgages," he said.

The organization has built one other home in Mattapoisett in the past and 13 in the region. Clerk Jordan C. Collyer said, "I think this would be great for the town," with other members agreeing.

Members sought information on projected tax revenue for the town, and it was also stated that an inspection would be needed for the site.

The board then discussed a possible town event hosted by the Sons of the American Revolution, a men's-only genealogical society whose members are descendants of Revolutionary War soldiers or other participants. It was proposed for Saturday, September 19, and would take place at Hammond Cemetery on River Road. It was said there could be a bus from Old Hammond Elementary, which could also stop at the Council on Aging to pick up interested visitors on the way to the event.

The representative also requested the closure of River Road for about two hours during the event, as having the road closed and the bus would limit traffic impacts in the area. The board did not vote on it but stated they supported the event.

For announcements, the board stated there would be a Public Hearing on Monday, August 17, at 7:00 pm in Town Hall for the Cottage Community Development Bylaw. They also stated they sought applicants to be the Community Liaison for the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness 2.0 Program.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25, at 6:30 in Town Hall and on Zoom.



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Engineering Enterprises Inc., though no representative was present at the meeting. ConCom members noted that the site had been previously flagged but not well enough to read and was thus re-flagged and relabeled.

Environmental Agent Samantha Carew noted the various changes she had recommended to the original submission, stating, "What we want to see is maybe some trenches dug to figure out where the original wetland line was, have it reflagged, and then we can approve the flagging and approve the ANRAD as that."

Carew recommended that the commission delay the vote on the ANRAD's approval until the engineers present a revised plan.

The hearing was continued to the next meeting.

There were three previously continued Notice of Intent hearings that were again continued at this meeting. These included: Stephen Vaites of Bryne Avenue and Shell Beach Road; Dennis Mahoney & Sons, Inc. of 1-7 Mahoney's Lane; and The Buzzards Bay Coalition of 7 Wolf Island Road.

Next, the continued Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation filed by Steven Cabral of 182 North Street. Dave Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. spoke on representing the project, noting his company had surveyed the land.

Already Continued Agenda Continued Again

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Sam Bishop

At the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission meeting on Monday, August 10, one new public hearing was followed by many that had been continued at previous meetings.

Chair Michael King began by noting three of the five originally scheduled hearings had been canceled, thus moving to discuss the new Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) for 0 and 31 Randall Road. The notice was to be represented by E.T.



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"We're looking to close this out by getting an approval of the wetland line so we can move ahead with the development of the site," he said. The commission quickly voted to approve the notice.

Next, there was a hearing for a Request for Minor Plan Change for a Notice of Intent filed by Mark Whalen of Birchwood Street. Andy Stackpole from Field Engineering, Inc. spoke, representing the project, noting that the change in plans involved eliminating the planned garage and septic tank. Instead, the plan now is to have a "denitrification system with a pump so that we can lower the system down to almost existing grade," he explained. The ConCom approved the change unanimously.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, September 14, at 6:30 pm. This meeting will take place in the Mattapoisett Fire Department at 62 County Road.

Bike Path Insurance Costs Inflated

Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
By Sam Bishop

The Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission met on Thursday, August 6, in the Music Hall. They reviewed the commission's funds, the Point Road Bike Path's status, Grassi Bog maintenance, and other regular

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The meeting began with the approval of the minutes. Then Chair Norm Hills moved to discuss the MOSAC (Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission) conservation lands acquisition stabilization funds, noting that as of July 21, there was \$252,000 and "some change."

There was discussion between members over what funds could be used for, depending on their source, such as Community Preservation Committee funds being allocated to specific projects already. Member John Rockwell noted money/funding is not necessarily an issue for MOSAC, "I don't think the money, in terms of what we want to do with money, is our problem. Because we can ask for money, and we've been very successful in getting money when we ask for specific tasks."

Next, the commission continued the ongoing discussion on the Point Road Bike Path and its contract status. Hills said the "contract status is it doesn't exist right now. There is no contract."

Rockwell noted engineers said insurance costs ballooned too high and requested the town "adjust fees." Rockwell noted the commission is awaiting a reply on insurance options, which will then allow them to offer a re-proposal on the contract.

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We just need a different proposal to review and approve," he said.

Next, they moved on to discuss Grassi Bog, which it was noted Hills and Rockwell recently walked. They discovered various invasive trees requiring removal, as well as splotches of knotweed. It was noted that maintenance on Grassi Bog would also trickle into maintenance on neighboring Goldovitz Bog.

Next, Rockwell states the Select Board had entered into an agreement with the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, to which a possible violation in the Wetland Reserve Program was detected, requiring an inspection delegated to MOSAC by the Select Board.

The next monthly meeting of the Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission is scheduled for Thursday, September 3, at 6:00 pm.

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To the Editor:

An incident in the girls' bathroom in Rochester has been the backdrop of heightened anti-LGBTQ rhetoric and has fueled an effort to deny the rights of gender nonconforming children. The "concerned" father of a 9-year-old girl and his supporters have made claims — both formally with the U.S. Department of Education and on multiple social media platforms — that his daughter was "sexually harassed" by a 10-year-old gender nonconforming child, alleging that the schools are failing to protect children. The efforts to push this anti-LGBTQ agenda include signage, such as "No boys in the girls' bathroom," and an attempt to unseat elected school committee members by a recall vote. However, Massachusetts law is clear; Chapter 76, Section 5, of the Massachusetts General Laws prohibits discrimination in public schools on the basis of gender identity. While these protections might not align with everyone's personal

opinions, it is the law. School employees have a duty to uphold the law and provide a safe, inclusive learning environment for all students. This fear campaign is deeply hurtful and is eroding our community as it creates division, leaving many residents feeling ostracized and unwelcome. This feels personal to me; I have spent my career as a school counselor, working with children and families. I feel offended by the persistent mean-spirited comments, spread of misinformation and attempts to undermine the school system. I believe that a strong community is built on our shared commitment to accept our neighbors as they are, treating them with dignity and respect.

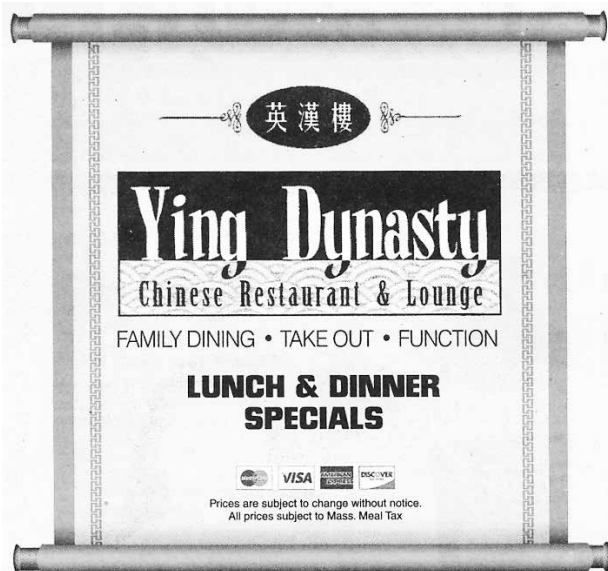


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Mattapoisett Yacht Club August Race Results

The Tuesday Night Ensign fleet finally had a perfect night of racing after suffering through most of July with bad wind and thunderstorms. In the first race, Odyssey finished first, followed by Black Ice, Hamburglar and Recess. But in the second race, Black Ice turned the tables and finished ahead of Odyssey to win the race and the tiebreaker for the night. Hamburglar finished third and Recess was fourth.

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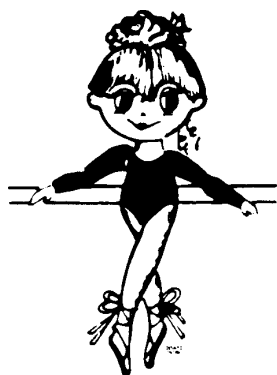
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Mattapoisett Yacht Club Fall Round the Bay Race

The Mattapoisett Yacht Club's Fall Round the Bay Race, scheduled for **August 29**, will have one start for the Spinnaker Class, a separate start for the Non-Spinnaker Class, and another separate start for the Double-Handed Non-Spinnaker Class rather than the staggered "Pursuit" start that was used in the Spring Round-the-Bay Race. The course begins and finishes outside Mattapoisett Harbor. This race is part of the series of long-distance races sponsored by local yacht clubs to determine the overall winner of the 2026 Buzzards Bay Trophy.

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The State Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, **September 1**. Mattapoisett voters will cast their ballots at Old Hammondtown School, which is located at 20 Shaw St. Polls will be open from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm. In-person early voting will take place at Town Hall, 16 Main St., on Saturday, **August 22**, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and Monday, **August 24** to Friday, **August 28**, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Vote-by-mail ballots have been mailed to those who have requested them. If you have a vote-by-mail or absentee ballot to return, please return it as soon as possible. Place ballots in the drop box, which is located on the front lawn of Town Hall. Voted ballots must be received by 8:00 pm on September 1 to be counted. If you have any questions regarding the election, please call the Town Clerk's Office at 508-758-4100 ext. 2 or email Town Clerk Catherine Heuberger at townclerk@mattapoisett.gov.

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ORR Bulldog Pride Alumni Association

To celebrate the alumni of ORR, the ORR Bulldog Pride Alumni Association (BPAA), for the fourth consecutive year, will organize alumni events around the annual Homecoming game. The parallel events will be held on Friday, **October 9**, and Saturday, **October 10**.

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refreshments will be served. Special cocktails will be on the menu, and a portion of proceeds will be donated to the BPAA. A 50/50 raffle will be held, including a silent auction — no entrance fee.

On Saturday, **October 10**, the BPAA 4th Annual Alumni Homecoming Celebration will begin at 7:00 pm. Saturday's celebration is to be held for the first time at alumni-owned River Junction in Marion, featuring a section for ORR alums. Complimentary refreshments will be served. A 50/50 raffle will be held, including a silent auction. The Class of 1991 will be celebrating its 35th reunion with us — no entrance fee.

Local businesses and alumni have contributed to our fundraising efforts to demonstrate our school pride for ORR. For the Class of 2026, the BPAA sponsored three awards totaling \$5,000, in addition to launching the Grants Program, through which four grants totaling over \$1,500 were awarded. For 2026-2027, the BPAA is committed to a fundraising goal of \$10,000 to support the BPAA's Mission & Vision 2036, a program dedicated to expanding giving and providing financial awards to underserved student populations. This will be achieved by small and large donations raised primarily through fundraising efforts during Alumni Weekend. This will

allow BPAA funds to reach the wider ORR community by supporting projects and experiences for students.

Homecoming and Alumni Weekend 2026 is an opportunity for past students and graduates of ORRJHS and ORRHS to reconvene in proud support of our schools, and to establish an outlet for alumni and friends to volunteer and contribute resources in service to students, teachers and staff. School pride is the nexus for our efforts, and we know that graduates of ORR are immensely proud of their experience.

The ORR BPAA is a recognized charitable organization in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and operates as a Section 501(c)(3) non-profit. Donations to the BPAA are tax-deductible.

For inquiries, reach out to the BPAA at bulldogpridealumassoc@gmail.com. Go Bulldogs.

A Latin American Festival

The Marion Concert Band will present a Latin American "Festival" of music on Friday, **August 14**. The diverse program includes music from Mexico, Spain, Brazil and the Caribbean, as well as familiar music that demonstrates the influence that Latin American musical styles have had on American popular music. To add to

TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights July 26 – Aug 1

- Delano Rd – EMS/medical
- Huckleberry Way – Animal complaint
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Crapo St – General service
- Point Rd – Suspicious MV
- Cranberry Way – MV collision
- Front St – Health/welfare
- Wareham Rd – Road hazard
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- 195 West – MV stop/arrest
- Seahorse Way - Trespassing
- Wareham Rd - Disturbance
- Front St – Health/welfare
- Wareham Rd - Fraud
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Mill St – MV collision
- Front St – Animal complaint
- Front St – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Larceny/past
- Front St – Gas leak
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Island Wharf Rd – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Island Wharf Rd – Follow up
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Shady Ln – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Island Wharf Rd – Lost property

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights July 26 – Aug 10

- Grand View Ave – Larceny/forgery
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Pearl St - Harassment
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Goodspeed Island – Officer wanted
- Main St – Health/welfare
- Meadowbrook Ln – 911 call
- Acushnet Rd – Medical alarm
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Cove St – Animal control
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Water St – Intoxicated party
- Brandt Island Rd – Missing person
- Winnatuxet Beach Rd – General Service
- Aucoot Rd – Suspicious persons
- River Rd - Threats
- Island View Ave – Health/welfare
- Marion Rd - Complaint
- Crestfield St – General service
- County Rd – MV crash
- Locust St – B&E/vessel
- County Rd – MV crash
- Church St – MV crash
- Aucoot Rd – Medical assist
- Water St – MV lockout
- Upland Way – Health/welfare
- Water St – Parking violation
- Cannon St – Follow up investigation
- Beach Rd – General services

ROCHESTER

Log highlights July 26 – Aug 1

- Featherbed Ln – Suspicious activity
- Bennett Rd – Detector issue
- Hartley Rd – Road hazard
- Bishop Rd - Investigation
- High St – General services
- Rt 495 – MV collision
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- North Ave – MV collision
- New Bedford Rd – Animal control
- Snipatuit Rd - Fraud
- Kings Hwy – 911 call
- Stevens Rd – Assist police
- Stevens Rd - Medical
- Stevens Rd – Animal control
- County Rd – Well-being check
- Dexter Ln - Harassment
- Pine St – Suspicious activity
- Hartley Rd – MV collision
- Dexter Ln - Medical
- Snipatuit Rd – General services
- North Ave – MV collision
- Cushman Rd – Animal control
- Benjamin Dr – 911 call
- Sarahbeth Ln - Disturbance
- North Ave – Suspicious activity
- Snipatuit Rd – Follow up
- Hathaway Pond Cir – Suspicious activity
- Neck Rd – 911 call
- Pine St – Parking complaint

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

the festive atmosphere of the evening, the audience is encouraged to wear tropical or Latin-American attire. The program is as follows:

Commandante (Marche Espagnole) - G. Guentzel

España Cañi (Paso Doble) – P. Marquina

Mexican Overture – arr. M. Isaac

Iberian Escapades – R. Sheldon

Brazilian Festival – A. C. Jobim

Cantico – A. Grayson

Tijuana Brass in Concert – arr. T. Ricketts

Mas Que Nada – J. Ben

Granada – A. Lara

Martinique – R. Washburn

Montego Bay (samba) – S. Nestico

Serenata – L. Anderson

Copacabana – J. Feldman

Blue Mambo – M. Sweeney

Malagueña – E. Lecuona

The concert, under the direction of Tobias Monte, will begin at 7:00 pm at the Robert Broomhead Bandstand, Island Wharf off Front St. in Marion. All concerts are free and open to the public. “Like” us on Facebook at “Marion Town Band” for up-to-date announcements and rain cancellation notices.

Rochester Historical Society

The monthly meeting of the Rochester Historical Society will be held on the third Wednesday, **August 19**, at 7:00 pm at the Rochester Historical Museum, 355 County Rd. After a short meeting, Mack Phinney will present “The Life of a Revolutionary Soldier.” If you are looking for something to help you celebrate the 250th, or you’re interested in setting up a Rochester historic militia unit, then this is the event for you. Following the program, there will be refreshments and conversation.

Anyone interested in viewing the current exhibit “Rochester and the Revolution” can do so by getting in touch at 617-750-2818 or at eshbach2@aol.com.

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Thursday August 13, 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 - Cynthia Bryden
9:30 AM Harbor Days 2026
11:00 AM Marion Art Center - Arts in the Park
11:30 AM Marion Art Center Promo - The Constant Wife
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 Marion Arts in the Park
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
3:00 PM America 250 - Field of Flags
3:30 PM Buzzards Bay Musicfest - Orchestra
5:00 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 Buzzards Bay Musicfest - Swing Band
9:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Friday August 14, 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 - Cynthia Bryden
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 Mattapoisset Town Band - America's 250th Anniversary Concert
9:00 PM Mattapoisset Firefighter Memories - July 4th
10:00 PM For Your Health
10:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Saturday August 15, 2026

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:30 AM Mattapoisset Land Trust - Dexter Elm Rededication
10:30 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
11:00 AM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
2:30 PM The Human Truth
3:00 PM The Collective Chat
3:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:00 PM Marion Art Center Promo - The Constant Wife
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 Mattapoisset Town Band - America's 250th Anniversary Concert
8:25 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Asteroids, Meteors, and Cosmic Close Calls
9:30 PM Beacon Hill Report...
10:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday August 16, 2026

7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisset Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational

Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church
11:00 AM Mattapoisset 4th of July Road Race
11:30 AM New England Rodeo - Rochester
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 Mattapoisset Town Band - America's 250th Anniversary Concert
8:00 PM Mattapoisset Firefighter Memories - July 4th
9:00 PM Nolan Fest 2026

Monday August 17, 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
9:00 PM New England Rodeo - Rochester
9:30 PM The Collective Chat
10:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Tuesday August 18, 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 Mattapoisset Town Band - America's 250th Anniversary Concert
8:30 PM Mattapoisset Firefighter Memories - July 4th
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Wednesday August 19, 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 Mattapoisset 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 Mattapoisset Town Band - America's 250th Anniversary Concert
6:30 PM Mattapoisset Firefighter Memories - July 4th
8:30 PM Teach your Home Energy Costs! With David Green
9:45 PM Mattapoisset Women's Club Speaker Series - Kathryn Tarleton
10:30 PM Classic Movies

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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
9:00 AM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
10:00 AM Marion Board of Health
11:30 AM Marion Marine Resources
12:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
1:30 PM Marion School Committee
2:40 PM ORR Joint School Committee
4:45 PM ORR School Committee
6:00 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
6:45 PM Marion Conservation Commission
7:00 PM Marion Planning Board
8:00 PM Marion Board of Health
9:30 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
10:30 PM Marion Marine Resources

ROCHESTER

GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
8:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
9:30 AM Rochester Planning Board
11:00 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
1:00 PM Rochester School Committee
2:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
3:30 PM Rochester Planning Board
5:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
7:00 PM Rochester School Committee
8:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee
10:30 PM ORR School Committee

EDUCATION

CHANNEL

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
8:30 AM Bulldog Sports
9:00 AM ORR/JHS Promotion Ceremony
10:00 AM ORR Theater Class 2026
11:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
1:00 PM The Harvard Krokodiles at ORR
2:30 PM ORR Night of Jazz Concert
3:30 PM ORR/JHS Drama
5:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Auburn
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
7:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Case
8:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Somerset Berkley
9:00 PM ORR Senior Superlatives
10:00 PM ORR School Committee
10:30 PM ORR Homecoming Pep Rally
11:30 PM ORR Boys Soccer vs Somerset Berkley

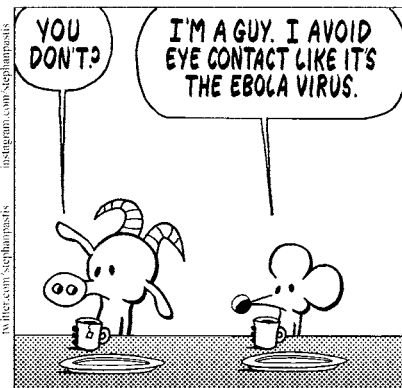
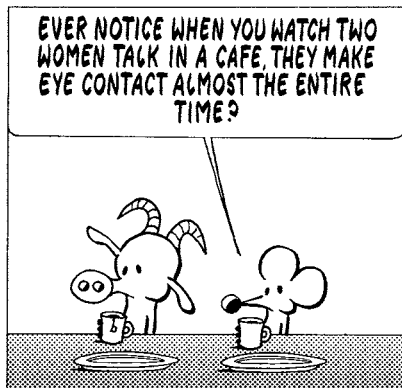
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



On **August 22**, the Rochester Historical Commission, with the help of the Historical Society, will be at the center of town for a semiquincentennial event, followed by a celebration of the Plumb Library's 50 years.

First, at 10:00 am, we'll honor the Rochester soldiers of the Revolution with a brief ceremony at the Revolutionary War Memorial in front of Town Hall. Chris Gerrior will talk about Rochester's place in Revolutionary history.

Next, Connie Eshbach will lead a very short walking tour where the long and proud history of Rochester's libraries will be discussed. This will be followed by some unique, topic-related games and prizes, and then end before noon with cookies outside the library.

Rochester Grange Fair

Saturday is the day. The Rochester Grange #257 will hold its annual fair this Saturday, **August 15**. Doors open to the public at 1:30 pm. Admission is free. A ham and bean supper will be held at 6:00 pm. Tickets will be available at the door and are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. There will be raffles and an auction of donated fair vegetables, flowers and other items beginning about 7:15 pm.

Fair books have been distributed around the

Tri-Town area with rules for entering. Please follow the rules so as not to be disqualified. Entries need to be homegrown. Homemade items are to have been made in the last year. Items may be entered even if you do not see them in the book listings. Anyone entering the fair needs to bring their entries to the Grange Hall on Friday, **August 14**, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm and again from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. All ages are eligible. We look forward to 4-H entries as well. Hope to see you at our fair.

For further information, please contact Herb or Sue LaFleur at 508-295-8908 or by email at sash48@comcast.net.

Adult Events at the Mattapoisett Library

Stay cool this week at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, located at 7 Barstow St.

Looking to spruce up your plant collection? Need to pass on some of your propagated plants? Join us 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 is required. Stop by anytime.

The Nonfiction Book Group meets this month on **August 26** at 6:00 pm. The group is reading *What Can We*

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*Learn from the Great Depression?: Stories of Ordinary People
and Collective Action in Hard Times* by Dana Frank. New
members welcome.

Join us for a Sunset Cinema Movie Showing on
the MFPL Lawn on **August 26** at 7:00 pm. Watch *The Lego
Movie* (2014), with a runtime of 1 hour and 41 minutes.
Bring a blanket or chairs to lounge on, and some snacks,
to fully enjoy the movie experience. This event is designed
for community members of all ages; no registration is
required.

Learn how to fold a seahorse at the library's
Origami Workshop on **August 27** at 3:00 pm. Learn the
basic folding steps, guided by a librarian. At the end,

you'll have a tiny seahorse to take home or give as a gift.
This program is designed for ages 16 and up.

The last Picnic Book Club of the summer will be
August 28 at 10:00 am. Gather on the library lawn for a
literary conversation, pastries and beverages. Bring any
book that you are currently reading and come ready to
discuss it. Please register to reserve your spot.

Teen Events at the Mattapoisett Library

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library is hosting a
Teen Movie Night on **August 19** at 6:00 pm. Watch *Camp
Rock* with friends and enjoy snacks. The movie will be
outside if the weather permits. No registration is required.

Teen Tie-Dye Day will take place on the library
lawn (weather permitting) on **August 20** from 3:00 pm
to 5:00 pm. Teens can bring their own articles of clothing
to tie-dye, or use fabric provided by the library. No
registration is required.

On **August 25** from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, join us for
a Video Game Takeover. Teens in grades 6-12 can enjoy
playing games on the PlayStation and Switch consoles,
hanging out with friends, and having some snacks. No
registration is required.

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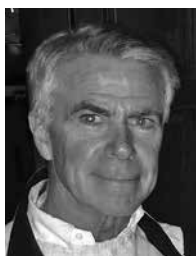
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OBITUARIES



Richard "Ricky" Alan Bono, 72, of Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday August 4, 2026, after a long and courageous battle with Parkinson's disease. He was surrounded by the love of his family and close friends.

Born on October 30, 1953, in New Bedford, Richard was immersed in the South Coast where spent his entire life. His roots in the community ran deep, and the friendships he built over a lifetime were among his greatest treasures. Whether through his work, his love of golf, or simply sharing stories with friends, Ricky had a way of making people feel welcome. He will be remembered for his generous heart, infectious spirit, kindness, and his quiet willingness to help others.

As the president and owner of State Road Cement Block Company, Ricky proudly ran the business alongside his brother Paul with integrity and dedication gaining the respect and admiration of all his loyal customers.

Known for embracing life to the fullest, Rick loved cars, motorcycles, and even his plane. Golf was one of his greatest passions. For over 50 years, he was a devoted member of the Country Club of New Bedford, where he could often be found enjoying countless rounds of golf ending at the 19th hole sharing drinks and laughs with friends who knew him by many nick names. Rick, Slick Rick, Chud, RB, Holly-wood, Wood, Woody, and others.

Deeply proud of his Italian heritage, Ricky was an active member of the Italian Literary and Mutual Aid Society in New Bedford. His generosity extended beyond his own family through the establishment of a scholarship for children of Italian descent.

Above all, Ricky's greatest joy was his family. He is survived by his beloved wife of 45 years, Mary Anne Brogan, whose love and devotion were the foundation of their life together; his cherished children, Kyle Bono, Courtney Bono, Colin Bono, and Casey Bono; and his brothers, Paul Bono and Mark Bono.

Ricky lived a life defined by hard work, loyalty, generosity, and enduring friendships. His smile, warm spirit, and genuine kindness touched countless lives. While his family mourns the loss of a devoted husband, father, brother they find comfort in knowing that his legacy lives on. He will be deeply missed, lovingly remembered, and forever held in the hearts of those who loved him.

His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday August 12th at 11 am at St. Anthony's Church, Mattapoisett. Burial will follow in Cushing Cemetery. Visiting hours were held on Tuesday August 11th at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett. For online condolence book, please visit www.saunders-dwyer.com.



Marilyn Louise Kruger of Rochester, MA, a retired teacher and former longtime resident of Hamilton, MA passed away peacefully on August 6, 2026 surrounded by her family after a brief illness.

She was born September 5, 1934 in Lynn, MA to Thomas Gilmore and Dorothy Craven Gilmore. She is preceded in death by her parents, sister and beloved husband of 58 years Rayford Kruger. Marilyn graduated from Marblehead High School and received her BS and Masters Degrees from Salem State Teachers College.

For most of her teaching career she taught business education at Beverly High School. She was known for her kindness, dedication and generosity to her students and peers.

She leaves behind many friends both on the North and South Shores of Massachusetts. She loved the ocean, traveling and was an avid bridge player. She so enjoyed summers at Good Harbor Beach, sailing in Neptune Suites on Holland America, gaming and dining at Mohegan Sun, and escapes to The Beauport Hotel in Gloucester.

She is survived by her three children: Dr. Rayford Kruger (Tracey) of Rochester, MA, Karen Cannell (Gary) of Rockport, MA and Julia Badlato (Charles) of Greenlawn, NY. She is also survived by her five treasured grandchildren: Amanda Kruger (Kamy Bruder), Kaitlyn Badlato Adams (Oscar), Jillian Badlato, Joseph Badlato and John Badlato, many nieces and nephews, and one precious great grandson Rémi Ray Bruder.

A memorial service will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to South Coast Health, <https://www.southcoast.org/giving/>, or a charity of your choice.

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



It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of **Peter E. Sowden**, age 83, on August 6, 2026.

Peter was born on April 25th, 1943 in Lexington, Massachusetts, and grew up in Wilmington. In 1964, he married his high school sweetheart, Lorraine (Zuccola) Sowden, and together the family spent more than 60 years in Marion.

Peter proudly served his country in the United States Navy, entering service in 1960 at Little Creek, Virginia. After completing his military service, he began an electrical career in 1964 that spanned many decades. During the 1970s, he also served as a Marion Police Officer.

Peter embraced life outdoors and found great joy in skiing, boating, fishing, lobstering, scalloping, and, of course,

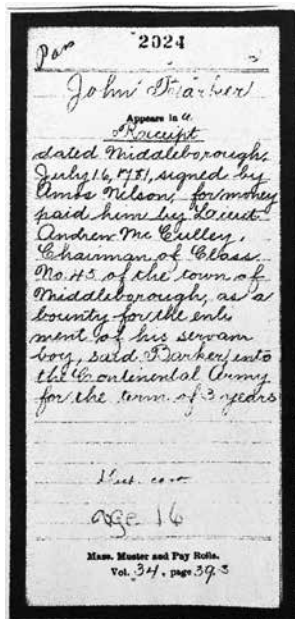
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From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

When we envision a company of militia fighting in the Revolution, I think we usually picture the well-known three white marchers with the flag, the drum and the bugle. However, the Revolutionary War was also fought by men of color and Native Americans. Early in the war, the Native American tribes chose sides, with most going with the British, but the Oneida and Tuscarora sided with the colonists. The Mohawks from the Sturbridge area were one group that also joined them. In our area by the time of the Revolution, few Native Americans were left, but there are records of some in local



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militias.

There were also local men of color fighting on the side of the colonies even though, ironically, they would not benefit from the words of the Declaration of Independence for at least another century. Some of these were formally enslaved men who had managed to buy their freedom. Many who served were used primarily to build fortifications as the African American minutemen did in Boston, but when needed, they provided military support.

The Pilgrim Society has detailed lists of many soldiers from Plymouth County who served in the Revolution. The lists include both Black and Native



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American soldiers. Two Black soldiers, William Blye and Peter Haskell, are listed as from Rochester. Their muster cards are in the current exhibit. Blye was in Nathaniel Hammond's Company and Col. Sprout's Regiment. Peter Haskell was in Samuel Briggs's Company and, like many from surrounding towns, in Rochester's Lt. Col. White's Regiment. A muster card has Haskell later reporting to the 12th division of the Continental Army in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Also in Lt. Col. White's regiment are four Native Americans. Peleg Stewart, age 16, John Capy, age 17, and John Barker, age 29, all enlisted from Rochester. In the same regiment, there is a second John Barker, age

16, from Middleborough. His muster card is interesting, as it details how Amos Nelson received money from the Continental Army as a bounty for enlisting his Native American servant boy in the army for a period of three years, beginning July 16, 1781. The older John Barker from Rochester received a bounty paid by the town of Rochester to serve in the Continental Army for three years, beginning in May of 1781.

An example of the difficulty researching soldiers from the American Revolution is Josiah Soul, a Native American, age 22, who enlisted from Plymouth, but who also "enlisted under the name John Methrick's from Rochester." The second enlistment was in Lt. Leonard's

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clamming in the harbors of Marion. He was actively involved in the Boy Scouts, Marion Lions Club, the O.R.R.H.S Ski Club, and the Middleboro Ski Club. Alongside Lorraine, he enjoyed skiing throughout Europe, creating treasured memories together. Summers often found them traveling and canoeing the Saco River in New Hampshire and Maine or traveling throughout the United States.

A longtime member of the First Congregational Church of Fairhaven, Peter's faith was a guiding force throughout his life. He generously gave both his time and resources, especially through the church's thrift store ministry. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need and was known for his kindness, generosity, and quiet acts of service.

Peter is survived by his loving children, Christine Sowden, P.J. Sowden (Sarah Valentini), and Mark Sowden (Melissa). He will be dearly missed by his cherished grandchildren, Justin and Sofia Sowden, P.J. and Owen Sowden-Moore, and Jacob Sowden. He is also survived by his sister, Robin Sowden-Carter, as well as many beloved nieces, nephews, extended family members, and many dear friends.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Lorraine; his mother, Barbara (Trundy) Sowden, later Sell and Anderson; his father, Milton Sowden; his longtime stepfather, Norbert Sell; and his brothers, Paul Sowden, Norbert Sell, Barry Sell, and Bradley Sell.

While we mourn Peter's passing, we find comfort in knowing that his spirit lives on in the hearts of those who loved him. He will be remembered not only for what he accomplished, but for the kindness he showed, the wisdom he shared, and the love he gave so freely. His legacy will continue through his family, friends, and all whose lives he touched.

Private family services will be held at a later date at Evergreen Cemetery, Marion, MA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to SouthCoast Health at Home 200 Mill St Fairhaven, MA 02719 or Care One at New Bedford 221 Fitzgerald Dr, New Bedford, MA 02745.



Nancy "Nora Beth" Horrocks Chrzanowski passed away on July 28, 2026, in Austin, TX after a long illness. Born on January 1, 1951, Nancy lived a life full of devotion to her faith, family and church at Mount Sinai Baptist Church (the Mount).

Nancy was a lifelong learner and avid reader. She graduated from Old Rochester Regional High School in 1968 and the Chandler School for Women in Boston in 1970. She completed graduate studies at Rutgers University and City College of San Francisco, CA. She is a proud graduate from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio TX in 1998.

Nancy was a deeply spiritual person, guided by faith and acts of service throughout her life. She worked as a Street Evangelist Missionary for the Mount. From 1991 to 2001, she was involved in and served as president of the Houston, TX chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI).

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, the Honorable Judge Ernest T. Horrocks and Mary, and her sister, Rosemary Cookson. She is survived by her devoted and dear friend, Joseph Sean Cotton, her children, Mary Ellen Chrzanowski and Peter Chrzanowski, her 3 grandsons, Miles, Graham and Emmett Chrzanowski, and her sisters Ellen Horrocks, Patricia Horrocks Apperson and Betsy DiVeglia. Nancy also had a very special relationship with her cousin and God Son, Ben Loughlin, and his children, Jak and Charlotte, whom she also considered her special grandchildren.

In memory of Nancy, donations can be made in her name to The Mount Sinai Baptist Church, 8500 Cameron Road, Austin, Texas 78754

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Company and Col. Theophilus Cotton's Regiment. I wonder if he collected more than one bounty.

Celebrate the End of Summer at the Elizabeth Taber Library

Summer Reading is winding down at the Elizabeth Taber Library, but there is still fun to be had. The last day for kids to get their reading log stamped for a free ice cream coupon is Saturday, **August 15**, but they have until the first day of school to complete their goal and receive a free book.

On Saturday, **August 15**, at 1:00 pm, the library is hosting local funk band Get the Funk Out for a family-friendly funk concert on the library lawn. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket. You won't want to miss this show.

The buzz of beekeeping is coming to the library on Tuesday, **August 18**. Adults are invited to join us at 6:00 pm for An Introduction to Beekeeping from the Bristol County Beekeeping Association.

Children's programs will be on hiatus from Monday, **August 17**, to Friday, **September 4**. Our fall programs, including after-school programs, begin on Tuesday, **September 8**. You can find our fall program schedule at elizabethtaberlibrary.org/events.

Town Of Marion Drought Status

The Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) has declared Southeastern Massachusetts in a Level 2 drought. For more information, visit www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status. Please be reminded that mandatory water restrictions are in effect through **September 15**.

Outside watering is prohibited except from 6:00 am to 8:00 am and 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for even-numbered addresses and Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays for odd-numbered addresses. Residents may wash vehicles and water plants on Sundays using a hand-held hose between 6:00 am and noon.

This restriction will be strictly enforced. Any person violating this State of Water Supply Conservation Bylaw shall be liable to the Town for \$50 for the first violation and \$100 for each subsequent violation. If you have any questions, please contact the Marion DPW at 508-748-3540. Thank you.

Lamb of God Christian Church

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***Stuart Fails to Save the Universe.* An HBO Max series starring Kevin Sussman and Brian Posehn. Airing Thursdays.**

This is usually the movie beat, but I'd like to make an exception for *Stuart Fails to Save the Universe*, a new HBO Max spinoff of the popular *Big Bang Theory*. The series, which like its predecessors (*Young Sheldon* and *George & Mandy's First Marriage*) is filmed "single camera" and not "live before a studio audience," foregrounds four supporting characters from *Big Bang* and sets them spinning through a dark-comedic sci-fi premise involving multiple universes. Comic shop owner Stuart (Kevin Sussman) awkwardly leads the way, with his girlfriend Denise (Lauren Lapkus), geologist Bert (Brian Posehn), and quantum physicist Barry Kripke (John Ross Bowie) rounding it out.

Stuart has apparently damaged some gizmo built by Sheldon, Leonard and Howard, which affects the multiverse; he gets swept into various 'verses, encountering variations on his *Big Bang* friends. In the three episodes (out of ten) aired so far, abundant cameos brighten the proceedings. I won't say who, but it seems likely that the end of either the season or the show will bring back the gizmo's creators, since a bunch of others have already shown up.

HBO Max probably wants folks to come back for more, so the episodes have all ended with a cliffhanger. Thus far, we've seen three different realities; the one where people are fitted with shock collars to force them to be nice is probably my favorite. The mode here is antic-satirical; when the four land in a reality where science is considered evil, Stuart's remark "How is this different from our world?" has unexpected timeliness.

If they were ever to make another *American Splendor* movie or a streaming series — I'm not suggesting this — Kevin Sussman would make a fine new Harvey Pekar. He sounds like and occasionally resembles Paul Giamatti; he's solidly in the schlumpy-geek mold, which makes him even funnier as a dork in whose hands the fate of the multiverse rests. As good



as Sussman is, the MVP here is Lauren Lapkus, whose Denise acquires layers of defeat depending on which reality we're in and which Denise we're watching.

This is probably the most expensive show in the *Big Bang* franchise, what with all the CGI special effects. The director on the first three episodes is Kyle Newacheck, who proved on FXX's *What We Do in the Shadows* that he can guide four dimwits as they bumble through absurd situations. The pacing on single-camera shows is different, possibly more sophisticated, than that of a multi-camera sitcom that has to pause every thirty seconds for audience laughter (or a laugh track). *Stuart Fails* feels like it's the first real continuation of *Big Bang*, as opposed to *Young Sheldon*, which was a prequel show, and *George & Mandy*, a spin-off of *Young Sheldon*. It seems like the kind of show Sheldon and the lads (and maybe Penny) might have gotten hooked on when they weren't working in the Cal-Tech labs and building the device that serves as the series' MacGuffin.

The problem with this kind of problem show — defined as one with a premise based on a problem needing to be solved — is that Stuart can never succeed, or the show would be over. Will the audience get tired of Stuart failing? I guess it depends on how compelling each alternate reality is. Ideally you could keep the thing going forever, or until one or more of the core four leaves the show. Paradoxically, a show like this stands or falls based on whether it's a good hang, but the premise relies on a narrative urgency (we gotta do the thing!) that makes a good hang less possible. But the guys in charge here, including *Big Bang* kingpin Chuck Lorre, have done this before and know what they're doing. In Chuck — or Stuart — we trust.

every Sunday at 5:30 pm, American Legion Hall, 3 Depot Street, and held at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, in the lower meeting room, **August 18** at 6:00 pm. Free Food Outreach, **August 19** at 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, American Legion Hall, 3 Depot Street. Outdoor Prayer Outreach, Sundays 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Mattapoisett Rail Trail and Ned's Point (weather permitting). For more information, call 508-998-6990 or email pastor@lambogodma.org.

Plumb Library's 50th Anniversary

Celebrate Plumb Library's 50th Anniversary with us.

Tuesday, **August 18** at noon – Bubbles with Mr. Vinny: Celebrate the library's 50th anniversary with one of our favorite programs. No registration required. This children's event will be held outside on the library's lawn.

Thursday, **August 20** at 5:00 pm – 50th Anniversary Talk with Richard Cutler: Joseph H. Plumb and Car Collecting (all ages): Joseph H. Plumb and his wife, Dorothy Plumb, were enthusiastic antique car collectors. Hear from local car expert Richard Cutler and take a look at an antique car for yourself. Before there was GPS, people used road maps. Before there were road maps, they used... (Come to the talk and find out how you found your way from Mattapoisett to Boston.)

Saturday, **August 22** at noon – 50th Anniversary Plaque Dedication Ceremony (all ages): The Rochester Historic Commission will be presenting a plaque to the Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library in honor of our 50th anniversary, almost exactly 50 years from when Plumb Library opened on August 18, 1976, and 150 years from when the Rochester Free Public Library opened on August 19, 1876. Celebrate with us.

Women-On-Target Program

The Sippican Rod & Gun Club is pleased to announce its annual NRA Women-On-Target program on Saturday, **September 26**, at 215 Dexter Lane in Rochester. The program runs from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The morning session teaches the NRA Home Firearm Safety Course, qualifying participants to apply for a Massachusetts License to Carry (LTC) or Firearms Identification (FID) card. After a catered, healthy lunch, participants will gain practical and safe shooting experiences by rotating through the club's pistol range, 50- and 100-yard rifle ranges, and shotgun trap range. The \$110 fee includes all training materials, eye and ear protection to keep, use of the club facility, morning snacks, lunch, ammunition, and use of firearms. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Fredericks at 508-317-0203 or airborne1715@gmail.com.

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21 Twinkled
22 Adversary
23 Brief seconds
24 Diane plays her role flawlessly?
26 See
61-Across
27 Dandy dudes
28 On guard
29 Foxx amuses his audience?
34 Flock babies
37 Droop
39 Phone button abbr.
40 Special span
41 Granola snack option
43 Flood preventer
44 Muscles called "guns"
47 Paul acts in a serious film?
50 Military pupils
52 One of a pair of sense organs
53 Expiators

- 54 Elmer greatly anticipates catching Bugs Bunny?
57 Favored ones
60 "Hence ..."
61 With
26-Across, maker of Tater Tots
62 Philadelphia's La —
University
63 WWII battle city in France
64 Adaptable truck, in brief
65 Christ, in Cremona
67 Oldham fashions clothes?
70 Cheer shouts
74 Court org.
76 "Look at Me" novelist Jennifer
77 Bunk
79 Gunk
80 "ATM" rapper
83 Small warbler
84 Wynonna puts out her first album?
86 Orchestrate
88 Miracle- —
90 Brown ermines
91 Roger describes a news event?

- 96 "C'mon, quit it!"
98 "It's all clear"
99 Lightning source, informally
100 TV "Science Guy" Bill
102 Put in a juicer
103 One of a pair of sense organs
104 Cultural spirit
105 Billy steps off his ship?
109 Plover inventor John
111 Swiss mounts
112 "— had it!"
113 Jason bounces the basketball?
117 Kitchen tools
122 Architect Jones
123 — d' (head-waiter)
124 Cubic — (fake diamond)
125 De Mille the dancer
126 Less than retail
127 How this puzzle's nine longest answers are viewed?

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- 1 Do the slopes

- 2 Writer Anaïs
3 Carry- — (flight totes)
4 Sweaty, say
5 Straitlaced
6 Indian tongue
7 Scale's span
8 Road curve
9 Certain opening for a bolt
10 Elated bliss
11 Gives help
12 German link
13 Rx request
14 Suffix with lime or Gator
15 Seed casings
16 Belly flop, say
17 Unusually big meals, e.g.
18 People eating
19 High trains
25 Maze-running rodent
27 Mrs., in Berlin
29 Burglarize
30 Gourmet
31 Tenths of centuries
32 "Judge —" (Stallone film)
33 Slip up
34 Piece of mail: Abbr.
35 Court org.
36 Mothers, informally
38 Undercoat for an oil painting

- 42 Skilled sorts
43 Evening eats
45 People who are hoofing it
46 Rock layers
48 — Moines
49 Perfectly
51 Song for one
54 Hazy stuff
55 Not as young
56 Pigeon perch, maybe
58 Yale for whom Yale is named
59 "I swear —!"
63 Capitol fig.
64 No longer bothered by
66 Remove the cargo from
68 Hazard
69 Motions "yes"
71 "Equus" actress Jenny
72 Time in a Jacuzzi, e.g.
73 "Rescue us!"
75 Road curve
78 "The Lady" star Michelle
80 Farr or Foxx
81 Fighting for change
82 Called for a pizza, say
83 Like Cardiff natives

- 84 Write hastily
85 City in Iraq
87 Go- — (no idler)
89 Climbing roses
92 "Am — blame?"
93 Refusals
94 Cuts off
95 Pink Floyd's Barrett
97 Evening hrs.
101 Add while proofing
104 Paul who published many math papers
106 Surprise win
107 Tennis legend Chris
108 Park seat
110 Threshold
111 Counter-tenor
113 Rio carmaker
114 "— bad boy!"
115 Slugging club
116 Razor brand
117 Israeli weapon
118 College org. of sisters
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120 Tell fibs
121 Mournful

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Someone who knows you to be courageous and generous asks for help in getting through a crisis. Be prepared for some difficulties, but be assured that you'll overcome them.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Music and merriment dominate at this time. Go ahead and have fun -- you've earned it! Meanwhile, don't be surprised if a LEO is there to share the good times with you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Believe in yourself, and your intrepid nature will win out over any lingering timidity that has you wavering over taking a new job. Then go out and celebrate!

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Forget about people who are ungrateful despite all that you've done for them. Reward yourself for being the fine person you are. Buy something wonderful and have fun!

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Someone you thought had the same warm feelings for you as you do for them suddenly turns cool. Don't press for an explanation now; this will come later.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A new path opens as you work your way through a difficult problem. Friends and family will be there to walk with you. Things begin to get brighter soon.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your need for stability is evident as you face some unsettling choices. Weigh the pros and cons of each on a one-by-one basis until you know enough to make a decision.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A family situation continues to tax your patience, but it's soon resolved. Stay with it. Meanwhile, someone is waiting for you to follow up on some promises.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A long-awaited career move finally gets started. Meanwhile, a family member's health problem causes some concern, but a doctor has a reassuring diagnosis.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A personal relationship will continue to be tense and troubled, until you surprise everyone by making a rare (for you!) first move to smooth things over.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Most folks perceive you as a serious, no-nonsense type. But surprise them by revealing the fun-loving side of yourself. Meanwhile, an ARIES has romantic ideas!

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A new relationship grows stronger, but don't be pushed into a commitment before you feel like you're ready. It's better to tread water than to dive in over your head.

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The Constant Wife

Tickets for *The Constant Wife* by Somerset Maugham are on sale. The play has been adapted by MAC director Kate Fishman and is reimagined for the late 1960s, when women's liberation was rising, social norms were shifting, and everything was groovy.

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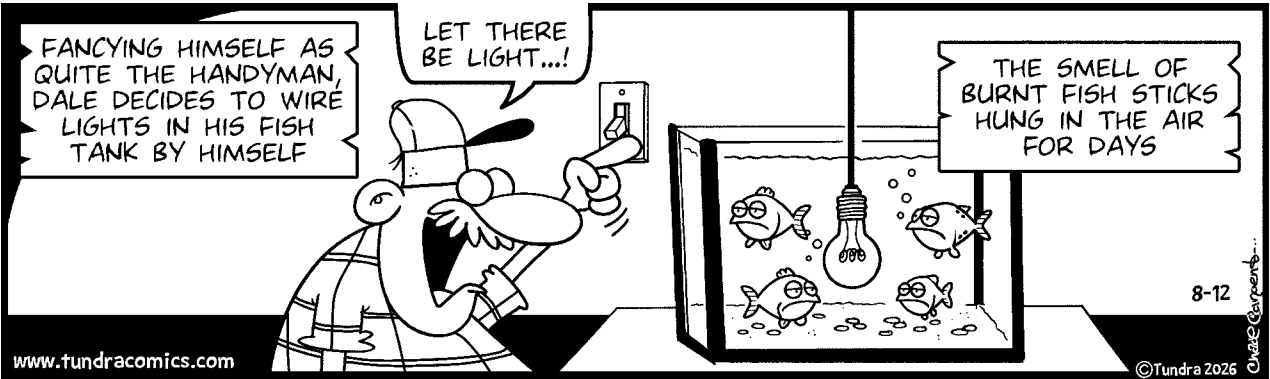
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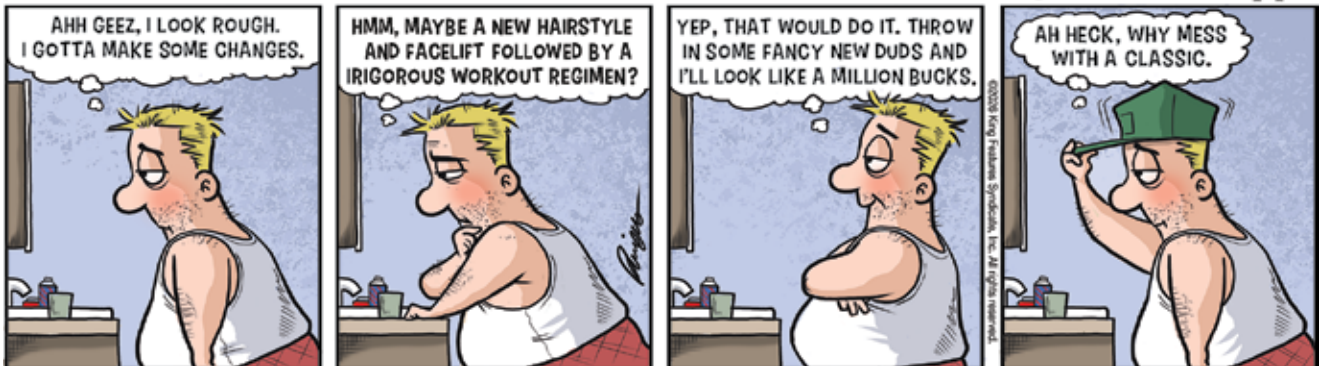


Tundra
by Chad Carpenter



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



choices both past and present. Her decisions are bold and surprising to herself and everyone who knows her. Through it all, Constance emerges as a heroine who discovers her power in a world buzzing with change.

The play features Cynthia Johnson, Gary Sousa, Kara McCann, Kristina Dahlene, Maura Van Voris, Michele Letourneau, Robert Mahowald and Genevieve Suman.

Kate Fishman directs, shadowed by Elizabeth DaRosa. Stage management is by Phoenix Froh, and Steve McManus is the technical director.

Performance dates are **August 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23**. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7:30 pm, and the Sunday matinee is at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$23 for MAC members and \$28 for nonmembers and can be purchased at marionartcenter.org/events. The MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater is located at 80 Pleasant St.

Mattapoisett Congregational Church Yard Sale

On Saturday, **September 12**, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, the Mattapoisett Congregational Church will once again host its annual yard sale in Reynard Hall, rain or shine.

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

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

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings are held at the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference Room, 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted). The start time is 6 pm. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, August 20, 2026. CASE #1594 – Petition of Rachel Briggs, aka Rachel Westgate, c/o Law Office of James Walsh, 128 Union Street, Suite 203, New Bedford, MA 02740. RE: 12 Tobey Lane, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The property is further described as Plot 10 and Lot 87 on the Assessor's Map. The lot is in Zoning District VR10. It is recorded with the Plymouth Registry of Deeds, Book 55953, Page 41. The applicant seeks a Special Permit pursuant to Section 3.1 of the Mattapoisett Zoning By-Laws to permit a modest rear addition to the existing single-family dwelling on the property within the Village Residential District. Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours. Sincerely, Susan Akin, Chair Tony Tranfaglia, Colby Rottler, Jordan Rodrigues, Aaron Goldberg 8/6, 8/13 TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1240 Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Joyce & Carl MacDermott, for property located at 128 Dexter Lane, identified on Assessor's Map 6, Lot 11E, who are seeking a Special Permit for an ADU larger than 900 sq ft, pursuant to Chapter 20.40, Section F.6., of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws. The public hearing will be on Thursday, August 27th, 2026, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA. Donald Spirlet, Chairman 8/6, 8/13 TOWN OF ROCHESTER SOIL BOARD REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Soil Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall Conference Room, 1 Constitution Way, in Rochester regarding a Soil Removal Permit Application received from Crimson Farms LLC, for property located at 37 Sarah Sherman Road in Rochester, MA 02770, further identified as Assessor's Map 28, Lot 8, 8-G. The property owner is Crimson Farms LLC, P.O. Box 333, Rochester, MA 02770. The applicant proposes to excavate an agricultural reservoir, rebuild bogs, and upgrade bog roads. Excavated soils will be trucked off-site. The application and associated submittal documents are available for review at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, during normal business hours. Richard Charon, Chairman 8/13, 8/20	TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT DOCUMENT 00116 – INVITATION TO BID The Town of Mattapoisett, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors for the construction of the Mattapoisett Highway Department (Town Barn) Phase 2 and 3 in Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by Stephen Kelleher Architects, Inc. The Project consists of: Phase 2 is construction of new offices and toilet facilities. Phase 3 is construction of 2,000 s.f. new truck bays, and interior and exterior rehab of the entire building and systems. The work is estimated to cost \$5,000,000 Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive. General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work: General Building Construction and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and a signed Update Statement (CQ3). General Bids will be received until 2:00 pm, prevailing time, on September 18, 2026 and publicly opened online, forthwith. Filed sub-bids for the trades listed below will be received until 2:00 pm, prevailing time, on September 04, 2026 and opened online, forthwith. Filed sub-bidders must be DCAMM certified for the trades listed below and bidders must include a current DCAMM Sub-Bidder Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Sub-Bidder's Update Statement. SUBTRADES – Masonry Misc. and Ornamental Iron Waterproofing, Dampproofing and Caulking Roofing and Flashing Tile Acoustical Tile Resilient Floors Painting Fire Protection Plumbing HVAC Electrical This project is being electronically bid. All bids must be prepared and submitted online through Projectdog.com. Hard copy bids will not be accepted by the Awarding Authority. For assistance, contact Projectdog, Inc. at (978) 499-9014. Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available electronically at no cost on Projectdog.com under Project ID #261439, beginning August 12, 2026. General bids and sub-bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates) and made payable to the Town of Mattapoisett. PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT: #261439, beginning August 12, 2026. Date and Time: 11:00 am on Friday, August 21, 2026. Address: 5 Mendell Road, Mattapoisett, Ma 8/13 TOWN OF MARION	CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 26, at 7:05 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by The Mary Ann Hubbard 2024 Revocable Trust for the proposed construction of a single-family dwelling at Front Street. The site is further identified as Lot 5A on Marion Assessors' Map 23. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Shaun Walsh, Chair *Please contact Jenna Riewer at jriewer@marion-ma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 8/13 TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 26, at 7:15 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by N. George & Laurie A. Host for the proposed pier improvements to the existing private residential pier facility at 456 Point Road. The site is further identified as Lot 13B on Marion Assessors' Map 2. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Shaun Walsh, Chair *Please contact Jenna Riewer at jriewer@marion-ma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 8/13 TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT INVITATION TO BID The Town of Mattapoisett, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors and Filed Sub-Bidders for the Mattapoisett Highway Department (Town Barn), in accordance with the documents prepared by Stephen Kelliher Architects. This project is being Electronically Bid (E-Bid). All bids shall be submitted online at www.Projectdog.com. Hard copy bids will not be accepted by the Awarding Authority. Tutorials and Instructions are available online at www.Projectdog.com. For assistance, contact Projectdog, Inc. at 978.499.9014. The Project consists of the interior and exterior renovation and addition to the existing Mattapoisett Highway Department at 5 Mendell Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The work is estimated to cost \$5 million. Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive. General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work -- General Building Construction and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime Update Statement (Form CQ 3). General Bids will be received until Friday September 18, 2026 at 2:00 pm local time

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General bids and sub-bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates), and made payable to the Town of Mattapoisett.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available at www.Projectdog.com including obtaining paper copies if desired.

The Pre-Bid Conference and site visit will be on Monday August 21, 2026 at 11:00 am at the Highway Barn at 5 Mendel Road, Mattapoisett, MA.

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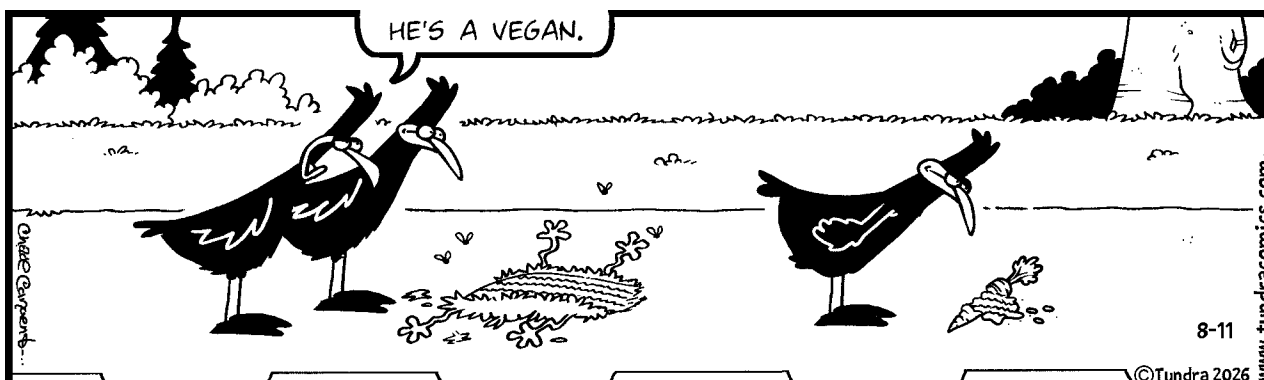
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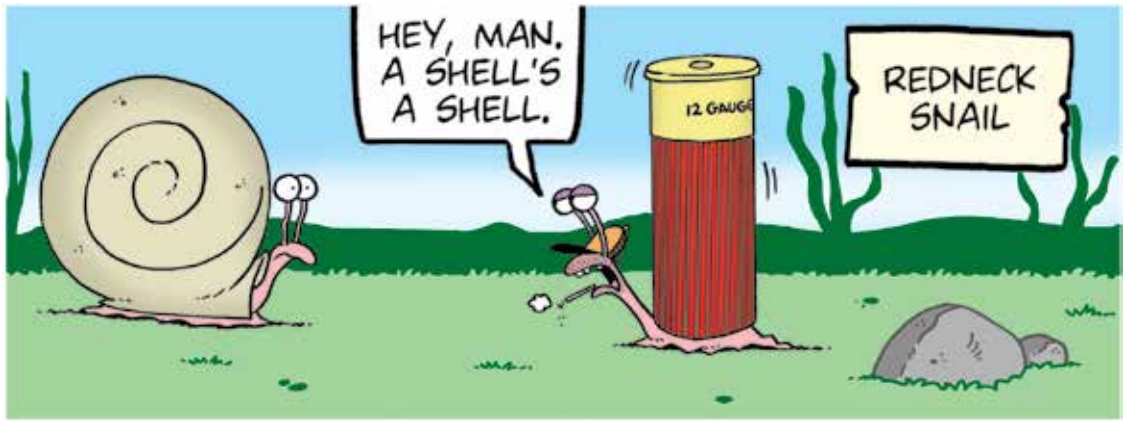
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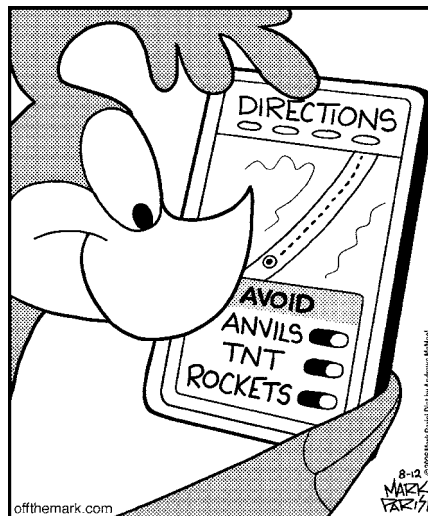
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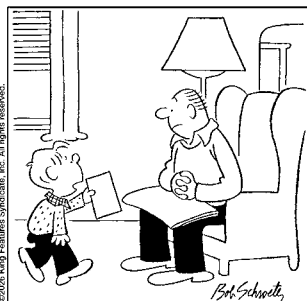
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Library is committed to supporting the well-being of older adults in Mattapoisett by offering inclusive, accessible and engaging resources. Whether aging patrons are looking to learn a new skill, connect with others, or simply stay active, GetSetUp has something for everyone.

With practical, tech-focused classes like "Online Safety: Protect Your Personal Information" and "Using Your Android Smartphone," seniors can confidently navigate today's rapidly changing digital environment. At the same time, courses such as "Ease the Ache with Gentle Stretches for Back Pain" and "Brain Boost: Keeping Young with Music" can help older adults stay mentally sharp, physically active and creatively inspired — all while connecting with peers who share their interests and experiences.

How to Access: Library cardholders can access GetSetUp for free by visiting mattapoisettlibrary.org. Select "Online Resources" and then "Online Learning." Scroll down to "GetSetUp by Gale." If you need assistance, please contact the library.

Please remember that a Mattapoisett library card is required to access this database outside of the library. If your card is missing, we can replace it. To avoid losing it again, download the SAILS Mobile app. It's an excellent alternative to carrying your physical library card. Please see a librarian if you need help or have questions.

For more information, please visit us at 7 Barstow Street, online at www.mattapoisettlibrary.org, or call the library at 508-758-4171.

Mattapoisett Congregational Church

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church's steeple is lit nightly and is a beacon of welcome and comfort to all. The Beacon of Light was started as a way to celebrate and honor loved ones or special occasions. If you would like the steeple to be lit in remembrance of, in celebration of, or in honor of a loved one or blessed event, please call the church office at 508-758-2671 or email mattcongchurch@gmail.com for more information. We welcome and encourage multiple entries each month. This is a special way to celebrate our beautiful steeple, as a Beacon of Light in Mattapoisett, and to support our church financially. Thank you for your donation.

American Legion: Florence Eastman Post #28

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Birthday Parties at the MAC

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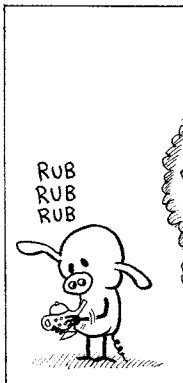
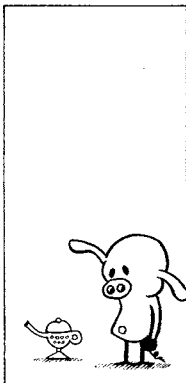
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reserved at the end of the party for a sweet treat. Available times are 10:00 am to 11:30 am or 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Suggested party themes include mermaids, fairies, outer space, pirates, art and science, or custom. The cost is \$275 for up to 10 guests 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 preschoolers and homeschoolers: the Marion Natural History Museum is now open to the public on Friday mornings. The museum features collections of minerals, fossils, butterflies, birds of prey and many other specimens. Appointments may be made for field trips. If you would like to schedule a time to come in and view these specimens as part of a lesson or just for fun, please contact the director for an appointment. We are open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Emergency Preparedness

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

If you believe you may need assistance during an emergency, we would like to have a discussion with you so we can develop a plan together. This is especially important if you rely on medical equipment at your residence that requires electricity, may need transportation to a shelter during an emergency, or live in a flood zone. If you have a communication-related disability, we need to know the best way to communicate in an emergency. If you take medications, we need a list.

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3570 so we can compile this information, which will be reported to the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). We want you to be prepared.

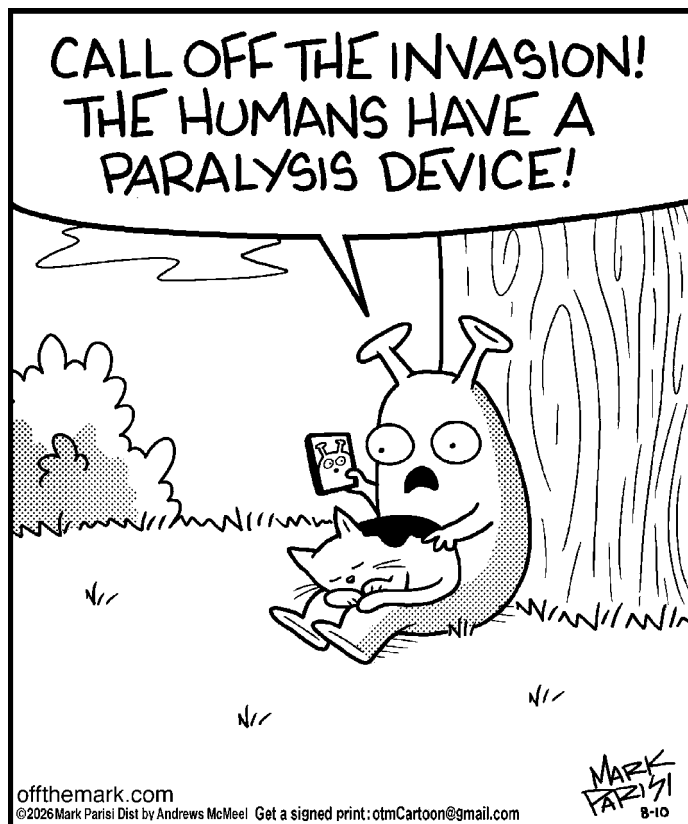
We encourage residents and family members who may reside out of town to sign up for E-Alerts from the Town of Marion (visit: marionma.gov/subscribe).

Tri-Town Against Racism

Tri-Town Against Racism (TTAR) announces they have developed a system to document discriminatory incidents experienced by community members in the Tri-Town. Collecting this information will help identify how best to support the Tri-Town region.

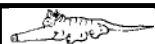
The incident report can be completed online, either on a computer or mobile device, anonymously if preferred. Community members can also choose to identify themselves to TTAR in the report. Their personal identifying information will never be shared outside of TTAR. The incident report allows for individuals or families to share their stories to inform local change. Completing the form and sharing your experiences with TTAR will help to make a positive impact. The incident report can be found by visiting this link: forms.gle/UGEsEmjBCZTEYKX56.

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Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	August 13	9:01	9:25	2:59	2:48
Friday	August 14	9:49	10:11	3:35	3:39
Saturday	August 15	10:37	10:57	4:07	4:25
Sunday	August 16	11:26	11:44	4:38	5:07
Monday	August 17		12:15	5:09	5:50
Tuesday	August 18	12:32	1:04	5:45	6:38
Wednesday	August 19	1:21	1:54	6:26	7:40
Thursday	August 20	2:11	2:45	7:16	9:11
Friday	August 21	3:03	3:41	8:20	10:28
Saturday	August 22	4:01	4:45	9:34	11:20
Sunday	August 23	5:06	5:46	10:42	
Monday	August 24	6:02	6:33	12:02	12:08
Tuesday	August 25	6:48	7:11	12:40	12:25
Wednesday	August 26	7:27	7:46	1:16	1:08
Thursday	August 27	8:04	8:20	1:51	1:51
Friday	August 28	8:41	8:57	2:23	2:32
Saturday	August 29	9:19	9:36	2:55	3:13
Sunday	August 30	9:59	10:18	3:26	3:53
Phases of the Moon		First Quarter	August 20th	Full Moon	August 28th
		Last Quarter	September 4th	New Moon	September 11th



I Found the Aardvark!

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

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

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

In the August 6, 2026 edition the Aardvark was on page 24

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3. Scenic; 4. Trail

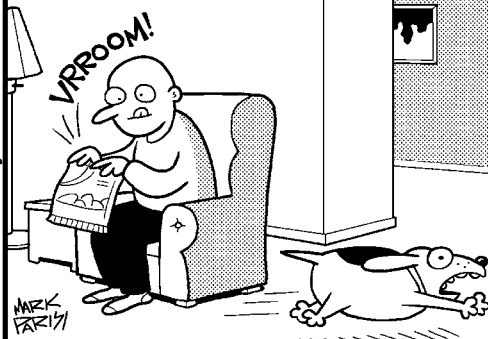
Today's Word

CHEATING

Sudoku Answer

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