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From Flamenco to Calypso at Wharf Island

By Jeanne Hopkins

As musicians settled into their chairs at the Robert O. Broomhead Bandstand, concertgoers set up lawn chairs across the grass at Island Wharf in Marion. Within minutes, conductor Tobias Monte had turned the informal Friday evening gathering into a musical trip through Latin America and beyond.

The Marion Concert Band presented "A Latin American Festival" on August 14, exploring music and rhythms from Mexico, Spain, Brazil and the Caribbean, along with American music influenced by Latin traditions.

But Monte did more than conduct.

Between selections, he talked about the history and origins of the music, introducing the audience to styles including bossa nova, calypso, beguine and flamenco.

Monte has directed the Marion Concert Band since 1985, and his years as a music educator were evident as he explained the music without making the evening feel like a lesson.

One of the selections, Robert Sheldon's "Iberian Escapades," offered an opportunity to talk about Spain's musical traditions, including flamenco. The concert began with a march before moving through the different rhythms and styles represented throughout the evening.

The variety on the program was matched by the musicians on the bandstand.

Players of different generations filled the ensemble, with some still arriving and taking their seats just minutes before the 7:00 pm start. Once Monte raised his baton, they came together as a polished concert band.

The accomplished musicianship contrasted with the easygoing setting. Monte conducted in shorts and sneakers while an audience made up largely of older residents watched from folding chairs spread across the lawn.

On the Cover: A mother and daughter in matching dresses take in the music of the Marion Concert Band, who performed a riveting assortment of songs influenced by Latin traditions at the Island Wharf on Friday, August 14. Photo by Jeanne Hopkins.

And the evening's theme extended beyond the music.

Six bright pink flamingos were tucked into the landscaping surrounding the bandstand, decorations Monte made sure to point out to the audience.

As evening settled over Island Wharf and the bandstand lights came on, Monte continued to provide bits of musical history and context between selections before turning back to the musicians for the next piece.

The result was part concert and part musical tour, delivered in the relaxed atmosphere of a summer Friday night in Marion.

The August 14 performance was the seventh concert in the Marion Concert Band's nine-week 2026 summer season.

The band returns to the Broomhead Bandstand Friday, August 21, for "From Jazz to Rock: America's Popular Music." The season concludes August 28 with "A Boston Pops Season Finale."

Concerts begin at 7:00 pm and are free and open to the public.

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Celebrating Plumb Library with Bubbles

By Zakary Sarkarati

Over a dozen children came to Joseph H. Plumb Library's lawn with their families on Tuesday, August 18, for a celebration of the library's 50th anniversary filled with bubbles and music. According to Fuchsia Haskell, the youth services librarian, the bubble celebration was the culmination of the library's summer programming for children.

Many of the children at the event had been coming to the library every week over the summer, whether it was for the summer reading challenge, story times, or the weekly scavenger hunt.

Eleanor Nadeau, one of the children at the bubble-blowing and involved with library activities this summer, said playing with bubbles and going to the library was "so much fun" and that she loves taking out books to read.

Meg Taylor Fitzgerald, one of the mothers at the celebration, said that the library's summer program had helped connect the community.



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"Kids always love it, and they've made so many friendships, and parents have made friendships by coming to library events, and all the librarians get to know the kids," Fitzgerald said.

Bubbles at the event were blown by Mr. Vinny the Bubble Guy, co-founder of The Toe Jam Puppet Band, using a three-foot bubble wand he designed and constructed himself. During his hour at the library, children chased and popped giant bubbles as he joked and told stories about bubbles.

The library's 50th anniversary celebration will continue Saturday, August 22, with a plaque dedication ceremony at the Joseph H. Plumb Library presented by the Rochester Historic Commission.

Is the New Cholesterol Pill for Me?

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

On July 16, the FDA approved enlicitide (brand name Lipfendra) to lower LDL cholesterol in people with high cholesterol. For people with very high cholesterol, this is a big deal.

We have known since the late 1950's that elevated cholesterol was associated with an increased risk of heart attack, but the drugs then available to lower cholesterol were not very effective and had very annoying side-effects.

The first statin, lovastatin, was approved by the FDA in 1987 and it was a real "game changer." There was finally a class of medicines that were well-tolerated by most people and very effective at lowering cholesterol. In 2026, seven statins are commercially available, most now available generically and thus reasonably priced. The evidence that these drugs not only reduce cholesterol but also reduce heart attack risk is overwhelming.

A minority of patients at risk from high cholesterol cannot take statins, usually because of an allergy that leads to liver damage. Some people take them safely but do not get adequate cholesterol lowering, even at high doses. The non-statin cholesterol-lowering drugs (ezetimibe, bempedoic acid) are not nearly as effective as statins and are usually added to a statin rather than used

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A true breakthrough was the development of what are called PCSK9 inhibitors, a totally new class of drugs that are very powerful at lowering cholesterol and which have now also been shown to reduce heart attack risk. These can be safely used in people who cannot take statins, though they are most often used as add-ons to statins in patients who have not reached desired cholesterol levels on the statin.

The two big downsides to PCSK9 inhibitors are that they are VERY expensive (list price around \$6000/year) and that they must be given by injection.

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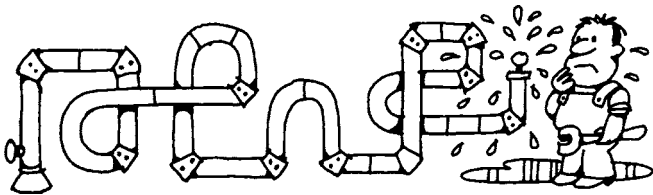


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Edward Hoffer MD is Associate Professor of Medicine, part-time, at Harvard.

Summer Break: A Gardener Gets Away

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

I've been following my own advice from the last column, and I have to tell you — it's made all the difference.

I will admit freely that I am a list person. I chart my course for garden and house tasks, perhaps a trickle-down from my father, who writes out everything he intends to accomplish. My daughter similarly creates detailed itineraries, and this has proved an asset. I guess we are a family of step-by-step people.

Lately, though, I've broken away from that habit and plunged in spontaneously. With my school vacation ending soon, it makes sense to grab some fun before the gloriously repetitious days begin again.

Looking over what I've done during the latter part of summer, you'll see that I don't stray too far from my center: gardening. A getaway affords a break, but it also brings new frontiers into view. A case in point is something so ridiculously obvious that I'm almost ashamed to admit I don't partake of it often enough: the seashore.

While I do row a gig with six others most weekends, that is more muscle than relaxation and contemplation. I'm happy to say I've amended my routine to make room for more immersion and fun.

Last week I fit in three activities — golf, biking and sailing — along with an excursion to Martha's Vineyard, all in an effort to balance out the all-consuming routine of yardwork and day-to-day life. With various buddies, I found each invigorating, fun and mind-expanding. Heeling a sailboat. Rising before dawn for a 25-mile bike ride. Getting back into the swing of golf. My dexterity and agility were tested!

My bike buddies, Ray and Donny, are like a comedy duo, and that makes getting up at 4:45 am worth it. Having the roads to ourselves as we pedal through Rochester and Middleboro, past cranberry bogs and old-growth forests, feels like traveling back in time —

although the roads are mercifully smooth. The views alone are enough to sustain the vigor with which we travel.

The sail — and then the swim — allowed me to slow down and take notice of the actual seashore. And there they were: the plants of the seashore, doing what they have always done, only without me paying much attention.

Amid the intense heat, I began to notice them. Most striking was sea lavender set against marsh grass, a combination that amplifies the pale purple flowers. Nature figured out that combo!

Along the high-tide mark stood groundsel bush, also known as sea myrtle, a salt-tolerant shrub native to the coast. Its late-season nectar supports bees, butterflies and other pollinators, while its dense branches provide nesting cover for birds. In fall, it produces showy, cottony white seed plumes.

These were surrounded by a retinue of marsh elder and, farther along the path, Queen Anne's lace — so understated it could easily go unnoticed. Along the golf

course, more salt-tolerant plants rimmed the edges of the greens, along with pokeweed and reeds topped with their feathery plumes — phragmites.

This is where the gardener in me, apparently, refuses to take a vacation.

I started looking at the shoreline not simply as a beautiful place to be, but as a landscape. Nothing seemed to be asking for attention. Nothing needed staking, deadheading, watering or rescuing. These plants simply existed where they belonged, making the most of an environment that is hardly what we would call easy. Salt. Wind. Heat. Shifting water. Poor soil. And still they grow. There was something about this that caught my attention. Perhaps because I spend so much of my time trying to help plants along in my own garden, I was struck by the wisdom of a landscape that has figured out how to take

care of itself. The shore was not manicured. It was not arranged according to my ideas of what should go where. It was simply there — and beautiful.

I found myself looking at these plants the way I look at those in my own garden: with curiosity and



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admiration. Of course, I used Google Lens to identify some of them, including a cudweed species commonly known as rabbit tobacco. Because apparently even on vacation, I need to know the names of my plants.

What survives here has earned its place. There is no pampering, no amended soil, no careful watering schedule. These plants know their conditions and have figured out how to live beautifully within them.

We gardeners spend an enormous amount of time deciding what belongs where. We amend soil, move plants, water, fertilize, prune and fuss. We make lists. We make plans. We have visions.

But perhaps sometimes the landscape already knows something we have forgotten to notice. That thought stayed with me as I swam.

And perhaps that is one of the gifts of getting away: seeing the familiar with fresh eyes. I may leave my own garden behind, but I don't really leave gardening behind. It has become a way of seeing.

The beauty of a break, then, is not necessarily escaping who we are. Sometimes it is simply giving ourselves enough distance to see familiar things — and ourselves — a little differently.

So, with summer vacation drawing to a close, I'm grateful for the spontaneous detours: the bike rides before dawn, the golf links, the sail, the swim and the chance to notice a landscape I too often overlook.

You can take the gardener out of the garden, after all. But you can't quite take the garden out of the gardener.

"Those who dwell among the beauties and mysteries of the earth are never alone or weary of life. Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts. The more clearly we can focus our attention on the wonders and realities of the universe, the less taste we shall have for destruction." — Rachel Carson

Sea Chanteys Fill Mattapoisett Museum By Jeanne Hopkins

There was barely room for another sailor at the Mattapoisett Museum on Saturday afternoon.

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museum on August 15 for an afternoon of maritime music, history and humor with the New Bedford Harbor Sea Chantey Chorus.

Led by director Tom Goux, 15 members of the 24-voice chorus took the audience on a musical voyage from Boston to the Caribbean and Jamaica, across the Atlantic to England, and eventually back to New England.

With the country marking its 250th anniversary, Goux used the music to trace some of the history and traditions that crossed the Atlantic and helped shape America.

Many of the singers performed from memory, accompanied by an upright bass, fiddle, two guitars and accordion.

The musical journey included "Good Morning Ladies All" before heading south to the Caribbean and Jamaica. From there, the chorus crossed the Atlantic to England, where Union Jack flags appeared along with English eating and drinking songs.

Then came "Cape Cod Girls," whose verses poke fun at Cape Cod towns and their inhabitants, bringing plenty of laughter from the audience.

The performance also demonstrated the communal nature of maritime music. During one song, all 15 voices came together with the refrain, "The devil takes your soul."

Audience members joined in throughout the afternoon, but they needed little encouragement when the

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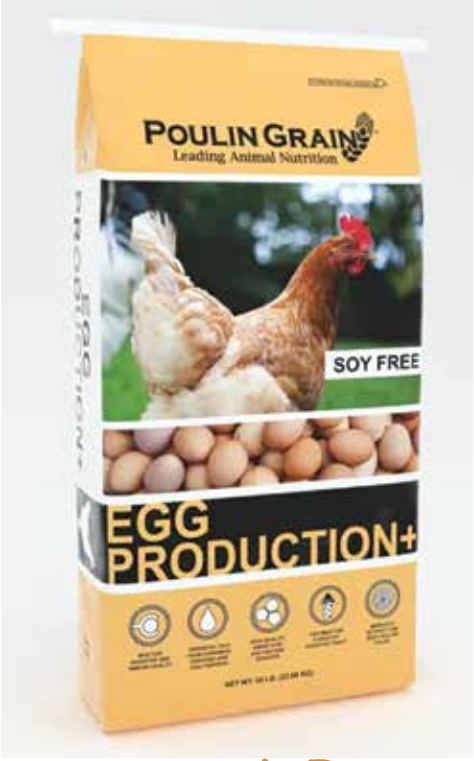
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chorus began "Sloop John B." The familiar song quickly became a singalong, with voices from throughout the packed museum joining the chorus.

Back in the United States, Goux turned to the events leading to the American Revolution.

Goux told the audience about Rhode Island sea captain Abraham Whipple and his role in the 1772 attack on the British customs schooner *HMS Gaspee*, an act of colonial resistance that came nearly three years before the battles at Lexington and Concord.

The *Gaspee* had run aground in Narragansett Bay while pursuing another vessel. A group of Rhode Islanders organized by merchant John Brown set out in longboats, with Whipple placed in charge of the



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operation. The men boarded the British vessel and later burned it.

The incident helped intensify resistance to British authority in the years leading to the Revolution.

The chorus then brought the afternoon closer to home, singing a chantey crafted in honor of New Bedford's whaling history and the Schooner *Ernestina-Morrissey*.

The New Bedford Harbor Sea Chantey Chorus is a volunteer musical group associated with the historic schooner. Its repertoire draws from the work songs, ballads and maritime music of sailors and fisherfolk from North America, the Cape Verde Islands and the British Isles.

But the final song of the afternoon carried a more personal meaning.

For an encore, Goux told the audience that the chorus would sing "Rolling Home" in memory of a longtime member of the group who had died just a few weeks earlier.

After an afternoon filled with humor, history and audience singalongs, the mood in the crowded museum shifted as the chorus honored one of its own.

They ended, fittingly, with "Rolling Home."

Preparing the Evacuation

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, preparations continued as



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the inevitable British attack on New York drew near. The newly declared United States of America has taken action against Loyalists, as fear of sabotage soars high, especially in the merchant stronghold of New York.

News of the Declaration finally arrives in London, being published in local papers and disseminated across the Old World. Finally, Americans, no longer bound by British laws keeping settlers to the East of the Appalachians, begin to move into Cherokee lands.

On August 16, 1776, George Washington writes to Representative of the Continental Congress Elbridge Gerry of Marblehead, Massachusetts, saying, "The enemy have given us much time to collect our strength, and erect the necessary works of defense — the militia from Connecticut are coming in fast," signaling hope in the city's defense. However, he adds, "the enemy will outnumber us."

He finishes, "Our troops are very sickly, but those which are in health are in high spirits." Gerry is a delegate in Congress and traveled alongside fellow delegate Samuel Adams to New York a few weeks earlier to inspect conditions.

That same day, Americans launch rafts set alight towards the HMS *Phoenix* anchored in the Hudson River. The flaming barges miss their targets, but the British ships move back down the river.

On August 17, Washington releases the Proclamation for the Evacuation of New York, where

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he sets forth the plan to avoid civilian casualties in the upcoming battle.

It reads: "Whereas a bombardment and attack upon the City of New York, by our cruel, and inveterate enemy, may be hourly expected: and as there are great numbers of women, children and infirm persons, yet remaining in the city, whose continuance will rather be prejudicial than advantageous to the army, and their persons exposed to great danger and hazard: I do therefore recommend it to all such persons, as they value their own safety and preservation, to remove with all expedition, out of the said town, at this critical period."

Also on that Saturday, Washington writes to the New York Convention governing body, noting more



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worry over the upcoming "bloody conflict." He worries the remaining civilians, and their inevitable hardship in the assault, will affect his low-disciplined army.

He says, "When the Men of War passed up the river the shrieks and cries of these poor creatures running every way with their children was truly distressing and I fear will have an unhappy effect on the ears and minds of our young and inexperienced soldiery."

The next day, the HMS *Phoenix* brings its revenge, pushing north up the Hudson with the HMS *Rose* as the sound of cannon fire echoes across the river as the two ships rejoin Admiral Richard Howe's main fleet.

On August 20, the diseases sweeping through the Continental Army put General Nathanael Greene on bed rest. Greene is in command of the troops on Long Island, and his incapacitation requires General John Sullivan to replace him.

Also on that day, the Continental Congress debates proposals for the national seal. Of the finalists, Benjamin Franklin proposes "Moses standing on the shore, and extending his hand over the sea." Thomas Jefferson proposes, "Pharaoh sitting in an open chariot, a crown on his head and a sword in his hand passing through the divided waters of the Red Sea in pursuit of the Israelites." And Pierre Eugene du Simitiere proposes, "a rose — for England, a thistle for Scotland; a harp for Ireland, a flower de luce or for France, the Imperial Eagle Sable for Germany, and the Belgic Lyon Gules, for Holland. (These being the six principal nations of Europe from whom the Americans have originated)." Years of debate remain, as the symbol of the bald eagle has not yet taken hold.

As tensions across the new United States flare hotter, less than a week remains before the battle begins.

Rochester Considers \$1.3M Conservation Purchase

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Select Board is being asked to consider purchasing 29 acres on Snops Pond Road at Snipatuit Pond for \$1.3 million to preserve as conservation land.

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The discussion began when Town Administrator Cameron Durant announced at the board's regular meeting Monday that the regional YMCA, which bought the property from the Fairhaven Unitarian Church, is looking to sell it. The church had used the land for a boys' camp, he said. He proposed that there is some merit in the town considering purchasing the parcel.

"Ultimately, it would be a decision for the Town Meeting," Durant said. "I believe it has conservation value and natural resources value."

He asked the board if the idea was worth working through with the Town Attorney and with regional partners. Board members committed only to exploring the question, especially after learning of the \$1.3 million price tag.

Russ Keeler of the Rochester Land Trust elaborated on the property's history. He said the church acquired the land in 1966 with a \$50,000 deed that included restrictions on how the site could be used. These limits include that only six acres of it can be developed. The intention was to restrict it to being developed as a youth camp, Keeler said. But that's not stated explicitly, he said, and a deed restriction expires in 30 years, in this case in 2035.

Keeler said the church held some small camps there at first, but that plan petered out, and the YMCA got cold feet about doing the same. In summary, he said, it would be great for the town to conserve this property.

"But not for \$1.3 million," he said. "That's asking too much."

The Select Board's cool reception to the idea signaled they agreed with Keeler.

"We will proceed with investigating," Brad Morse said. "We won't vote on anything tonight."

The meeting began by approving three new

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Eversource utility poles at the end of Featherbed Lane, pending approval of their location by Highway Surveyor Jeff Eldridge.

Eversource representative Julie Longa, attending the meeting via Zoom, explained these are needed to power the new solar farm on that street.

Before the positive vote, Thomas Barlow of 188 Featherbed Lane pushed back on Eversource's plans for his street. He complained that an Eversource pole was recently placed so close to his driveway that he can't fit his big trailer onto his yard.

He was told Eversource officials would visit him first before placing another pole. But two years later, it appeared without advance notice. Longa responded that

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she would pay the site a visit as early as the following day to work out a solution.

In other action, the Select Board agreed to close Town Hall on Monday, September 4, at 11:00 am to accommodate the Employee Luncheon planned for that date.

The board approved a citation honoring the Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library for its 50th anniversary. Durant noted that the library will host a celebration of this milestone on Saturday, August 22.

The Rochester Select Board did not set its next meeting before adjourning.

Rebalancing and Reorganizing

Rochester Finance Committee

By Zakary Sarkarati

The Rochester Finance Committee met on Monday at 7:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall. All board members were present, except for David Arancio.

The meeting began with the committee unanimously approving the transfer of \$360,392 from



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the town's reserve fund to last year's snow and ice removal budget, which had gone over budget following the blizzard in February. Town Administrator Cameron Durant thanked Deputy Fire Chief Jeffrey Eldridge, who plowed for three days straight with few breaks, causing the budget to be significantly lower because he received a standard salary instead of an hourly rate.

Following this vote, the committee unanimously approved the transfer of \$109,392 into 19 accounts that had also gone over budget in the 2026 fiscal year. The largest were \$56,599 in police overtime salaries, \$19,050 in EMT salaries, \$8,450 in information systems, and \$5,920 in town building expenses. Money for the transfer came from eight accounts that were assessed for a year-end transfer to be possible.

The committee decided that future meetings would be filmed and broadcast by ORCTV after the town administrator raised the idea. Vice Chair Tony Ruocco said that filming meetings would deliver a valuable opportunity to educate residents on the town's financial planning process. Meetings are expected to begin filming at the end of the fall, as members plan for the 2028 fiscal year.

Committee members also discussed one of the highest costs for the town, the school budget. When considering budget possibilities, the town administrator said that in future fiscal years, Rochester may opt out of funding the Old Rochester Capital Fund, which costs an estimated \$35,000 annually. The school district will receive \$10,000 for each student from Acushnet beginning this school year under their new agreement with the town.

The meeting ended with Chair Jim Austin announcing his plan to resign from the committee after two decades. This led to his recommendation for, and the unanimous appointment of, Peter Armanetti as the committee's new chair. He has served on the committee since 2009.

Coffee Shop Plans Pass Hurdle

Marion Planning Board

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Planning Board met Monday night

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in the Police Department and via Zoom, where it held continued public hearings on two notable developments in town: the Sippican Holdings, LLC apartment complex and the expanded Uncle Jon's Coffee site on Route 6.

After the board approved minutes from its August 3 meeting, Chair Sean Sweeney announced that the Continued Public Meeting for Sippican Holdings, LLC of 14 Barnabas Road would be continued again, per request from the applicants. The developer said they were awaiting information from the engineers.

Next, the Continued Public Meeting for a Site Plan Application by Uncle Jon's Coffee of 413 Wareham Road began. Representatives from the coffee shop's construction team — owner Jonathan Pope and architect Will Saltonstall — said they had provided notes and updates based on comments received at prior meetings, and that talks had begun between the board and the team about parking.

It was mentioned that the width of the parking lot entrance was less than the required 24 feet and would thus require a waiver. After a brief discussion on parking, Chair Sweeney moved on to reviewing the site and its transition to a commercial site from one previously occupied by a gas station. They quickly moved past that to drainage, and it was stated that previous comments had been addressed suitably.

It was mentioned that the board was unable to verify certain measurements provided in the engineers' study. However, the Planning Board said they were satisfied with the work done to meet the board's original 16 conditions.

"I'm in agreement with the 16 conditions. Everything looks good," said board member Andrew Daniel.

The hearing was closed with a unanimous vote. The board then went through the plan section by section and approved the conditions.

A Pre-Site Construction Inspection would be required at 413 Wareham Road, which the town Building Commissioner will conduct with the Planning Board present and an open invitation to other town bodies.

Next, the board moved to Correspondence and

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voted to offer No Comment to the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding a Special Permit for 10 Doran Way.

They then discussed future meeting locations, now that Town House renovations are complete. Will they maintain the meeting location in the Police Department, or move back to the renovated space?

Town Planner Doug Guey-Lee noted the importance of remote access to meetings, especially for consultants across the state so that they can participate rather than commute long distances.

"If we were to leave the Police Station, I would definitely miss the squeaky chairs," Daniel joked.

He also mentioned it would be advantageous to use the newly renovated space and added, "Why not add

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remote access there?"

Randy Parker, a member of the Select Board, said they would like to stay in person for their meetings, advocated for the same, but insisted that regardless of whether meetings are remote or in person, they should be held in the same space in the Town House.

A motion was made to maintain meetings at the Police Station until the necessary equipment can be implemented in the Town House for remote access, at which point the Planning Board will move its hybrid meetings there. They voted unanimously in approval.

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8 (due to Labor Day).



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Affordability Questions Dominate Cottage Community Hearing

Mattapoisett Planning Board

By Jeanne Hopkins

A proposed zoning bylaw intended to encourage smaller homes along the Route 6 corridor drew more than 30 residents to the Planning Board Monday night. Much of the discussion centered on a question that has become increasingly important in town: Will smaller, less expensive homes do enough to address Mattapoisett's affordable housing shortage?

The proposed Cottage Community Development Bylaw would allow clusters of four to 10 homes around common open space on qualifying properties fronting Route 6 from the Fairhaven town line to the Marion town line.

Homes would be limited to 1,500 square feet and 25 feet in height, with one dwelling allowed for every 4,000 square feet of land. The developments would share common open space and generally use a common driveway, with parking located behind the homes.

The intent, Planning Board members explained, is to create another housing option for younger residents, first-time buyers and older homeowners looking to downsize while reducing the land and infrastructure required for development.

But the homes would not be affordable housing as defined by the state, and the bylaw does not require



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developers to include affordable units.

That distinction dominated much of the hearing.

Board members said the intent was to create homes that could sell for less than much of Mattapoisett's existing housing stock. One member suggested homes selling for approximately \$450,000 to \$550,000 could provide an alternative for first-time buyers and downsizers.

"If we can afford to create \$500,000 homes or \$450,000 to \$550,000 homes that first-time owners and downsizers can achieve and move into, we're doing something positive for the community," the member said.

Residents, however, questioned whether a smaller home would necessarily result in an affordable sales price.

Elizabeth DiCarlo of Prospect Road said the issue needs to be considered more broadly.

"My concern is that the affordability issue is something we need to look at in a broader way," DiCarlo said.

She said median income should be part of determining what affordability means in Mattapoisett and called for a broader discussion about the kind of community residents want Mattapoisett to remain.

"Not having affordable housing is limiting people who grew up here, who want to stay here, or who want to move back here," DiCarlo said.

Mattapoisett currently has approximately 2.4% of its housing counted toward the state's Subsidized Housing Inventory, well below the 10% threshold established under Chapter 40B. The issue was raised repeatedly by residents during the hearing.

Colin Labrie of Hollywoods Road described what rising housing costs look like from the perspective of a parent raising three young children in town.

Labrie noted that his child's fourth-grade class has three sections, while the incoming first grade has been reduced to two.

With average home prices continuing to climb, Labrie said, "We're almost looking at an end to a way of life."

He said he worries about whether his children will have other children to trick-or-treat with, friends in



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school and enough children to participate in local sports.

"Anything that could help that situation would be much appreciated and supported by the younger families in town," Labrie said.

He also acknowledged that younger families are often missing from town meetings and hearings because both parents may be working and meetings compete with dinner and children's schedules. Labrie said he plans to encourage more families to become involved.

The Planning Board pushed back on the idea of requiring affordable units within cottage developments, arguing that such a requirement could make projects of only four to 10 homes financially unattractive to developers.



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One Board member said affordable housing requirements may be better suited to larger developments, where setting aside a percentage of units would be more feasible.

Other residents remained concerned that without an affordability requirement, nothing would prevent a developer from charging market prices even for smaller houses.

The discussion underscored the limits of the cottage proposal as a solution to the town's larger housing problem.

Although the proposed district would extend along the Route 6 corridor from the Fairhaven line to the Marion line, those at the hearing acknowledged that relatively few available properties along that stretch could be developed into cottage communities.

The bylaw would therefore create another type of housing in Mattapoissett but would not, by itself, substantially increase the town's inventory of state-defined affordable housing.

The proposal calls for at least 400 square feet of common open space per dwelling, with at least 75 percent of the homes adjoining that space. Each dwelling would also have at least 200 square feet of private outdoor space.

Architectural variation and landscaping would be required, with existing vegetation preserved where possible. Shared amenities could include playgrounds, community buildings or other gathering areas.



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Residents also raised questions about sewer capacity, FEMA flood requirements, wildlife habitat, frontage requirements, short-term rentals and how the boundaries of the proposed cottage district would be defined.

The hearing also uncovered a procedural issue that will require the proposal to take another trip through the approval process.

After consulting with town counsel, the Board said the proposed zoning amendment must first be submitted to the Select Board, which would then refer it back to the Planning Board. Another public hearing would then be held before the proposal could move forward to Town Meeting.

The Planning Board did not vote to approve the bylaw Monday night.

Earlier in the meeting, the Board reviewed the Park Lane Extension development, where the roadway has been renamed Boardwalk Drive with Select Board approval.

The Board discussed outstanding peer-review and as-built documentation and voted to release one portion of the project's surety while retaining \$18,500 until the remaining review is completed.

Board Approves Slate of Requests

Rochester Planning Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Planning Board began its meeting on Tuesday, August 18, by issuing a Certificate of Completion for the final construction of the new "Briggs Hobby Barn," 618 New Bedford Road.

Built by Mark Briggs of Marion within the town historic district to store and repair collectible automobiles, trucks and other motor vehicles, the Hobby Barn plan attracted months of debate at Select Board, Planning Board and Zoning of Appeals meetings last year because of its massive two-building design. Board chair Arnold Johnson said Tuesday that his site visit to the address on that date showed him that everything is ready for the operation to open.

Next, the board signaled its approval of a Special Permit for a back lot subdivision at 83 Hiller Road that adds one new residential lot to an existing home lot. Property owner Michael Fitzgerald explained this would be a lot with frontage on Winters Way and would require a common driveway. The land's 15 acres would fit this new home, but the original plans were not properly recorded with the county. The board said it would draft a positive decision, but that Fitzgerald must record a maintenance easement for the new lot and the driveway. Fitzgerald agreed to do so.

The board also approved the requested modification of the special permit and Site Plan Review application for Dexter Lane Solar 1, 53 Dexter Lane. That change is to remove the project's proposed floating

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panels, associated fencing and battery energy storage system and reduce three of the bonds accordingly.

The board also officially approved the site plan review permit for High Street Solar, Site A. Site A of the 20-acre project is the southerly portion of the property close to High Street itself. The board had agreed to draft a permit decision in July.

In other action, the board continued to September 8 its hearing on a request to modify the Site Plan Review application for its senior living apartment building proposed for Rochester Crossing, 22 Cranberry Highway, upon the applicants' request.

The board also continued to September 8 two site plan review hearings for Walnut Plain Road Solar, Walnut Plain Road, and High Street Solar, Sites B, at 0 High Street, also upon the applicants' request.

The board continued until October 13 its hearing on a request to modify the definitive subdivision plan for property at Gerrish Road and Bishop Road, the previously approved "Snipatuit Pond Estates."

The Rochester Planning Board's next scheduled



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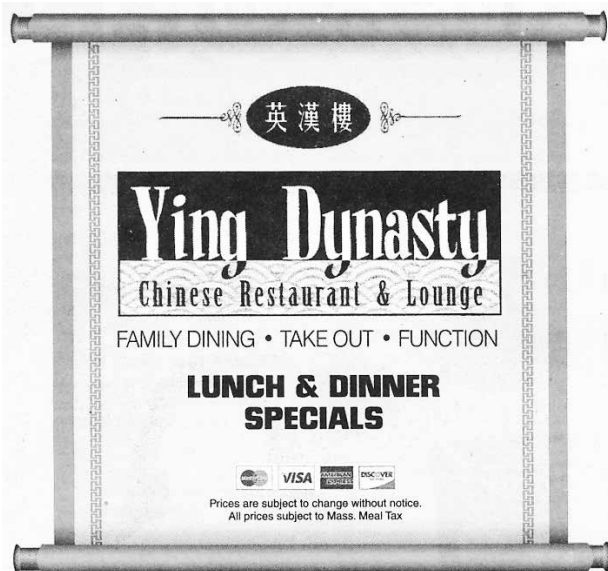
meeting will be Tuesday, September 8, at 7:00 pm at the town office building, 1 Constitution Way.

Commission Reviews Wetlands-Related Requests

Marion Conservation Commission
By Zakary Sarkarati

The Marion Conservation Commission met on Wednesday, August 12, at 7:00 pm for five hearings with local business owners and private citizens seeking to modify properties near wetlands.

The majority of the hearings related to Requests for Determinations of Applicability (RDA), which find



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whether a site near a wetland is subject to regulation under the State's Wetlands Protection Act and, by extension, the conservation commission's jurisdiction. When developments under said jurisdiction would alter a protected resource area, the applicant must submit a Notice of Intent before proceeding.

In preparation for Uncle Jon's Coffee relocation to 413 Wareham Street — the former Cumberland Farms — an RDA was sent for the "addition to the commercial building, reconfiguring of the paved parking lot, and installation of a rain garden partially within the 100-foot buffer zone."

It was agreed that, because the wetlands were on the opposite side of a paved road, it would likely not be impacted by the property developments. The motion to progress without committee guidance passed unanimously.

The Marion Harbor East Trust, owners of the Marion Golf Club, submitted an RDA for confirmation that an "Isolated Vegetated Wetland area" of approximately 3,700 feet on the golf club's property was not under the jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act or the Conservation Commission. Following a site visit by the committee on Saturday, August 8, it was unanimously agreed that the site was not protected.

Creative Property Associates Realty submitted an RDA at 160 Allens Point Road for a new patio and expanded porch, which passed nearly unanimously. A

Notice of Intent was also submitted by Jack and Jill Realty Trust at 14 West Drive for a lawn erosion mitigation plan, which passed unanimously. The commission also confirmed the quality of the residence at 57 Dexter Road with one nay from committee member Alex Maxwell.

A request for approval from Christina Galarza for "Localized land maintenance and safety manicuring" to make room for a mental health retreat with temporary tents on her property at 0 Hastings Road was tabled for Wednesday, August 26, due to insufficient information on the application.

Mattapoissett Key to Expansion of Flood Monitoring System

Massachusetts is taking a big leap forward in its ability to monitor coastal conditions and flooding through a major expansion of a network of overland flood sensors and offshore wave buoys operated by the Stone Living Lab at UMass Boston, including a new ocean monitoring buoy installed in Buzzards Bay off the Mattapoissett coast.

The Stone Living Lab — a research partnership led by UMass Boston and Boston Harbor Now, along with city, state and federal partners — is completing the installation of 10 new overland flood sensors and two offshore buoys measuring wave conditions at locations from Cape Ann and Boston to Buzzards Bay and the Cape and Islands.

The new instruments more than double the reach of the Real-Time Monitoring Network being developed by the Lab, filling in major gaps in ocean and flood monitoring. The expanded monitoring will provide local leaders, climate scientists and residents with publicly accessible real-time and localized data on where residents may face damaging floodwaters at high tides and during coastal storms.

"The Stone Living Lab has been committed to transformative research and outreach that can help make vulnerable coastal regions adaptive to climate change and enhance natural environments. The expanded Real-Time Monitoring Network marks a leap forward in fulfilling that mission, especially with the intuitive, easy-to-navigate dashboard that makes all this data readily



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accessible and visually understandable for all kinds of stakeholders,” said Dr. Katie Dafforn, director of the Stone Living Lab and distinguished professor of coastal resilience at UMass Boston.

The 10 new Hohonu overland flood sensors are being deployed in: Fall River, Salem, Essex (which has two sensors), Thompson Island (proposed to be named Cathleen Stone Island) in Boston Harbor, Marshfield, Wareham, Falmouth, Oak Bluffs, and one other location to be finalized north of Boston. The second sensor in Essex is a “mobile sensor” that will be installed in a new location every four to six months. The two new wave buoys, deployed near Ipswich in Ipswich Bay and near Mattapoisett in Buzzards Bay, provide 24/7 monitoring of wave height, frequency, and direction, useful for both long-term modeling and early warnings of possible coastal flooding.

With the new installations, the Real-Time Monitoring Network now includes overland flood sensors, wave buoys, tide gauges, and weather stations at 22 locations throughout Boston and Eastern Massachusetts. The network of sensors complements other sensors in Massachusetts and helps form a robust coast-wide flood monitoring system, as part of the Commonwealth’s ResilientCoasts initiative.

“The expansion of the Stone Living Lab’s Real-Time Monitoring Network provides more opportunities to understand where coastal flooding is happening and

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worsening, so that we can continue to collaboratively plan for and adapt to a changing climate," said Joe Christo, chief resilience officer at the Stone Living Lab and Boston Harbor Now. "Projects like this do not happen without close partnerships, and we are so thankful to have many great partners throughout Massachusetts and beyond that we collaborate with on this work."

The network will produce more frequent data points that will help inform and improve models predicting the coastal flooding risks the state faces from rising sea levels, storm surges, and other effects of climate change. Data collected by the network are publicly available on new dashboards at www.stonelivinglab.org/dashboards.

"Our goal with the dashboards is to translate that real-time data from the network into information that is not only accessible to the public, but easy to understand. We hope that displaying this data in a digestible way will allow community members and municipal planners to be more informed and prepared during flooding events," said Katie Zarada, data scientist at the Stone Living Lab.

"In many cases, flood data are only collected during the largest storms and at limited locations. The Real-Time Monitoring Network being established by the Stone Living Lab provides expanded spatial observations and captures more frequent flooding occurring during smaller storm events and high tides," said Kirk Bosma, senior coastal engineer and vice president at Woods Hole Group, and engineering director at the Stone Living Lab. "These data not only provide useful real-time flood information to manage instantaneous flood risk but also provide much-needed data that can be used to create accurate predictive models giving flood warnings seven to 10 days in advance."

"The Healey Administration was pleased to contribute \$200,000 to support this important expansion of the network to monitor flooding and coastal conditions," said Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Rebecca Tepper. "The data the network provides is critical to enhancing our resilience to storms and flooding that are made worse by climate change."

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at Woods Hole Group and Hohonu have coordinated closely on the project with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and Office of Coastal Zone Management, the City of Boston, and multiple coastal municipalities. Funding for this project has been provided by the James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Foundation and 11th Hour Racing, and funding for the expansion of the project has been provided by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and Office of Coastal Zone Management.

Letters to the Editor

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To The Editor:

RE: The Right to Vote Under Threat: Defending Access to Mail Voting

The League of Women Voters issued the following statement in response to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit's decision concerning President Trump's executive order on mail voting.

The court's ruling does not diminish what remains fundamentally at stake: the freedom to vote is a cornerstone of American democracy. Yet, only months before the 2026 midterm elections, voters are once again being compelled to navigate uncertainty and rules governing ballot access. Such instability is not merely frustrating; it risks undermining voter participation and public confidence in the electoral process.

The Constitution establishes that states bear primary responsibility for administering elections. Accordingly, voters are entitled to election laws and



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What is a Community Liaison? A Community Liaison is someone who is passionate about connecting with neighbors and making Mattapoisett a better place for all community members to thrive. Community Liaisons have strong relational connections with community members and will help the Town engage with and learn from residents, especially those who experience higher social and environmental burdens, to plan for a more resilient future.

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procedures that are clear, consistent, transparent and designed to facilitate participation, not policies that generate confusion or impose unnecessary barriers to voting. It is deeply troubling that eligible Americans must remain vigilant against efforts originating at the highest levels of government that could restrict or complicate their ability to exercise a fundamental constitutional right.

Mail voting is a secure, reliable and widely trusted means of participating in our democracy. Millions of Americans, including older adults, military families, rural residents, people with disabilities, caregivers and working people, depend on the accessibility and

flexibility mail voting provides. Efforts to restrict access to mail ballots therefore have consequences that extend well beyond administrative procedure: they risk disenfranchising eligible voters and eroding public confidence in the integrity and accessibility of our elections.

The executive order threatens to introduce further uncertainty and apprehension into an already consequential electoral process. By creating ambiguity about how and whether voters may cast their ballots by mail, it risks deterring eligible citizens from participating altogether. When government action creates voter uncertainty about whether they can exercise their fundamental right to vote, democracy itself is weakened.

The League of Women Voters remains deeply concerned about the executive order and its implications for voter access. As the 2026 midterm elections approach, Americans must recognize the power of their participation and ensure that confusion, intimidation or unnecessary administrative barriers do not silence their voices.

The League will continue to challenge policies that threaten free, fair, accessible and inclusive elections. We remain committed to protecting every eligible voter's ability to participate fully in our democracy.

Democracy is strongest when every eligible

TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Aug 9 – Aug 15

- Mill St – MV stop/citation
- Barnabas Rd – Officer wanted
- Ryders Ln – General service
- 195 Est – Brush fire
- Shady Ln – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Suspicious activity
- Delano Rd – MV collision
- Park St – Officer wanted
- Blueberry Way – EMS/medical
- Mill St – MV collision
- Park St – Suspicious person
- Wareham Rd – Lost property
- Front St – Parking enforcement
- Allen St – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Animal complaint
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- South St – Follow up investigation
- Front St – Larceny/past
- Arrowhead Ln – Officer wanted
- Holmes St – Lost property
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Point Rd – Officer wanted
- Holly Ln – General service
- School St – Transport
- Wareham Rd – General offense
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Holly Rd – General service
- Sparrow Ln – Animal control
- Cove's End Rd – EMS/medical

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Aug 9 – Aug 15

- Water St – Follow up investigation
- Randall Rd – Suspicious MV
- North St – Restraining order
- Oliver St – Animal control
- County Rd – Assist other agency
- Church St – General service
- Ocean View Ave – Vandalism
- Depot St – Parking violation
- Marion Rd – Property lost
- North St – Ambulance request
- Main St – Parking complaint
- Gosnold St – Animal control
- Reservation Rd – Follow up
- Marion Rd – Assist citizen
- Fairhaven Rd – Domestic
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Fairhaven Rd – Disturbance
- Mattapoisett Harbor – Boat violation
- Fairhaven Rd – Follow up
- Church St – Trespassing
- Ocean View Ave – Trespassing
- Randall Rd – Health/welfare
- Baptist St – Disturbance
- Cannon St – Animal control
- Nashewena Rd – Shellfish violation
- Crustal Spring Rd – MV lockout
- County Rd – Threats
- Water St – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Water St – Parking violation

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Aug 9 – Aug 15

- Snipatuit Rd – Follow up
- Walnut Plain Rd – Harassment
- Old Tuck Bog Rd – MV stop/citation
- New Bedford Rd – MV collision
- Jasons Ln – General services
- Benjamin Dr – Suspicious activity
- Clapp Rd – Animal control
- Forbes Rd – Noise complaint
- Forbes Rd – Follow up
- Snipatuit Rd – General services
- Walnut Plain Rd – Threats
- Dexter Ln – Well-being check
- Neck Rd – Vandalism
- Ryder Rd – Animal control
- Neck Rd – Well-being check
- Burgess Ave – Disturbance
- Lady Slipper Trl – Inside smoke
- Benson Rd – Suspicious activity
- Pine St – Medical
- Cushman Rd – MV collision
- Bryant Ln – Suspicious activity
- Hathaway Pond Cir – Larceny
- Vaughn Hill Rd – Medical
- North Ave – Suspicious activity
- North Ave – MV collision
- Stuart Rd – Harassment
- Snipatuit Rd – General services
- County Rd – Erratic MV/citation
- Snipatuit Rd – Noise complaint

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

voter can exercise the right to vote without unnecessary barriers, uncertainty or intimidation. The American people deserve election systems that protect that right, not policies that place it at risk.

Eileen J. Marum

Chair, League of Women Voters SouthCoast

To the Editor:

A Pointless Attack on Our School

Some Rochester residents are attacking Rochester Memorial School for following state law governing gender identity discrimination and bathroom access. You may have seen the lawn signs and petition to recall the RMS School Committee.

Every Massachusetts school district follows the same law. Every school committee member swears an oath to uphold the laws of the Commonwealth; failure to do so exposes Rochester to fines, penalties and legal action, leaving taxpayers to foot the bill.

Schools can't change laws; they must follow them. The people with the lawn signs must know this, but still attack our school. This is political theater, but the damage to Rochester is real; vulnerable kids are traumatized, educators and administrators are villainized, education is disrupted, our town is divided, and taxpayers are bled to cover legal expenses.

Those opposing the law lost their fight at the ballot box in 2018 when 68% of Massachusetts voters

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Thursday August 20, 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 - Joan Thacher Tiffany
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 21, 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 - Joan Thacher Tiffany
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 22, 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 23, 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 24, 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 25, 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 26, 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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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
8:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission
10:00 AM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
11:00 AM Marion Planning Board
12:30 PM Marion Board of Health
2:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
3:00 PM Marion Marine Resources
5:00 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
6:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission
8:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
9:00 PM Marion Planning Board
10:30 PM Marion School Committee

ROCHESTER

GOVERNMENT

Comcast Channel 26

Verizon Channel 40

Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
8:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
9:30 AM Rochester Board of Health
10:00 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
11:30 AM Rochester Planning Board
1:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
3:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
4:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
5:30 PM Rochester Planning Board
7:00 PM Rochester School Committee
8:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee
10:30 PM ORR School Committee

EDUCATION

CHANNEL

Comcast Channel 8

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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 ORR Girls Lacrosse vs Somerset-Berkley
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
1:00 PM The Harvard Krokodiloes 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

MATTAPOISETT

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Daily Schedule

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

by Stephan Pastis



rejected a measure to repeal it. They also lost their fight in state court, which upheld the law. Our state Legislature is the only remaining avenue to overturn the law. So why are people taking their fight to RMS instead of Beacon Hill?

It's time for Rochester to move on. RMS is a place of learning, caring, growth and safety; it shouldn't be used as a battleground in a pointless, costly and divisive war.

Kathryn Tarleton, Rochester

Coastline Elderly Nutrition Program

Monday, August 24: French onion chicken, mashed potatoes, green peas, dinner roll, chocolate pudding

Tuesday, August 25: Sloppy Joe, baked beans, Cali blend vegetables, wheat hamburger bun, orange

Wednesday, August 26: Herb-crusted fish with lemon wedge, orzo, carrots, wheat roll, lemon square, diet: fruit

Thursday, August 27: Turkey, ham and cheese egg casserole, roasted potatoes, broccoli, snack loaf, banana

Friday, August 28: Lemon ricotta parmesan chicken, cheese ravioli, mixed root vegetables, wheat bread, applesauce

Old Colony Regional Lunch Menus

Monday, August 24: No school

Tuesday, August 25: No school

Wednesday, August 26: Build a burger and pasta salad

Thursday, August 27: Chicken patty and fries

Friday, August 28: Pizza and Caesar salad

Mattapoisett Democrats Seek New Members

The Mattapoisett Democratic Town Committee (MDTC) is looking for a few good neighbors.

If you're a registered Democrat in Mattapoisett who cares about what's happening in this town — and in this country — we'd love to have you join us. The MDTC is your local Democratic committee, and we do real work: supporting candidates for Select Board, School Committee, Library Trustees and Planning Board; registering voters; monitoring local government; and connecting with regional organizations working on issues that matter to our community.

We've had some turnover recently, and we're actively looking to grow. Whether you have a lot of time to give or just a little, there's a place for you here.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, **September 23**, at 6:45 pm at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library. Can't make it in person? Join us via Google Meet. New members are welcome and voted in at the meeting.

To learn more or express your interest, contact us at mattapoisettdtc@gmail.com. We'd love to see some new faces on September 23.

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Band continues its Friday evening concert series with a program of American popular music. The program, which features a variety of popular music styles from the 1890s to the present, is as follows:

Washington Post March — J.P. Sousa
Second American Folk Rhapsody — C. Grundman
The Symphonic Gershwin — G. Gershwin
Satchmo. — arr. T. Ricketts (Mary St. Laurent-Sheehan, trumpet)
Big Band Signatures — arr. J. Higgins
Frank Sinatra Hits Medley — N. Iwai
Pop and Rock Legends: The Beatles — arr. M. Sweeney
Pop and Rock Legends: The Association — arr. T. Ricketts
Stevie Wonder in Concert — arr. P. Murtha

Highlights from Jersey Boys — arr. M. Brown
The Best of Miami Sound Machine — arr. P. Murtha
Blues Brothers Revue — arr. J. Bocook
Thundercrest March — E. Osterling

Mary St. Laurent-Sheehan, trumpet, has performed with the Narragansett Bay Symphony, the Tri-County Symphonic Band, the Marion Concert Band and the Band of America's Few. She is an alumna of the Greater Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra (1992) and is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, for which she performed with the Parris Island Marine Band. With the Band of America's Few, a band composed of former Marine bandsmen who have either retired or been honorably discharged, she has performed at the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Virginia and at the Royal International Nova Scotia Tattoo in Halifax, Nova Scotia. She has been a member of the Marion Concert Band since 2012.

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

Mattapoisett Yacht Club Results

August is turning out to be a great month to sail as both Tuesday and Wednesday nights brought perfect racing conditions.

In the Tuesday night Ensign Series, Odyssey won both races. Black Ice finished with 2-seconds, Hamburglar with 2-thirds and Recess with 2-fourths.

In the Wednesday night PHRF series, Kindred Spirits again captured first place in the A fleet, followed by Restless, Coconuts, Oddball and Dame.

In the B fleet, Chickadee beat Lindisfarne and Fir Na Tine. Kinsail did not finish because of an equipment failure, and Seven Belles did not compete.

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Neil J. Graner, 85, passed away peacefully on August 11, 2026, at the McCarthy Care Center in Sandwich, Massachusetts, surrounded by his loving family after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Born on December 13, 1940, Neil was raised in Yonkers, New York, where he attended Commerce High School.

Growing up, Neil held a variety of jobs, including working as a messenger for Tom Carvel, a soda jerk at Urich's, and a longtime golf caddie. It was while in high school that he met the love of his life, Janet Della Rocca. They married in June 1962 and went on to build a beautiful life together.

Neil and Janet raised their five children in Yonkers and later in Chappaqua, New York, where Neil was an active member of the community and a member of Mt. Kisco Country Club. Neil and Janet loved traveling the world together and spending time at their homes in Nantucket, Massachusetts, and Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. Never a dull moment, the two shared a lifetime of laughter, adventure, and love, right up until the end.

After high school, Neil proudly served in the United States Navy aboard the USS Lake Champlain (CVS-39). While aboard, Neil was involved in taking pictures of the ship, crew and documenting the recovery of the Project Mercury. After being honorably discharged in 1961, Neil remained close with many of his fellow crewmates, gathering regularly over the decades to share stories and reminisce about their time together.

Following his military service, Neil attended Daytona State College and later earned his degree from Westchester Community College. While pursuing his education, he began his career as a business owner in the office equipment industry. Through discipline, hard work, determination, and a natural gift for selling, Neil built an extremely successful company with territories spanning New York, Philadelphia, Indianapolis, and Los Angeles. Even while battling cancer and other health setbacks, Neil continued to actively manage his final business in Los Angeles until the very end, checking in with employees and making sales calls from his hospital bed.

Of all the places Neil loved, Nantucket was truly where he felt most at peace. Neil and Janet purchased a home on the island in 1982 and aptly named it Happy Hummock. Neil loved driving his red Jeep, affectionately known as "Little Red," to Wharf Rat Club meetings, the Anglers Club, Miacomet Golf Course, and Cisco Beach. He was always easy to spot riding his bike around the island in his Nantucket reds and dockside.

Despite his most recent battle with cancer, Neil remained positive and kept his humor about him. He will always be remembered for his quick wit, sarcasm and ability to light up the room.

Neil is survived by his beloved wife of 64 years, Janet; his children, Neil Graner Jr., Judy Connal (Allan), Jill Graner, and Lynn Sanders (Jeffrey); his grandchildren, Zion Graner, Caroline, Alexander, Christopher, Luke, and Madeleine Connal, and William and Teddy Sanders; his great-grandchildren, Alex and Gabriella Graner; and his siblings, Louis (Sue), Regina Faia (Tom), Kathleen Schwabe (Paul), and Michael (Debby). As well as numerous other nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was predeceased by his beloved son, Kevin Graner.

His Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, August 17th in St. Anthony's Church, 26 Hammond St. Mattapoisett. Visiting hours were held on Sunday, August 16th in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett, www.saundersdwyer.com



Wayne J. Ferreira was born in New Bedford on July 15, 1951, to the late Joseph and Roberta (Reynolds) Ferreira. The family moved to Rochester in the 1960s, and their home remained Wayne's home base for the rest of his life. He graduated from Old Rochester Regional High School in 1970. He resided permanently in Rochester

from 1997 until his death.

Wayne died on May 31, 2026, at age 74, at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. The cause was cholangiosarcoma, an aggressive bile duct cancer that rapidly overtook his liver; he died approximately two weeks after diagnosis.

Wayne was drawn to music at a young age, spending many happy afternoons after school at his uncle's house listening to his record collection. He started his first band at age 14 and played locally throughout his high school years and beyond. He studied drums with Jackie Santos at Berklee College of Music. Beginning in the early 1970s he played with several different bands throughout the east coast, from Canada, Pennsylvania and Northern New England to Key West and the Bahamas, including at the Lake Placid Winter Olympics in 1980. Returning to the South Coast permanently in the 1980s, he played with many local and regional bands for the next 40 years. He recorded with Marianne Faithfull in New York in 1991, and later with local and regional artists, including John Burroughs, Bradley Winfield Parker, and Butch McCarthy. In 1995 he was with the Robin Wright Band when they won the Boston Music Awards in the Country category.

In 2025, Wayne was among the first class of musicians inducted into the Old Rochester Regional High School Music Hall of Fame.

In the 1980s Wayne began a house painting business and became known for the quality of his work, especially interior work where his attention to detail was always noticed and appreciated. He also restored vintage drums and antique

on **August 23** at 8:00 am and 10:00 am at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 34 Water St., Mattapoisett, next to the Town Beach. The 1928 *Book of Common Prayer* is used at St. Philip's. All are welcome to attend.

Woodland Walk for Mushrooms

On Saturday, **September 12** at 10am, join us for a late summer hike looking for mushrooms that are fruiting. We will chat about basic anatomy and diagnostic features for identifying mushrooms. There will be limited discussion on edibility. Some potential species of fungi we may see this time of the year include chicken of the woods, old man of the woods, various coral species, golden oysters, and several *Amanita* spp.

Adam Korejwa studied math at UMass Dartmouth, where he focused on complex systems and networks before studying ecological engineering at Oregon State University, where he studied coupled human and natural systems under climate change. He is a biophile, amateur naturalist, enthusiastic teacher and proud father.

A \$5 donation to the museum is requested. Please register at www.marionmuseum.org.

Drop and Drive: Neighbors Helping Neighbors Through a Monthly Food Drive

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church at 27 Church St., Mattapoisett, invites the community to join a simple monthly effort to help ensure everyone has enough food to put on the table. On the third Thursday of every month, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, please drive

by and drop off your donation of nonperishable food to one of the volunteers waiting in the side parking lot of the church. Sometimes helping our neighbors begins with something as simple as picking up an extra can of soup, a box of pasta or a jar of peanut butter at the grocery store. That is the spirit behind Drop and Drive.

Those nonperishable donations are collected and shared with Damien's Food Pantry in Wareham, helping provide food to local individuals and families. The food drive dates are **September 17, October 15, November 19** and **December 17** from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

"Food insecurity can touch any family," said Pastor Michael Frady from the Missions Committee. "A job loss, an unexpected expense, rising grocery prices or simply a difficult season can make it harder for a household to keep food on the table. Drop and Drive is one small way we can say to our neighbors, 'You are not alone. We are here for one another.'"

The concept is intentionally simple. Bring a donation. Drop it off. Drive on. There is no lengthy commitment, no registration and no requirement to make a large donation. A single item can become part of a much larger expression of community care.

"We want Drop and Drive to be accessible to everyone," said Frady. "You don't have to make a major contribution to make a difference. If each of us adds just a little, together we can provide a lot."

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church is a welcoming Congregational church committed to serving God and neighbors through worship, community, outreach and acts of compassion. Through Drop and Drive and other community ministries, the church seeks

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furniture. According to some musician friends, he was the "go-to guy" for hard-to-find vintage drum parts.

In 2014, Wayne had a double lung transplant after suffering for several years with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis. A benefit ("Waynestock") was held in 2013 to assist him with the financial requirements that allowed him to be accepted onto the transplant list. Many local musicians gave their time and talent performing over the course of six hours, and many other friends worked tirelessly for several months to make this a success. He was extremely grateful for that help, for the many other ways friends and the community supported him both before and after the transplant, and throughout his long recovery. Thanks to the many years of constant support from his medical teams, he was able to return to playing drums and continued to do so until recently. Those who helped him get through that difficult time will be glad to know that the lungs he received never failed for the rest of his life.

Wayne cared deeply about animals. Upon discovering a feral cat community on his property in 2003, he and his then partner spent seven years rescuing feral kittens and cats

until the last two were rescued in 2010. He was "cat dad" to many of them for their remaining years. He loved to cook and posted many of his delicious-looking dinners on Facebook. He had a lifelong passion for antique cars.

Wayne is survived by a brother, Stephen Ferreira, and his family, of Tennessee; close friend and former partner, Kim Randall of Mattapoisett and her family; cousin Brenda Solomon of New Bedford and her family; aunt Angie Barros of New Bedford; cousin Joseph Barros of Rochester; and many other cousins and friends.

A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, August 25, at 9 am at Sarah Sherman Cemetery in Rochester. Friends and family are invited to attend. In lieu of flowers, donations in Wayne's name may be made to Brigham and Women's Hospital, Fairhaven Animal Shelter, or Friends of Old Rochester Music. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Stomp, Chomp

By Rob Gonsalves
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***The End of Oak Street*. Starring Anne Hathaway and Ewan McGregor. Directed by David Robert Mitchell. Running time: 99 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. Now playing in theaters.**

The End of Oak Street is an odd, half-successful mash-up of a tense family drama and the kind of fantasy-thriller where dinosaurs roam the streets of suburbia. It comes on like Spielberg Lite, yet pauses for unexpectedly serious moments, and I kept thinking, y'know, maybe I was wrong all those years to expect more maturity in creature features. Well, here it is, and it sort of rubs us the wrong way.

For instance, we focus on a family all miserable in his or her own way. Denise (Anne Hathaway) is a bitter, vaguely disappointed aspiring author. Her husband Greg (Ewan McGregor) delivers pizzas to compensate for having been laid off. Their son Brian (Christian Convery) is bullied and depressed; their daughter Audrey (Maisy Stella) is smart but sadly knows her parents can't afford to send her to Cornell. Soon enough, little of this matters, because wormhole activity has brought a variety of dinosaurs to the family's neighborhood.

Writer-director David Robert Mitchell (*It Follows*) tries hard to maintain a tone, and sometimes falters. Some scenes want us to take the marauding, very hungry dinosaurs seriously, and others try to get us to laugh at the abruptness or thoroughness of their attacks. Sometimes the actors can't read the room any better than we can. Anne Hathaway throws herself into an emotional and physical tornado of a performance that almost makes us embarrassed for her efforts. Nobody shows any awe here, just terror, just *run run run!* for 100 minutes. With one kind of weird exception featuring humping saurians, nobody gets to pause and take the measure of the situation's strangeness — or humor.

Maisy Stella has my favorite moment, singing hoarsely and tearfully along to Steve Winwood's "Valerie" on the car tape deck. *The End of Oak Street* is set in 1982 for some reason, possibly



because it evokes two Spielberg horror-or-wonder-in-suburbia movies of 1982, *E.T.* and *Poltergeist* (which he produced and wrote). Like *Super 8*, the movie wants to bring '80s Spielberg back. Michael Giacchino's usual boisterous score is probably meant to recall John Williams' music for all those Spielberg films, but it's so shrilly antic — out of step with some of the more somber scenes — it sounds more like Carl Stalling.

Couldn't Denise and Greg have been a happy couple? Couldn't the kids have been a little jazzed by the dinosaurs, especially Audrey the science geek? Couldn't *The End of Oak Street* have been more simple fun? There was some divorce drama as backdrop in *E.T.*, but the parents in *Poltergeist* were funny together and found each other funny — they even smoked weed. I don't remember their conflicts with the poltergeists counting for less because their marriage wasn't about to snap. But that came out in 1982, when audiences were tougher-minded than they are now and appreciated wit and comic flaws.

The dinosaurs are deftly realized. They chomp and stomp and slither with the utmost gusto. They deserve a movie where they get to shine and be part of a comedic tapestry — because there's no reason to take the premise seriously. But Mitchell unaccountably does. He fixes the camera on an actor trying to convey the shock and grief of watching a loved one torn apart and eaten. Why do this? Don't we also deserve a breezy good lark? The most fun part of *The End of Oak Street*, in which the military steps in to deal with the dinosaurs, is blown off in a few seconds at the end. How did nobody on the set filming that stuff realize that this was where the real movie was?

to put faith into action by helping create a community where everyone is valued, welcomed and cared for. At the beginning of every worship service, our pastor begins, "Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome at Mattapoisett Congregational Church."

Mattapoisett Museum Annual Meeting

Please join the Mattapoisett Museum at 5 Church St on Thursday, **September 3**, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm for its Annual Meeting. After a brief business meeting, curator and administrator of the Mattapoisett Museum, Connor E. Gaudet, will give a presentation on Mattapoisett's iconic swordfish weathervane and the man who carved the original, Harry D. Doty, as well as the man widely believed to have carved the swordfish weathervane, Manual R. Perry. Gaudet will discuss their lives and work and explore possible reasons Perry was credited for Doty's work.

Gaudet has been the Curator and Administrator of the Mattapoisett Museum and Archivist at the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center for the past three years. Previously, he was the Curator at the Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth for two years, and Associate Curator at the 9/11 Tribute Center in New York City for three years. He holds a Master of Arts degree in Public History and Archives from New York University and has a Master of Library and Information Science from Long Island University. He was the primary research assistant

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This free presentation is open to all. Refreshments will be served after the program.

Pedal for the Path

The South Coast Bikeway Alliance will hold its seventh regional bike ride, Pedal for the Path, on Sunday, **August 30**. Beginning and ending at Running Brook Vineyard, it offers 35 miles or 21 miles of fabulous cycling, postcard-perfect scenic views, more historic places than you can count, and, along the way, memorable treats

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15 What food is in a food fight
19 First-aid plant
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21 More lethal
23 Musical ensemble that likes taunting its audiences?
25 Brainstorming question
26 IRS form info
27 War horses
28 Identify the star of "The Godfather"?
30 Taint
31 Peripheral
33 Pistol, in slang
34 Speed of corporate employees?
39 Alexis I., e.g.
41 Move a little
45 Think ahead
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57 Horse with color patches on one-fourth of its body?
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82 Brief, tight shorts
85 Marx brother with extreme views?
88 Mammal with striped legs
89 — Paulo
91 Apple core bit
92 Olympic prize

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97 Tell tall tales
99 Big shopping center
100 "— From Muskogee"
101 "Puffball" director
102 Stringed instrument played by people in jail?
106 Water, in Vichy
107 — salts (bath supply)
109 Pewter metal
110 Moola earned by singer Jones?
115 Adds to a film, as music
118 Response to "Are you?"
121 Boa of South America
122 Small dance club?
125 Some chewy candies
126 RV hookup org.
127 Countertenor
128 Linear, briefly
129 Colorant
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2 Bar brews
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4 The, in Caen
5 Egg capsule
6 Middles, in London
7 Compulsion
8 Speed
9 Gets clogged with icky stuff
10 Celestial ball
11 Without help
12 Certain Dutch cheese
13 Dakar's land
14 Uncover
15 "Paper Lion" star Alan
16 Outward appearance
17 Honey wine
18 Roughly
22 Inside dope
24 Former Laker
29 Pianist
30 Small-time
32 Beatrix Potter's
34 Not reflecting light
35 Display boldly
36 Units of capacitance
37 Most weepy
38 Sheriff Wyatt

- 40 Fast-food pizza chain
41 California mountain
42 A Jackson 5 brother
43 With a sharp image, briefly
44 Pinkish-red
48 Prefix with laryngology
49 Club in a Barry Manilow hit, for short
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61 Hobby with call letters
62 Into a state of conflict
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104 "It's my turn"
105 Remnant of a burned coal
106 Kingdom given to Esau
108 Some skin scars
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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Despite your Arian penchant for wanting to tackle a problem head-on, you might want to take a little more time to see how a current situation develops. It could surprise you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Taking on the role of peacemaker in a disruptive environment is a challenge, but you can do it. Just continue to have the same faith in yourself that so many others have in you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Although your work schedule keeps you busy, you should make time to start preparing for an important upcoming family event that you'll want to celebrate in a special way.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Home is where the Moon Child wants to be early in the week. But by week's end, a chance to travel raises your excitement level -- and that of the lucky person who gets to go along.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Be careful not to be a copycat when dealing with someone who uses unfair or even unkind methods to reach a goal. As always, do the right thing the right way, and you'll win in the end.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An offer could have many good things attached to it that aren't apparent at first glance, including a chance to move into another career area. You might want to check out its possibilities.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) With responsibilities surging both in the workplace and in the home, it's important to prioritize how you deal with them. Be patient. Pressures will begin to ease starting early next week.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A positive reaction to a suggestion could indicate that you're on track for getting your message to the right people. Devote the weekend to catching up with the special people in your life.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A new attitude from those in charge could make things difficult for you, unless you can accept the changes without feeling as if you're being pressured into doing so.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Family matters once again dominate much of the week. But don't neglect your workplace duties while you deal with them. An offer to help could come from a surprising source.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A difficult workplace situation begins to ease, but there are still matters that need to be dealt with before it's fully resolved. There's also a more positive turn in domestic relationships.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Don't let yourself be rushed into making a decision about an intriguing financial arrangement. Asking questions and checking it out now could pay off in a big way later on.

BORN THIS WEEK: You might have a tendency to be more than a bit judgmental, but others understand that it comes from a warm, loving heart.

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and more. A post-ride celebration features a food truck, wine and beverages for purchase, and live music by The Jethros. Register at southcoastbikeway.com and www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/pedal-for-the-path.

This ride will help raise funds to advance further the results of the Closing the Gap feasibility study, enabling the communities of Dartmouth, New Bedford and Westport to move closer to completing their portions of a multi-use South Coast Bikeway spanning from Swansea to Wareham. Sections have already been completed in Fall River, Fairhaven, New Bedford and Mattapoisett. We need your help to bring the Path to completion.

Seahorse Camp at the Mattapoisett Museum

Over 60 campers from Mattapoisett Recreation's Seahorse Summer Explorers Camp took over the Mattapoisett Museum on Monday, August 3, as a kickoff to their "Mattapoisett Is Special" themed week. Armed with seek-and-find and scavenger hunt sheets, five groups of campers, ages 4 to 12, scoured the museum for three hours, examining artifacts and documents, guided by camp counselors and Museum Education Committee volunteers. Mattapoisett Museum Curator and Administrator Connor Gaudet welcomed each group and assisted campers with some of the harder-to-find items.

On Friday, August 7, the museum received an email from Camp Director Sara Zaiger. In it, she wrote,

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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



The Dunseith Gardens sunflowers, planted by the second graders from Center School in Mattapoissett in June, are now in full bloom, providing some color to travelers on Route 6. Photo by Don Cuddy, Mattapoissett Land Trust



On Saturday, August 15, the Elizabeth Taber Library celebrated the end of Summer Reading with a free concert on the lawn featuring local funk band Get The Funk Out. Concertgoers enjoyed music spanning generations. For information on other library events, go to www.elizabethtaberlibrary.org. Photo by Emily Newell

A standing-only crowd of 72 music lovers packed the Mattapoissett Museum on Saturday, August 15, for a joyous performance of maritime music from the New Bedford Harbor Sea Chantey Chorus. Photos by Jeanne Hopkins.



The Marion Natural History Museum's Coastal Explorations group had a wonderful time investigating vernal pools, ponds and lakes, as well as rocky shores, salt marshes and beaches. We found turtles, eels and frogs going through metamorphosis in our freshwater explorations, as well as a winter flounder, killifish, blue crabs and fiddler crabs in our coastal environments. We also spent time cleaning up plastic and other pollutants along our shoreline and discussing the importance of wetlands in keeping our water clean. Lastly, we learned about the importance of protecting our local shorebirds and providing a habitat like Bird Island for nesting. Birds like Roseate Terns, Common Terns, Foster's Terns and others require this quiet and special island to raise their young. Many thanks to Marion Harbormaster Cameron Wentworth as well as Pete O'Brien and Carl MacDermott of the Harbormaster's crew for sharing their knowledge with our group. Photos courtesy of Elizabeth Liedhold



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

"As you know, the theme at Seahorse Camp this week was 'Mattapoissett is Special.' Our campers truly enjoyed visiting the museum on Monday.



Thank you again. I hope you received all the great pictures I sent your way after our visits.

I have more exciting news. This week at camp, we raised money to donate to the Mattapoissett Museum. Many of our campers brought in \$5 to donate, and for each \$5, they were able to dunk a bucket of water on the head of the counselor (or director) of their choice. We raised \$255 for the museum and will be delivering a check soon."

On Friday, August 14, a group of campers, led by Zaiger and two camp counselors, returned to the Mattapoissett Museum to hand-deliver the donation. Gaudet expressed his and the museum's appreciation that the campers had enjoyed exploring the museum and made this extraordinary gesture of their appreciation

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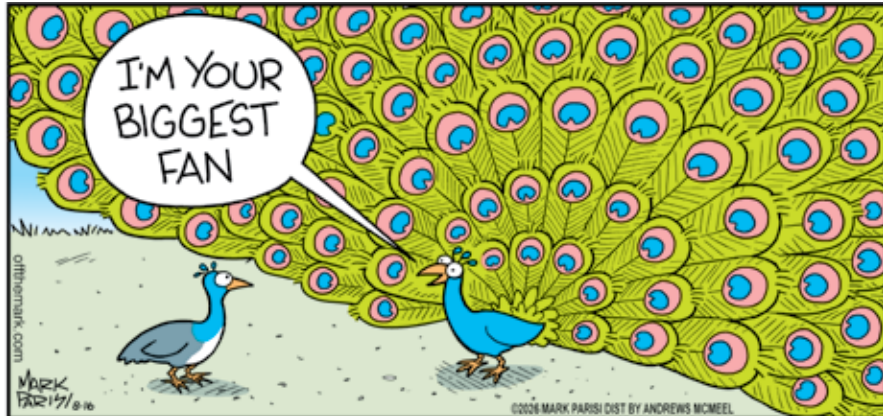
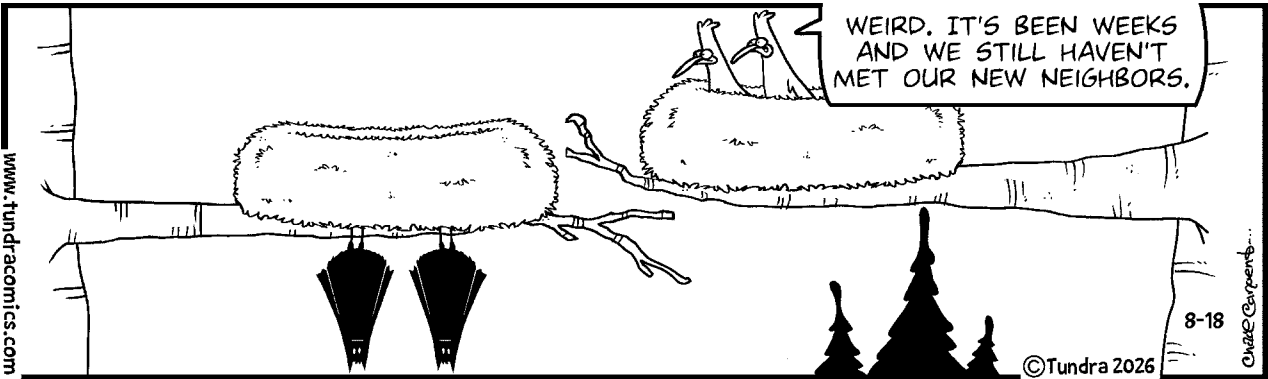
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and support. As the campers departed for a pizza lunch, Gaudet said he hopes they come back and those campers going into the fifth grade at Old Hammondtown will get an in-class visit from the museum in the spring.

Mattapoisett Museum New Entrance and Temporary Closure

The Mattapoisett Museum is excited to announce that a new museum entrance will soon be constructed to provide all community members with direct access to all sections of the museum. The new entrance will bring visitors into a new foyer located on the East side of the building, from which visitors will enter the Mendell Room and have direct access to both the Sanctuary and the Carriage House.

This entrance will be fully accessible to all visitors, including those who use wheelchairs or other mobility devices, bring strollers or carriages, and who may have difficulty with stairs. The existing entrances will be used, in addition to the new entrance, only for events with large numbers of attendees. The current wheelchair-accessible entrance will remain available if needed.

This project has been years in the making. After determining the need for a universal access entrance, the museum spent two years seeking funding, working with a local architect and a local engineering firm on the design, and soliciting bids for construction and related services.

Construction of the new entrance will begin shortly after Labor Day. Because the Sanctuary and Carriage House will be protected from dust, dirt and activity by shutting off those portions of the building, the museum will end its 2026 season after Labor Day weekend. Although the museum will be closed for most activities during this construction, the two scheduled concerts, Grace Morrison on September 12 and Hot Club Cheese Roll on October 24, will take place as advertised. The September Open Mic event is canceled; we will provide an update regarding the October Open Mic event as we learn when the work is likely to be completed.

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our current exhibit, and you would like to do so before the summer ends, please visit us on Friday or Saturday, 12 to 4 pm, **August 21–22, 28–29, or September 3–4**. Museum members and interested others, we would love to see you at the Museum's Annual Meeting on Thursday, September 3, at 6:00 PM. Information about the meeting will be posted in the Wanderer. If you have specific questions about this project, please look for updates in the Wanderer or attend the meeting, where an update will be provided.

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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 ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING A public meeting of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by MassDOT Rail and Transit for property located at Cape Main MM 43.73 in Rochester, MA. The applicant is proposing the maintenance and removal of vegetation within the buffer zone to support the rehabilitation of the third track along the MassDOT Rail owned Cape Main near Mile Marker 43.73 in Rochester. The applicant's representative is Kimberly Degutis, WSP in the USA, 100 Summer Street, 13th Floor, Boston, MA 02110 This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetlands Protection By-Law. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81391796743 Meeting ID: 813 9179 6743 Christopher Gerrior, Chairperson 8/20 TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #846 The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2026 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Robert and Elizabeth Allen, for a Special Permit under sections 230-6.1A and 230-6.1C of the zoning by-law to allow the removal and reconstruction of a legally non-conforming single-family dwelling which will not increase the current non-conformity but increase the building area and volume as allowed under sections 230-7.1, 7.2 and 7.3. The property, located at 10 Doran Way, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 5A as lot 154. Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 8/20, 8/27 TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING	The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, September 3, 2026, at 4:45 pm in the meeting room of the Marion Police Department at 550 Mill Street on the variance requests submitted by Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. on behalf of Craig & Kristin Smith pertaining to the property located at 18 Cove Circle, further identified as Map 2, Lot 99. The following variances are requested from Title 5 and the Marion Sanitary Code (MSC): 310 CMR 15.102: Deep Observation Test Holes Request a variance to accept one (1) soil evaluation performed vs. the two (2) required. 310 CMR 15.212: Depth to Groundwater Leaching Area separation from Seasonal High Groundwater. Request a variance to accept a 2-foot separation vs. 4-foot requirement to the leaching area separation from seasonal high groundwater. 310 CMR 15.104: Percolation Testing Request a variance to design based upon a sieve analysis vs. an actual percolation test M.S.C. Section 4.60.3: Minimum Daily Flow Design Request a variance to accept 440 gallons/day vs. 510 gallons/day Edward P. Hoffer, MD, Chair 8/20, 8/27 TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, September 3, 2026, at 4:50 pm in the meeting room of the Marion Police Department at 550 Mill Street on the variance requests submitted by Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. on behalf of The Mary Ann Hubbard 2024 Revocable Trust pertaining to the property located at Front Street, further identified as Map 23, Lot 5A. The following variances are requested from the Marion Sanitary Code (MSC): M.S.C. 4.40.1, Minimum Setback Distances: Request a variance to the leaching area setback to a wetland to 50' vs. 75' M.S.C. 4.60.3, Minimum Daily Flow Design: Request a variance to 330 gallons/day vs. 495 gallons/day Edward P. Hoffer, MD, Chair 8/20, 8/27 TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, September 3, 2026, at 4:55 pm in the meeting room of the Marion Police Department at 550 Mill Street on the variance requests submitted by Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. on behalf of Jessica M. Prince pertaining to the property located at 651 Point Road, further identified as Map 6, Lot 8. The following variances are requested from Title 5 and the Marion Sanitary Code (MSC): 310 CMR 15.102, Deep Observation Test Holes: Request a variance using three (3) soil evaluations performed with two (2) percolation tests vs. the required four (4) soil evaluations. 310 CMR 15.227, Placement of Tees: Request a variance to place the septic tank and pump chamber inlet & outlet tees less than 12" above seasonal high groundwater. M.S.C. 4.60.3, Minimum Daily Flow Design: Request a variance to 660 gallons/day	vs. 730 gallons/day Edward P. Hoffer, MD, Chair 8/20, 8/27 TOWN OF MARION SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Application for Transfer of All Alcohol, Off-Premises License Magan Corp., d/b/a Marion Wine & Spirits 664 Mill Street, Marion, MA The Marion Select Board, acting as the Local Licensing Authority, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the Marion Police Department Conference Room, 550 Mill Street, Marion, on the application of Magan Corp., d/b/a Marion Wine & Spirits, for the transfer of an all-alcohol off premises license from MDM Wine5 LLC, d/b/a Vinodivino, 154 Front Street. John W. Hoagland, Chair 8/20, 8/27 TOWN OF MARION SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Select Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at 6:00 pm in the Marion Police Department Conference Room, 550 Mill Street, Marion, to discuss proposed updates to parking regulations in the Town of Marion. John W. Hoagland, Chair 8/20 TOWN OF MARION DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PUBLIC NOTICE The Marion Department of Public Works, through the Contractor J&R Resendes Corp., will begin drainage improvements in Delano Road in the vicinity of 290 Delano Road starting on Tuesday August 18th, 2026. Work is anticipated to be completed on Friday September 4th, 2026. Schedule and completion of all work is subject to change due to weather conditions and unforeseen circumstances. **PLEASE NOTE** Delano Road will be closed to through traffic from the intersection at Cross Neck Road to N. Great Hill Drive starting Tuesday August 18th, 2026 through Tuesday August 25th, 2026 (excluding Saturday and Sunday), and on Tuesday September 1st, 2026 and Wednesday September 2nd, 2026, from 7:00AM to 4:00PM. Driveway access for residents within the road closure limits will be maintained, but delays can be expected. Emergency vehicles will have access at all times. 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Matt York returns to the MAC to perform Johnny Cash songs and tell stories about Cash's career, spanning from the 1950s to his passing in 2003. He will be accompanied by fiddle player Angelica Vendetti.

He will discuss Cash's emergence as a groundbreaking artist in the 1950s, his marriage to June Carter and many of his other career highlights. York has twice been nominated for the Boston Music Award for Best Country Artist. He recently released his second book, *The Words and Wisdom of Willie Nelson*.

It's a one-night-only show on **September 19** at 7:00 pm in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater, located at 80 Pleasant St., Marion. Tickets are \$20 for MAC members and \$25 for nonmembers. More information and tickets are at marionartcenter.org/events.

Unplugged: Dennis Cook and Matt Richard

The Marion Art Center welcomes Dennis Cook and Matt Richard to the Unplugged series on **September 25**. There will be two separate performances during the night, and each set will last about an hour. Find a spot at a cabaret table upstairs at the MAC's Patsy Francis Gallery to listen to a mix of jazz standards and original compositions by both artists. Guests will enjoy a refreshing setting at this "unplugged" performance featuring mainly acoustic sound, without the volume and density often experienced during larger concerts.

The first seating is at 7:00 pm and the second seating is at 8:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 for MAC members and \$20 for nonmembers — more information and tickets at marionartcenter.org/events.

Jazz musician and educator Dennis Cook, a native of Mansfield, Massachusetts, graduated from the Berklee College of Music in 1977 and studied with Joe Viola and Jerry Bergonzi. Cook's most profound musical influences have been Miles Davis, Joe Henderson, Stan Getz and Dexter Gordon. Cook has toured with Dick Johnson and the Artie Shaw Orchestra, Buddy Morrow and Terry Myers, and the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra. He has performed with the Boston Pops Orchestra, the Boston Symphony Orchestra, The Temptations, The Four Tops, Carol Channing, Pat Cooper, Julius LaRosa, Regis Philbin,

Bobby Rydell, Connie Francis, Don Rickles and many others.

Matt Richard (jazz musician, accompanist, composer and arranger) has appeared on the Marion Art Center Jazz Unplugged series since 2023 with Donn Legge, Dave Zinno, Daniel Ian Smith, Mike Rocha, Dino Govoni, and Paul Del Nero. Matt arranges a variety of music for the Buttonwood Brass Trio, the Southcoast Brass Band, and the Buzzards Bay Jazz Ensemble. Matt has performed throughout the New England area for the past 40 years as a soloist and accompanist with many different ensembles and musicians, including Sheila Jordan, Dick Johnson and the Artie Shaw Orchestra, and Bombay Jim Porcella and the Swingin' Sapphires. Matt played solo piano at The Roadhouse Cafe in Hyannis, Massachusetts, from 1997–2008 as well as joining Lou Colombo and Dick Johnson on the famous Monday Night Jazz Series from 2002–2008.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

This weekend, we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Joseph H. Plumb Library, but Rochester's libraries go back much further than that. There was an historical piece on "Rochester Libraries" printed in the "Evening Star" in December of 1897. Written by John S. Ryder, it stated that Rochester had a library in the early 1800s. It



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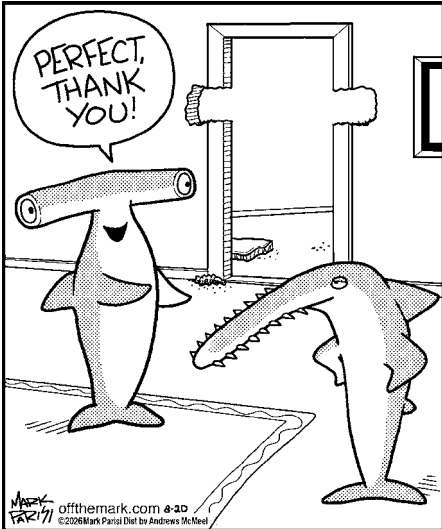
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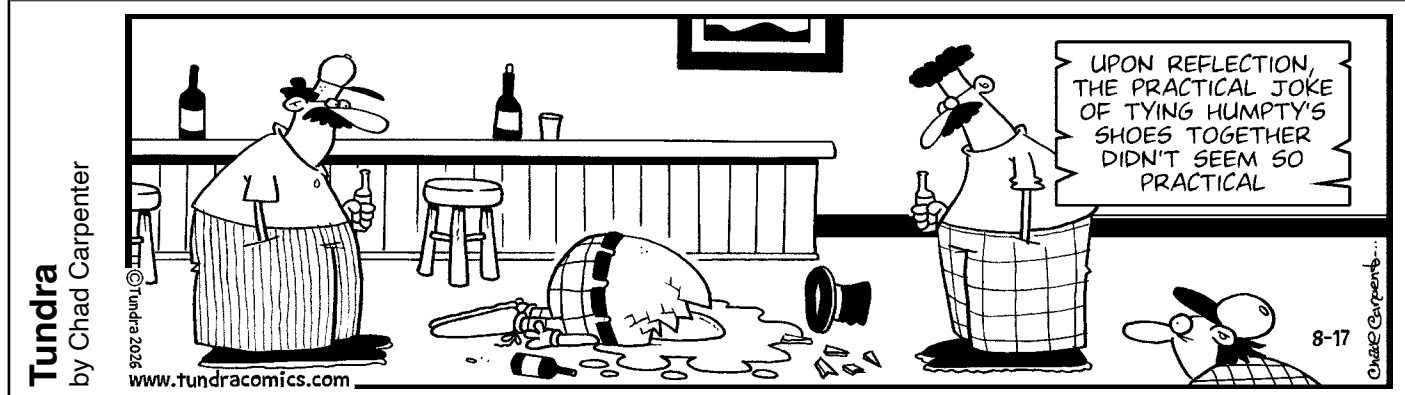
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was called the "Rochester Historical Library" and was more of a private library for men who were interested in the value of education and progressive thought. Books were very costly at that time; a lending library was out of the question.

In the mid-1800s, for a short time, there was a library connected to the Rochester Academy. It was open to the public, but it closed when the school closed.

Now, enter the "ladies." The first was Elizabeth Leonard, wife of Charles H. Leonard. In 1876, she gifted the town \$2,000 in "books, fixtures, and a permanent endowment," and on August 19, 1876, the "Rochester Free Public Library" opened in the unused Academy building's

north recitation room. The library had over 800 books free for townspeople to borrow, and many availed themselves of the privilege.

Fifteen years later, Mrs. Leonard felt the growing collection of books deserved a proper building. She again



gave a sizable amount to the town to enlarge Town Hall with the caveat that a suitable section (the old assessors' office) would be included. When she died in 1901, her will established an endowment fund for the library's future.

Elizabeth Leonard was the first of two Rochester women to provide quality library service to Rochester. In 1976, Mrs. Dorothy B. Plumb donated land and money for a new, freestanding library named after her late husband, Joseph H. Plumb. This building is now 50 years old. Over the past 50 years, it has been ably led by library directors who have stayed true to the beliefs of the two women who believed in the importance of books and the buildings that house them.

Back to School at the Elizabeth Taber Library

The staff at the Elizabeth Taber Library are excited to welcome our neighbors at Sippican Elementary back to school. To celebrate, we're hosting a back-to-school popcorn party on Wednesday, **September 2**. When school lets out, you'll find library staff in front of the library with popcorn and information about our fall programs.

Elizabeth Taber Library

Summer Reading has come to a close at the Elizabeth Taber Library in Marion. There were 172 registered readers between the ages of 0 and 12, each of whom took home a free book upon registering. The books were provided thanks to the generous support of Taunton

TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



(left) Brandon Oldham and Andrew Augustine clinched the Member Guest Championship golf tournament on August 15 at the Plymouth Country Club. Both are former players on the ORRHS golf team and former South Coast Conference Golf Champions. Picture courtesy of Betsey Oldham



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After signing up, kids set their own reading goals ranging from "read every day with mom and dad" for the youngest readers to "read 1,000 pages," "read 30 books" and even "read 100 books," for ambitious older readers. Upon completing their goal, each child received another free book.

In addition to the reading challenge, the library welcomed 1,289 participants across 45 summer reading programs ranging from storytimes and concerts to educational events. A favorite of many participants was the Butterfly Exhibit, where kids got up close and personal with live butterflies. Local stars Toe Jam Puppet Band also drew a large audience despite high heat and a move to the Marion Music Hall.

"Summer can be a high-cost time of the year for families," noted interim Library Director Emily Newell. "We're committed to hosting high-quality, free programming for the community year-round, but summer reading remains one of our priorities."

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Adult Events at the Mattapoisett Library

Check out these exciting August and September programs at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library (MFPL), located at 7 Barstow Street.

The MFPL is hosting a Plant Swap on **August 22** from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Pass along plants you don't have space for or spruce up your plant collection. Bring any healthy, pest-free plants to trade. Plants should be easy to carry and properly planted. If possible, please clearly label your plant type. No registration required; stop by anytime.



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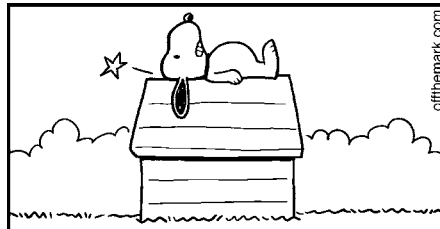
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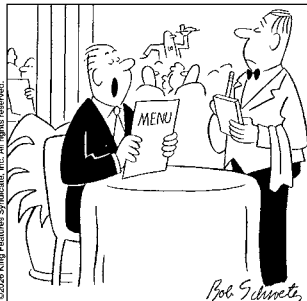


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numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Join us for a Sunset Cinema Movie Showing on the MFPL Lawn on **August 26** at 7:00 pm. Watch *The Lego Movie* (2014). Bring a blanket or chairs to lounge on, and some snacks, to fully enjoy the movie experience.

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.

Did you know the Mattapoisett Library has a Genealogy Roundtable group that meets at the library the first Wednesday of the month from 5:45 pm to 7:30 pm? This month's meeting will take place on **September 2**. They have a different topic each month and you can come to one or all of them. Contact Robbin at the library for additional info.

Take a break from the busyness of your day and join health coach and mindfulness teacher Lauren Masse for a peaceful 30-minute mindfulness and meditation session on Friday, **September 11**, at noon. Whether you're new to meditation or have practiced before, this class offers a welcoming space to slow down, breathe and reconnect with the present moment. Join in person or virtually. Registration is optional.

Eric Jay Dolin's Author Talk has been rescheduled for **September 16** at 5:30 pm. Eric will discuss his 2022 publication *Rebels at Sea: Privateering in the American Revolution* and hold a Q&A with attendees. This program is supported by a grant from the Mattapoisett Cultural Council, a local agency that is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. Registration is optional.

Children's Events at the Mattapoisett Library

On Saturday, **August 22 and 29**, and **September 5**, we are welcoming families to the library for Saturday Storytime. Storytime starts at 10:30 am, and you can expect all the great things from our regular storytimes, like music, books, activities and crafts, just on a different day. We hope to see you there.

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We are continuing our Food for Fines food drive until the end of August. For every nonperishable item you bring in, we will deduct \$1 worth of late fees, up to the total amount owed. Donations must be nonperishable, not expired and unopened. Here are some suggested donations aside from the usual canned goods, boxed items and pantry staples: baby essentials, toiletries and household items and pet essentials. Thank you for your support.

Do you have cardboard egg cartons at home? Will you have some soon? We'd like them for an upcoming craft. We need 10 to 15 of both the dozen and half-dozen sizes. Donations must be clean, and they must be made of

cardboard/paper material for easy painting. If you have some you can share, bring them in next time you visit the Children's Department.

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

Teen Events at the Mattapoisett Library

Summer Reading Lists and book options are still available at the Mattapoisett Library. Browse our display of required reading books and choose one that works for you. The books are available through the start of school.

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

The school year is almost here. Start planning your after-school activities with some of our weekly library programs. Every Wednesday, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, teens in grades 6 to 12 can join us in the Student Lounge for snacks, crafts and chill time. Teens and tweens in grades 4 to 12 can also join us every Friday for T(w)een Friyays in the Student Lounge from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm to play games, read, or relax.

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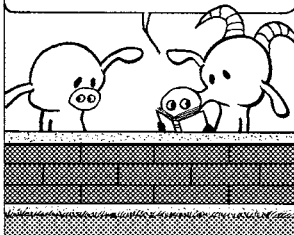
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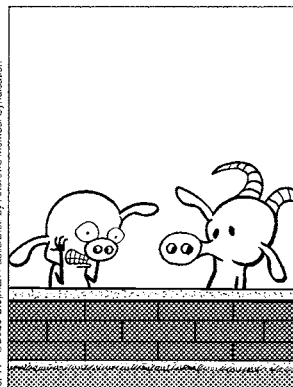
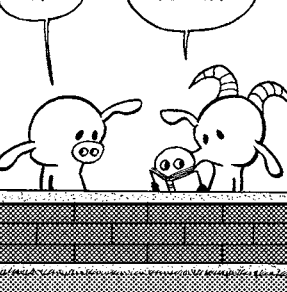
PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis

I'M READING A BOOK ON HAPPINESS. IT SAYS THAT TO KNOW WHETHER YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY AND GRATEFUL EVERY MORNING, ASK YOURSELF ONE QUESTION.

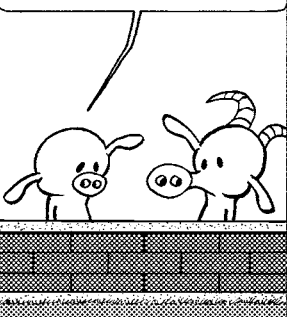


WHAT IS IT?

DID THE SUN RISE TODAY?



DIDN'T KNOW THERE'D BE A POP QUIZ.



7 Barstow Street, online at www.mattapoissettlibrary.org, or call the library at 508-758-4171.

Rochester Historical Commission Events

On **August 22**, the Rochester Historical Commission will host three events outside of Town Hall. The first, at 10:00 am, will be a 250th recognition of the Rochester men who fought for freedom in the Revolutionary War. This will take place at the memorial facing Town Hall. Chris Gerrior, the Tri-Town Veterans Agent, will say a few words.

The second activity following his remarks will be a short walk and talk on the history of Rochester's libraries.

The third and most exciting will be some games open to all ages around 11:00 am including: Test your ability to balance; Try to get a mini helicopter over the finish line; and get a partner and try your hand at a game called "hailey over," invented by boys on a muster day in the early 1800s and played at Town Hall. There will be prizes for all.

At noon, there will be a presentation of an Historical Plaque from the Rochester Historical Commission to the Plumb Library in honor of the 50 years, the building has been serving the community. Oh, and there will be refreshments.



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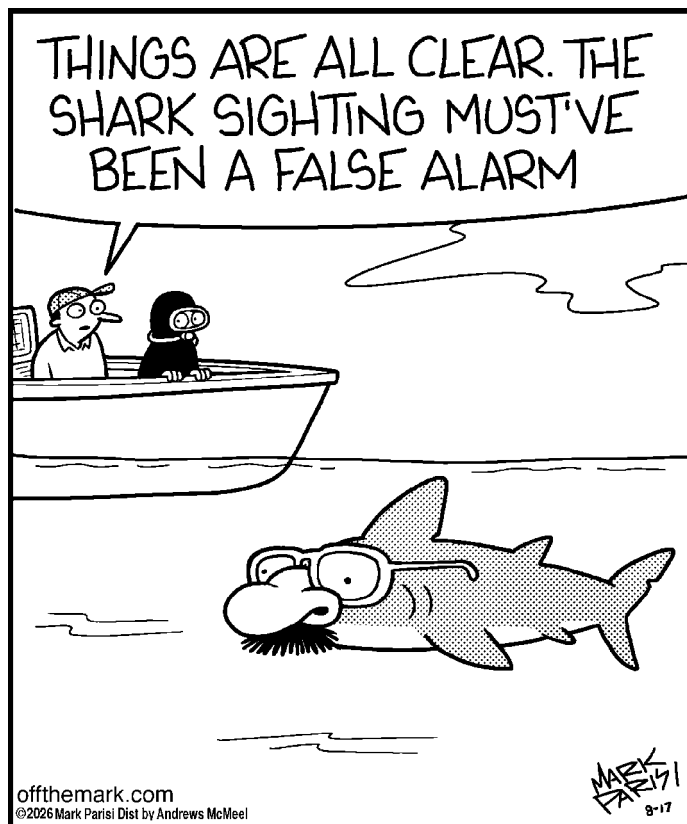
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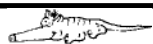
All Marion Democrats are welcome to come to the next monthly meeting of the Marion Democratic Town Committee. The meeting will be held at 5:30 pm, Thursday, **August 20**, at 10 Cove St., Marion. A brief business session will be followed by a writing campaign intended to engage voters in swing states. If you would like to attend and need more information, contact Sharon Matzek, 603-759-9287. Light refreshments will be served.

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Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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
Monday	August 31	10:41	11:04	3:58	4:33
Tuesday	September 1	11:28	11:54	4:34	5:15
Wednesday	September 2		12:20	5:13	6:03
Thursday	September 3	12:50	1:16	5:59	7:07
Friday	September 4	1:48	2:17	6:56	9:14
Saturday	September 5	2:50	3:22	8:08	10:48
Sunday	September 6	3:56	4:33	9:35	11:45
Phases of the Moon		First Quarter Full Moon Last Quarter New Moon		August 20th August 28th September 4th 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).

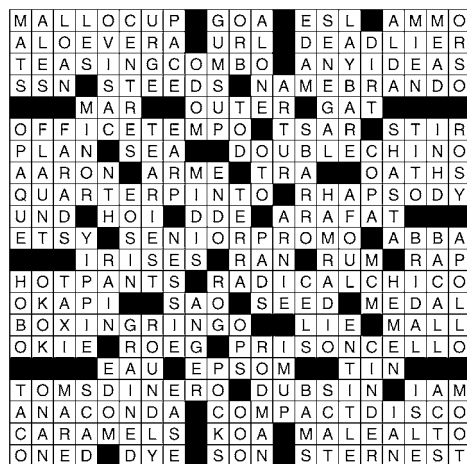
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PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION



SCRAMBLERS

Solution

1. Intern; 2. Rustic
3. Sludge; 4. Mayhem

Today's Word
GRATUITY

Sudoku Answer

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

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