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Attendees camp out under the stars to watch the film 'National Treasure' at the City of Marathon's America-Fest celebration Saturday, Aug. 1, at Marathon Community Park.

Marathon's America-Fest celebrates 250 years of independence

MARATHON, FL (Aug. 2, 2026) – The City of Marathon's America-Fest was held Saturday, Aug. 1, celebrating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.



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Although adopted on July 4, 1776, the historic document was signed nearly a month later, on Aug. 2, 1776.

Saturday's celebration at Marathon Community Park featured fun, games, music, food and drink, as well as a "National Treasure"-themed treasure hunt and a screening of the classic film.

City and county officials took part in the treasure hunt, which featured Marathon Mayor Lynny Del Gaizo portraying the Statue of Liberty and Monroe County Mayor Michelle Lincoln seated at the Lincoln Memorial.

U.S. 1 Radio News Director Joe Moore was the evening's Master of Ceremony, welcoming the American Legion Post 154 Color Guard as they presented color to kick off the event.

Sixteen teams took part in the treasure hunt, with prizes going to the first-, second-, and third-place teams.

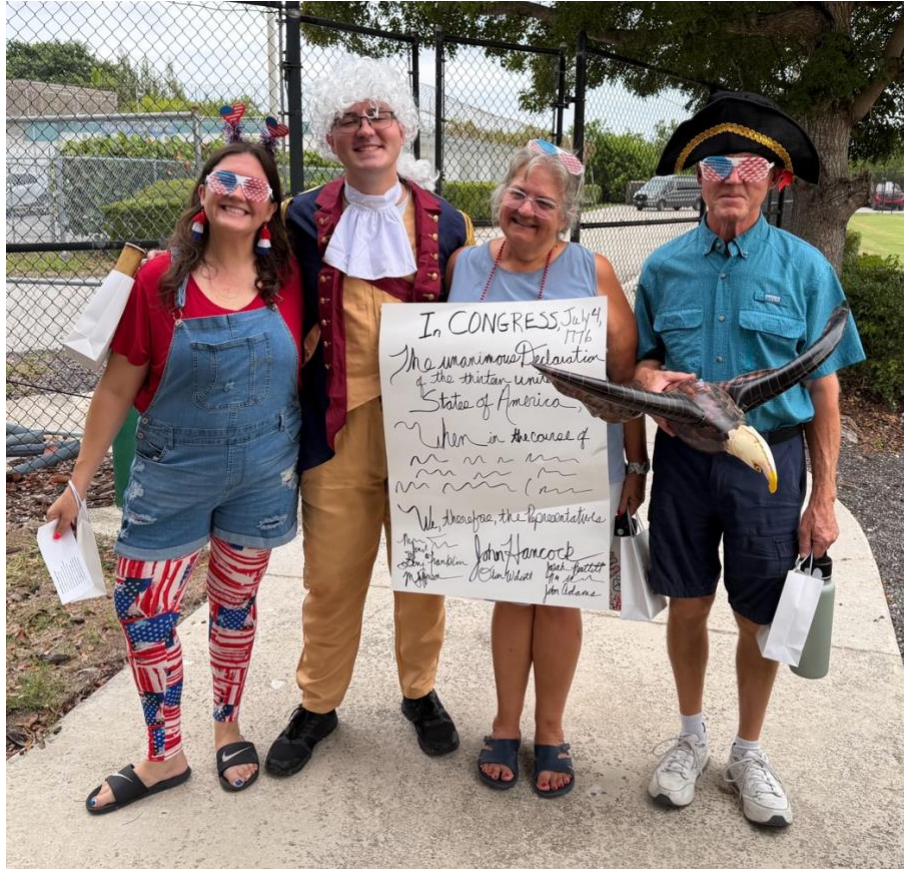
Following the treasure hunt, families gathered for a screening of the film "National Treasure." The Marathon Masonic Lodge #323 provided hot dogs, chips and drinks to attendees, and Marathon Community Church supplied popcorn for the avid movie-goers.



The American Legion Post 134 Color Guard prepares to present colors, as DJ Shelton readies the national anthem.



Marathon Mayor Lynny Del Gaizo, left, and Monroe County Mayor Michelle Lincoln were featured members of the 'National Treasure'-themed treasure hunt.



The 'Hubbard Historians' – from left, sister and brother Grace and Richard, with parents Sandy and Richard Hubbard – committed fully to the America-Fest celebration.

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