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-Martin Luther King Jr., American civil rights leader (1929–68)

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### WEATHERING

The bedrock of this humble publication is our long-range weather predictions—correct, or close to it, much of the time. Founder Robert B. Thomas studied astronomy, basing his formula on the Sun's magnetic storm cycles, believing in the predictive power of data.

Weather has bound together *Almanac* readers ever since. You tell us that you depend on these pages for an outlook for your farm or garden, or because you're a stargazer, a mail carrier, or emergency personnel—anyone for whom the weather matters.

To read 234 years of the *Almanac* is to witness that the human condition is about weathering storms—both literal and allegorical—about coming through, persisting. How we endure matters. The *Almanac* finds greatness in the deeds of daily life, in expressing gratitude for simple gifts. In this spirit, this year's <u>essayists</u> remind us that the best gifts come from the heart.

The noun weather is from the Old English and Dutch *weder*, meaning air, sky, breeze, as well as storm, tempest. The verb weather is linked to Middle English *wederen*, to expose to open air, to dry by airing.

Whether weathering foul weather, personal challenges, or a public crisis, time is the only fix we can count on. With time, everything changes—including the weather.

That's likely why *kairos*, the Greek word for time, was used to mean weather in the Byzantine era. The Latin *tempestas* also originally meant time, and words for time came to mean weather in Irish, *aimsir*, and Polish, *czas*.

Though we can accurately predict the weather (to about 80%), we can't forecast how the costs of paper and distribution will rise and fall. Therefore, your greatest gift to us is your continued patronage; together, we can weather any storm.

-C. C., June 2025

May this year's *Almanac* be worthy of its predecessors.

It is by our works and not our words that we would be judged. These, we hope, will sustain us in the humble though proud station we have so long held in the name of Your obedient servant,

Ant Anomas.