

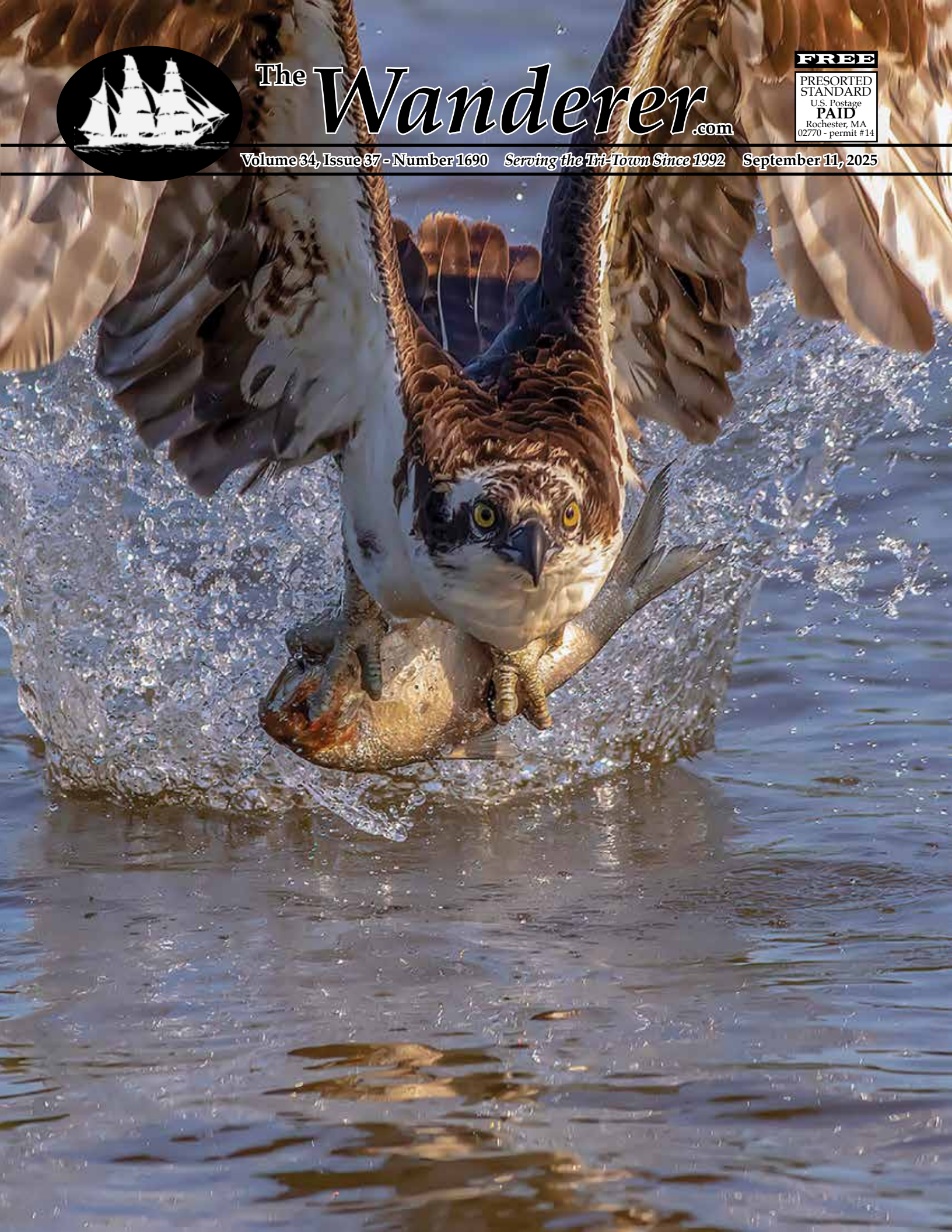


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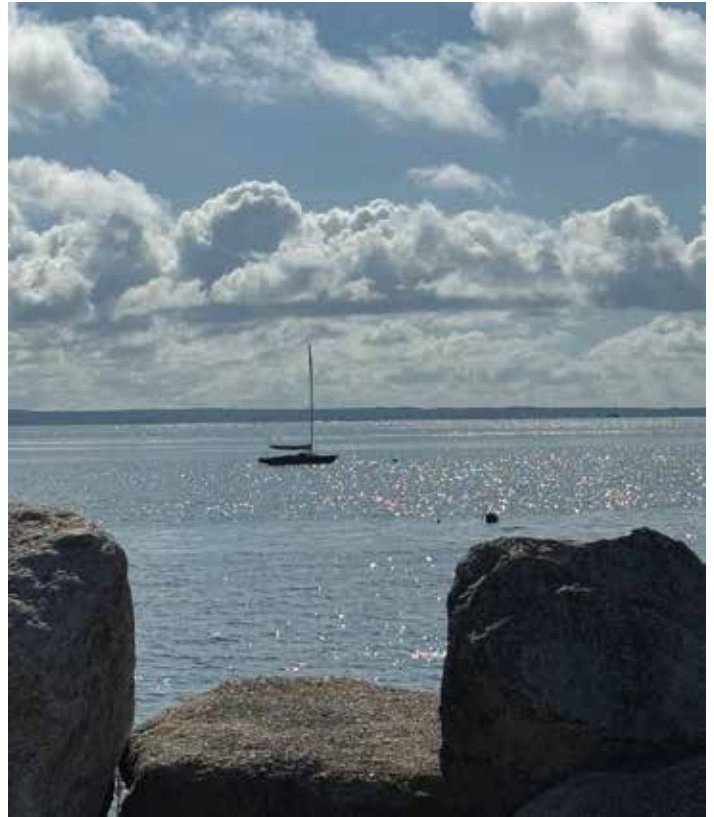
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# TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



*Mattapoissett Yacht Club race last Wednesday night. Photo by Faith Ball*



*Photo by Jennifer Shepley*



*A Blue Heron in flight and another sitting on a rock. Photo by Faith Ball*



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## Michelle Kirby & Andres Hammerman

2025 Rochester Keel Award

By Michael J. DeCicco

The recipients of the Wanderer's 30th Annual Keel Award for the Town of Rochester are Michelle Kirby and Andres Hammerman, the main drivers behind the effort to preserve the health and water quality of Snows Pond.

Kirby, who is president of the Snows Pond Association, and her husband Andy were nominated in a letter from association Vice President Erin Lawrence for "devoting countless hours toward the protection, stewardship, and enjoyment of one of our community's most cherished natural resources." The organization has been active since 2018, with volunteer work that has included monitoring and testing the pond's water quality and employing the consulting services of a part-time "Lake Manager."

Kirby has lived in Rochester her entire life and has frequented Snows Pond since childhood. She and Andy were married on a raft on the pond that floated to shore as part of the ceremony. Another spark that got her and her husband involved in protecting Snows' water resources came from Andy's mother, who was very involved where she lived on a New Hampshire pond that benefits from a strong lake-protection organization supported by the state.

When she and her husband started noticing diminishing water quality and the growth of water-choking invasive weeds where they lived at Snows Pond, she reached out to the then Rochester Conservation Agent Laurell Farinon, who suggested Kirby should start a group to advocate for the pond.

"You need a united front," she told me, so I reached out to Town Hall for the list of Snows Pond's residents," Kirby recalled of advice from Farinon, who would be recognized following her retirement with the



*On the Cover: Osprey at the stunning moment of truth. Photo shared by Camp Worden, Mattapoisett.*

2021 Keel Award for Rochester.

The result was the formation of the Snows Pond Association in 2018, with 11 members out of the 15 property owners around the pond. "It's been wonderful," Kirby said. "It's gotten everybody closer. We watch out for each other. If we see a stray boat or strange plants in the pond, we can ask each other. We protect each other and the pond."

To reach its more concrete goals, members test the water quality on a weekly basis, looking at oxygen levels and temperature through the water column and water clarity. Once a month they send samples to the University of Rhode Island for nutrient testing. With funds collected from annual dues and donations, they've hired a part-time lake manager to consult on matters such as invasive species growth. That consultant, Hillary Kenyon from Applied Watershed Sciences, LLC, recently joined them at the pond to do an aquatic weed survey. They've also been trained by the URI Watershed Watch Program on how to monitor and take water samples.

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The association's overall goal, Kirby said, is to preserve and protect the pond "for generations to come." What does it have to be protected from? The answers are: invasive weeds, chemical pollutants, and especially nutrient overload from human sources (septic systems, lawn fertilizer, household cleaning products, pet waste and stormwater runoff).

That's why the testing is important, Andy Hammerman said. "Without data, we can't know why the changes are happening," he said. Harmful algal blooms in the water are his biggest fear. If they occur in Snows Pond, they are toxic to swimmers and pets. The pond would have to be closed down.

So, what do they feel they've accomplished? Since the association started, Kirby said, the community around the pond has been united, strengthening the protection of the pond. In concrete terms, they've hosted community outreach to advance community awareness, including a "Library Loves Lakes" summer youth program and workshop trainings on how to identify aquatic weeds that grow in freshwater ponds. They've also distributed signs educating people about best practices on the pond. The signs are reminders to residents and visitors about what they should and should not do on the pond. Because Snows Pond is a glacial kettle pond with no stream going in or out, they created a motto, "What Goes in the Pond, Stays in the Pond."

And now the association has over five years of monitoring data that will help it protect the pond's future, Hammerman said. "We're not in this for any other reason than our love of the pond," Kirby added. Her future goal? "I'm hoping more pond communities can get involved and join forces," she said. "We're not the only pond in town that needs help."

**Frank McNamee**

*2025 Marion Keel Award*

**By Sam Bishop**

The recipient of The Wanderer's Marion Keel Award for 2025 is longtime resident, historian, public servant, and antiquarian Frank McNamee. McNamee was nominated for the award for his many behind-the-scenes



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contributions to the town and continued preservation of its history.

McNamee graduated from Bridgewater State College with a degree in Marketing and later earned his Master of History from Providence College. He also graduated with certifications from the Rhode Island School of Design's Appraisal Studies Program and the H.F. du Pont Winterthur Institute Museum School in Delaware. Before his studies and just at the tail end of his high school journey, Frank and his mother Mary founded the Marion Antique Shop in 1974, just recently passing their 50th anniversary.



Frank said his "background is in history," and that would be correct. Currently, Frank sits as curator of the Sippican Historical Society, having previously been president for

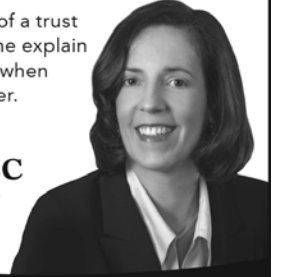
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approximately 20 years. He clarifies his work for the historic society, saying "I didn't do it all by myself, I was just the boss." McNamee's work included obtaining the endowment funds for the Marion Music Hall's restoration/renovation. The society also purchased the post office on Front Street, which was renovated to match its origin from 1940 with 19th/20th century refurbishment.

McNamee also spoke of the Sippican Historic Society Memorial Garden, also on Front Street near the society's main offices, containing brass plaques of those notable to the town's past and present. His work also included the Bandstand near Island Wharf and was exceptionally happy to succeed in raising funds for the

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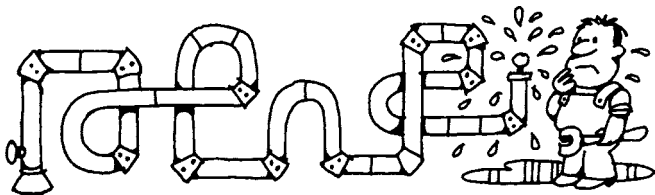
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renovation of the General Store in 2019. Frank personally thanked contractor Lars Olson for help with these projects. In 2022, the Marion Town House underwent exterior renovations, for which Frank also acquired funds, thanking Mike Vareka and Steve Gonsalves for their efforts as well.

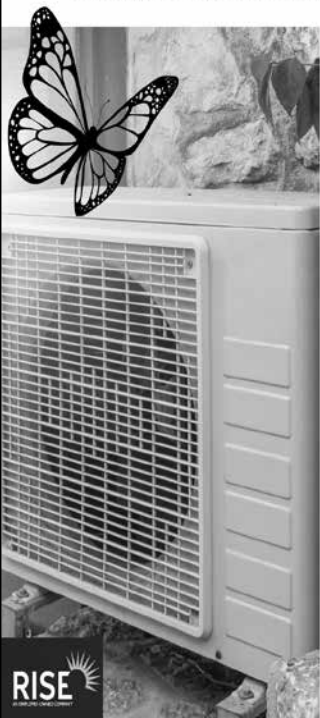
Recently, Frank McNamee has taken up work as a member of the Friends of the Council on Aging. He assisted in the acquisition of portable, soundproofing walls to section off event and activity spaces efficiently at the Cushing Community Center.

McNamee acquired office space at the old "Marconi Building," a property at 13 Atlantis Drive off Route 6 in the industrial center that had been owned by the Town of Marion. He explained the building was originally a powerplant built in 1914 by Guglielmo Marconi, the Italian-born inventor who worked in radio telegraphy, and that the site in Marion served as the transmission origin point for trans-Atlantic communications with the site on the Cape being the receiver. Though Marconi had won a Nobel Prize in Physics, as McNamee explained, his connections to Mussolini and the Italian National Fascist Party led the United States force the site to be sold to RCA Corporation. Later, the Town of Marion would acquire the land, and McNamee would purchase it from them.

Frank primarily uses the site for storage, though it is also where his Marion Antiques holds their auctions a few times a year. There are other tenants in the building, such as the aforementioned Lars Olson or the New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance (NECWA) who works

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with turtle preservation in the area. He recently hosted an auction at the site, where his nephew Desmond "Dezzie" took the helm at the family business, and spoke in front of the crowd of hundreds, and a virtual crowd of thousands.

On the side of his historical and antique work, he and his wife Diane, whom he credits with much continuous support in his work, volunteer at the It's All About the Animals site in Rochester every week. He said, "I clean litter boxes. No one believes me, but I do!" He also said through Marion Antiques, he raises money for the non-profit. "We raised about \$14,000 last year and are on track to do that again this year."

With that, a "thank you" to Frank McNamee on behalf of The Wanderer for his continuing work in the

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**Kevin Tavares**

*2025 Mattapoisett Keel Award*

**By Mick Colageo**

Ask just about anyone, and they will most-fondly remember particular schoolteachers and principals who went out of their way to know them.

In his decade of administration that followed his 20 classroom years, former Principal Kevin Tavares made it a mission to know each and every student that walked the halls of Old Hammondtown School. The culture that Tavares helped Rose Bowman instill in Mattapoisett Schools over their many years working together makes Tavares, a 2024 retiree, an ideal recipient of the 2025 Keel Award for the Town of Mattapoisett.



Together, the two educators forged an identity and a platform upon which current principals Linda

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Tavares' journey to Old Hammondtown wasn't

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always on his radar, but a young man from Dartmouth who didn't necessarily see himself following in his father's 33-years-in-education footsteps discovered during his college years that education was where he belonged.

A 1983 graduate Bridgewater State College (now University), Tavares' association with Old Hammondtown began with a student-teaching placement in the fall of 1982.

"I already had a connection with the school," he said.

His career in Mattapoisett Schools didn't begin in earnest, however, until 1994, when his grandmother was perusing the "want ads" in late summer and spotted a small help-wanted to fill a teaching position at Old Hammondtown.

"She saw that little ad in the paper," Tavares recalls.

Until then, the lack of teaching jobs had led him toward private-sector opportunities, and Tavares had a job working for a transportation company until it shut down, leaving him out of work. Education-related jobs were not growing on trees, and now his fallback in the business world was failing him. Things changed when a newly installed principal at Old Hammondtown interviewed Tavares, then called him back on Labor Day weekend, offering him his first job in education.

"I knew that I always wanted to work with kids in some capacity, but it really was by chance," said Tavares, still not realizing that his return to Old Hammondtown for his first teaching job would be the last move of his career. "I thought I was going to take a business track, but when it came down to it, I really was kind of called toward teaching and doing something with kids. ...I ended up majoring in Elementary (Education), and that's when I knew that I was really on the right path."

As Union President over 18 of his first 20 (classroom) years at Old Hammondtown, Tavares felt he had "a great relationship" with school committees.

"Was it perfect? No. There were times when we agreed to disagree, but for the most part we have always

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had supportive school committees," he said. "They don't get enough credit in my opinion because we had a great working relationship. It wasn't contentious... they were respectful of the teachers that we had."

Regarding his own path, Tavares said that, sometimes to a fault, his lens as an administrator was always through the eyes of the teacher.

"Because it's a hard job," he said.

Seeing the job from both sides, he developed his skills under the watchful eye of Bowman, the principal of Mattapoissett Schools. Tavares, when he moved to administration, was the visible leader of Old Rochester Regional Administration on the Old Hammondtown campus, but for eight of those years he had the benefit of Bowman's experience. He said he learned from Bowman how to lead so that "teachers were able to do their job."

The Town of Mattapoissett had two principles (Center and Old Hammondtown elementary schools) in the 1980s but altered that plan during Bowman's tenure to better connect the schools from a learning standpoint. With her retirement, the town restored the dual-principal structure, while ORR builds synergy via its district-wide learning plans under Superintendent Mike Nelson's direction.

While the student population at Old Hammondtown has decreased during Tavares' 30-year career there from over 300 students in 1994 to 174 by the time he retired in 2024, the building has become far

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more adequate. Tavares began teaching in one of three "portable" classrooms (trailers), but the heart of the job, he says, doesn't really change.

"First and foremost, kids need to know that you care about them, that what they say matters. Then building relationships from there," he said. "The most important thing to me was building the relationship early on, gaining trust, and to listen – because you can learn a lot when you listen."

Tavares built his career around the belief that a student that feels heard is more likely to engage, learn, remember, and become educated.

"One of the things I learned earlier was you have to build relationships before you can do anything

else because, if they don't trust you, they're not going to learn," he said.

In acknowledging that the culture of a school starts with its principal, Tavares looks up to Bowman for instilling and supporting those values.

"I think that's one of the things that Rose was able to do. To a certain extent what I was able to do in working with Rose was create a culture where teachers felt safe and trusted and were able to do their job. ...Because of that, teachers tended to stay," he said. "I had tremendous support from families over the years, and an amazing staff. I think one of the things that Mattapoisett should be most proud of is, when teachers start working there, they don't leave.

"If you look at the staff (at Center and Old Hammondtown schools), the teachers that are there have been there for a long time. They come, they stay. When they're fortunate enough to get the job, they stay. I would imagine three quarters of the staff's been there at least 20 years. ...It's a great place to teach."

### "To the Inhabitants of Canada"

*This Week In Revolutionary History...*

**By Sam Bishop**

This week in Revolutionary War History, let's discuss what was going on 250 years ago in and around the colonial Province of Massachusetts Bay. Last week was a busy one; a discussion between Philip Schuyler and representatives of the Haudenosaunee would eventually spell the confederation's doom, standards are implemented for food and bread in the army, soldiers received forced payments to stagger lowering moral, the Continental Navy sees its first ship deployed, and troops march north to assault British positions in Quebec.

On September 3, 1775, Washington's focus is away from Boston and instead, directed 300 miles to the north at Quebec. Washington instructs Reuben Colburn of Gardiner, Maine (then called Gardnerstone and being a part of Massachusetts) on the Kennebec River to begin the construction of 200 small river boats, or "batteaus," for operations and troop movements into Canada. These ships are to be used by Benedict Arnold (still about 5

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years off from news of his great betrayal) to link up with troops already sent north from Ticonderoga.

On September 5 in his General Orders, Washington calls for the court martial of Captain Moses Hart, found guilty by Lieutenant Colonel Experience Storrs of Connecticut of "drawing for more provisions than he was entitled to and for unjustly confining, and abusing his men." He is to be "cashiered," or dismissed in disgrace. On the same day, around 700 volunteers from Pennsylvania and Virginia are arranged to parade around Cambridge. These men are soon (next week) to march north to Maine under Arnold. Also on September 5, Governor Jonathan Trumbull of Connecticut warns Washington the waters of the Long Island Sound are "infested" by "Three Ships of War with thirteen other vessels." He adds, "New London is in great fears, and Stonington expect another attack. I have ordered The new raised levies to guard and defend those two places, and the coasts as far as Connecticut River." He does say he has sent all the hunting shirts they can acquire north to Cambridge. The next day, a shipment of three tons of powder will arrive in Norwich, which he also promises to send north.

On September 6, Washington cracks down on liquor sales and drunkenness in his troops. He forbids the selling of alcohol to his men by anyone other than those appointed. His purpose in this is to "to prevent such evils from spreading in the camp." He also writes a plea to the

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people of Bermuda, for whom he recently had smuggled powder from. He tells the inhabitants of the island, at the time about 12,000 people, that the American people have been scorned by British Ministers and policies, as have the Bermudans. Interestingly, he also refers to the ongoing conflict as a "civil war." That same day, Washington pens his "To the Inhabitants of Canada" letter, to be taken with Benedict Arnold on his expedition. It begins, "Friends and brethren: The unnatural contest between the English Colonies, and Great Britain has now risen to such a height, that arms alone must decide it." In highlighting various disagreements and injustices, the General hopes to sway the British people to his side. At the time, the Thirteen Colonies were not set in stone as the sole

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combatants. Many at the time believe the Canadians and Catholic Quebecois would be swayed to join as well. He writes, "Incited by these Motives and encouraged by the advice of many friends of liberty among you, the Great American Congress have sent an army into your province, under the command of General Schuyler; not to plunder but to protect you."

Turning back to the home front, on September 8, Washington circulates a letter among his general officers. In it, he describes the "very interesting nature" of the conflict and continent. He quickly gets into the purpose of his writing: he seeks an assault on Boston. Due to the cooling temperatures and looming winter, time is very much of the essence. Should Boston not be captured



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before winter, comfortable barracks must be constructed, as well as acquiring wood, blankets, warm clothing, and much more. Easier said than done. He also fears should a sizable victory not be achieved and the discomforts of winter set in, a sizable desertion could be possible. He wishes to meet the generals in person in the coming days to draft a plan.

**The Southcoast Gardener**  
**By Laura McLean**

I suppose I've come to accept the arrival of fall. As I listen to the persistent hum of crickets and a Blue Jay's distinctive jeer, I feel that familiar shift. I don't mind the 70s temps, but the early morning dips do seem abrupt. By the calendar, fall doesn't really happen until September 22, marking the astronomical autumnal equinox. As we know, seasonal changes don't heed dates and calendars. Wind changes, temperature drops, and a new season is suddenly here.

In the waning days of sunshine, we have enjoyed the fruits of our labors in the garden - the plentiful yield of tomatoes brought us gazpacho and tomato sauce and many variations on the tomato theme. Eggplant, peppers, cucumbers, and string beans did moderately well, and the blackberries were phenomenally productive. I hope there will be a good potato crop in spite of the dry summer, and being away didn't help.

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garden in summer, because it's a full-time job. Yet I managed to get out on the bike and sailboat and even took up golf again after a 30-year hiatus thanks to a friend. Back in the day, my priorities were gardening first with everything else trailing in importance. But that has shifted slightly as I strive for a more balanced way of living.

I have to admit that fall (and the season that follows) are good, as they give us gardeners a chance to slow down. There is plenty of time yet to accomplish any unfinished tasks left from summer, and now is the best time for reorganizing and thinking ahead so that, for once, spring's workload will be more manageable.



Depending on the scale of your garden, fall can be fairly work-intensive.

British garden writer Penelope Hobhouse stresses the importance of fall tasks in her book "On Gardening."

"Autumn work is vital: moving shrubs as necessary and as they become dormant, and cutting down perennials - but leaving those such as sedums and grasses, with flowers and leaves which continue to look

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handsome through the autumn months. Spent annuals must be pulled out and the last seed gathered and stored."

Following her advice, I started to cut down several tall perennials (shasta daisies and phlox amongst them) that look pretty ghastly once they are done. It brought instant results, with other plants standing out without interference, refreshing the scene anew.

Ms. Hobhouse also recommends effective sterilization of garden beds (to get rid of diseases or weed seed) while the soil is still warm. I see I have my work cut out for me here, as the porcelain-berry vines have run riot in my yard. I used to think they were pretty with their Delft colored berries adorning the vigorous heart-shaped



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vines - but these are considered the most pervasive of invasives. Their appearance on our backyard gazebo is quite lovely, but then I see them popping up through other areas of the garden (they can be spread by birds and small mammals) and realize it's out of control. There are ways to remove them and that is one of my top priorities this fall.

I'm fine with leaving the common violet that serves as a kind of ground cover in parts of my garden. Who can resist a tiny bouquet of violets? So, a lot of what you remove is personal. In previous years, I have been overzealous in removing such plants as lemon balm, coreopsis, honesty, cosmos and datura to the point that they're extinct in my patch. My advice is to save a few plants if you can, unless utterly rampant.

Here is a checklist of chores to be done in fall:

- Reseed bare spots in the lawn.
- Collect seed heads from purple coneflowers, zinnias, marigolds, hollyhocks - whatever you reseed each year. Use airtight containers labelled with plant name and date of collection.
- Get a truckload of manure. Harvest compost pile. Combine and spread on graded beds. These simple ingredients are the key to healthy soil and, in turn, a good garden.
- Shop for bargains - ornamentation, peat moss, plants. Look at local nurseries offering seasonal discounts.

- Move shrubs and plants now. Both establish better while soil retains some warmth.
- Continue dividing perennials.
- Plant fall window boxes and planters if you haven't yet.
- Take cuttings of shrubs, using half-ripe wood in early autumn, hard wood in late autumn. An excellent source is "Plant Propagation" by Alan Toogood for the American Horticultural Society.
- Clear leaves from herbaceous plants to minimize damage by slugs. These include hostas, asters, and euphorbias.
- Rake and gather leaves from paths, lawns, and borders and let them rot into leaf mold. If you own a shredder, use it for reducing plant stems and shrub prunings into a chaff-like material. Use in alternate layers with kitchen waste and grass clippings in the compost bin.



- Scratch bone meal into the peony and iris beds.
- Fall's a great time for picking bouquets, along with ripe vegetables and fruit.
- Pot up tender herbs and start to gradually bring in potted plants, the same way you put them out - a few hours at a time.
- Don't forget to check and clean your tools, machinery and watering systems.
- Last but very important: Clean out the shed before winter.

I'll follow nature's lead... the gradual diminishing of sound, the cooling temperatures and fewer flowers - the quiet beauty and unhurried pacing that is fall.

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**By Dr. Edward Hoffer**

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For reference, 6 ounces of chicken give you 53 grams of protein while 6 ounces of salmon or lean hamburger give you 44. A 6 oz container of Greek yogurt supplies about 14 grams.

Vegans must be more careful, but an ounce of almonds supply 6 gm, 8 oz of soy milk give 7 and 6 oz of tofu contain 14 gm protein.

Does anyone need more protein? If you are working out vigorously trying to build muscle, upping your protein intake probably helps, but only up to double the recommended 0.8 gm/kg intake, with no added benefit no matter how much more protein you consume.

Older adults often lose muscle mass. The greatest way to avoid this is with resistance training (lifting weights). There is some evidence that modest increase of protein intake, to about 1.2 gm/kg/day may help, but the key is exercise, not diet.



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Excess protein can be harmful to the kidneys, so keep your protein intake to no more than 1.6 gm/kg/day (130 gm for a 180 lb. person – proportionally more or less depending on your weight).

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**'Aquaman' on Beat**

*Marion Select Board*

**By Jeffrey D. Wagner**

The newest town employee has been nicknamed "Aquaman" by the Marion Select Board. However, new Police Officer James Cuoco, a champion high school swimmer, will likely take his abilities to land instead.

At the September 3 Select Board meeting at the Marion Police Station, Cuoco, a former state champion in swimming for Old Rochester Regional High School, was appointed to the department. As a Fairhaven resident with experience in another department, he has returned to his home region.

Select Board members joked that Cuoco should instead work with the Harbormaster's office, but Cuoco, who graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice and completed police academy work, said he stays in shape with running these days.

In a night of good news for the town, Grant Administrator Amy Jackson-Grove, hired in April, reported that she and the town secured 10 grants last month. She said approximately \$1,400,000 are federal grants, including American Rescue Act funds for the town.

Jackson-Grove said that many believe the grants had dried up after the pandemic but that there was some funding available to update town infrastructure, including road and other updates. She said the town also secured state grants, and almost every department in town has received some assistance, including but not limited to the Sippican School receiving a new generator, money for the Mass Trail projects for easements to extend the trail from the Mattapoisett line through town, transportation service money for the Council on Aging, as well as arts and other programming for the library.

Jackson-Grove said the town is applying for other grants, including a \$250,000 grant to ensure that the new Marion Town House is American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant. The town is applying for a grant to help

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the Council on Aging educate resident seniors on internet literacy.

The board also agreed to a new policy: Non-voting residents can apply to be on the 250th Anniversary Fireworks Committee. The town's historical birthday is coming up in 2027, and it is agreed that non-taxpayers can join this planning committee as long as they do not vote on matters pertaining to the use of town funds.

Board members invited all the help to celebrate this milestone for Marion.

The next meeting of the Marion Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, at 6:00 pm.

### October 4 Vote Non-Binding

*Mattapoisett Select Board*

**By Marilou Newell**

With a packed training room at the Fire Station, the Mattapoisett Select Board announced the date and time of the Special Town Meeting: Saturday, October 4 at 1:00 pm, to be held in Old Rochester Regional High School's gymnasium. They opened and closed the warrant that contains one article, an article that if passed at the Special Town Meeting would be a non-binding referendum with no impact on the Citizen Petition that passed by a majority at the fall Town Meeting.

That petition was authored by Nikki Demakis who, in advocating for an expansion of the Select Board from three members to five, cited a need to bring more qualified residents into the decision-making process and more efficiently expedite the business of the Select Board.

But others believed that the current board configuration wasn't broke, so why fix it? The Demakis petition was moved through confirmation, becoming a ratified vote of the town. Thusly, the second Citizen Petition, which received adequate signatures to be placed before the voters in a Special Town Meeting, was an attempt to undo the Demakis petition.

Select Board Chair Tyler Macallister declared that, if the Special Town Meeting passes this single-warrant article, the only impact would be its history as a non-binding referendum.

Some members of the public were against the

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town being obligated to hold the Special Town Meeting, especially given the \$3,500 expense to do so. Questions to the board regarding what the latest group of petitioners hope to accomplish were not addressed, as the board held that they simply were following Massachusetts General Law in this matter.

The matter of the Select Board appointing a temporary Board of Health member was tabled when that board failed to achieve a quorum necessary to hold a dual meeting on this night.

At the August 26 board meeting, the Select Board attempted to appoint Douglas Schneider for an open position, but public sentiment ran high that there were other qualified residents, possibly bringing other skill sets

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that might be a better fit. The board continued the matter to the September 9 meeting.

Board of Health member Michelle Bernier asked the Select Board to consider offering the short-term posting to a resident with a public-health background, identifying Kathy Eklund as a highly qualified public-health professional. There ensued debate over the Select Board's responsibility to fill vacated elected positions until an election is held and the lack of transparency in selecting a temporary replacement.

Without a quorum, the Select Board moved to table the matter until their next meeting. In the meantime, Macallister said the public is welcome to contact the board mail or email if they wish to comment on the process or people involved in this matter.

In other matters, nearly eclipsed due to other agenda items, was the vote taken to approve the General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan (bond) in the amount of \$6,580,000 purchased by Bancroft Capital.

Macallister said that Mattapoisett continues to have a strong "Triple A" rating, which allowed the bond to be generated with a low interest rate of only 4%. The bond will be used to pay for projects previously approved by voters; those projects are Industrial Drive (a road project); engineering and design for the Main Street TIP project; Oakland Street Sewer Main Replacement; Oakland and Pearl Street Road Improvements; and Highway Department building renovations and

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In the matter of a complaint filed by Donald Fleming with the state ethics board, an Open Meeting complaint, the board said it was formulating its response.

Town Administrator Mike Lorenzo announced that Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School will be giving a presentation on Tuesday, September 23, to share its plan for a new school in accordance with MSBA, Massachusetts School Building Authority. The school is planning a large renovation and expansion project, the costs of which will be shared by the member towns. Mattapoisett currently has 30 students enrolled at the school. Cost burdens will be calculated based on enrollment, he said.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, September 23.

### **Wetland Crossing Approved**

*Mattapoisett Conservation Commission*

**By Marilou Newell**

A Notice of Intent Filing by the Lisa Mueller Trust Declaration came before the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission on September 8. The filing noted the location as 89 Mattapoisett Neck Road and proposed the demolition of an existing dwelling to be replaced by a new single-family home that includes a plunge pool, gas fire pit, and underground utilities.

Representative Bob Field of Field Engineering said there would also be a wetland crossing of a suspected vernal waterway. Presently the vernal area has not been mapped by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), however, he elaborated that prior to next spring before the spring wet season the area may become mapped by FEMA. Environmental Agent Brandon Faneuf confirmed that may be the case moving forward, commenting that work in the bordering vegetated area should be executed during the dry season. The project was conditioned.

A request for an extension of a Wetland Delineation filed by David McIntire for 0 Nicky's Lane became a matter of whether or not the request could be heard as filed. Faneuf said that, because an Order of Conditions had already been ordered for the project, the extension request could not be for an extension of a delineation. Faneuf suggested McIntire file a Request for Determination of Applicability. The request was continued.

William Madden of 11 Melissa Anne Lane received a Negative 3 determination for his RDA previously filed. Also continued was a Notice of Intent filed by the Town of Mattapoisett for the repair and reconstruction of Long Wharf.

Certificates of Compliance were issued to properties located at 7 Cove Street, 8 Laurel Street, and 4 Grove Avenue. Also receiving a Certificate of Compliance was new construction at 9 Park Place but with the stipulation that all construction debris including the straw

wattles be removed.

Unpermitted work at 11 Seamarsh Way involved a barrier-beach location. A complaint lodged with the commission said vegetation has been removed on the beach. The commission ordered a Cease and Desist notification be sent to the violator and that an RDA filing be ordered.

Another complaint, this one on Cove Street, noted that a road grader was leaking fluids onto the beach. Chairman Mike King said that was not true and that he regularly inspects the machinery when he is in the area shell fishing. He said of the equipment in question, "You can eat off it."

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, September 22.

### A New Committee's First Meeting

*Marion Water and Sewer Regulations Review Committee*  
**By Sam Bishop**

The Marion Water and Sewer Regulations Review Committee met on Thursday, September 4 at the Town Hall Annex. The committee, formed by the Select Board and granted its powers on July 11 by its Committee Charter, sees its purpose as to "review, assess, and recommend updates to the town's regulations and policies governing municipal sewer and water services." This can be seen primarily to delineate its

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power and alleviate stress away from the Select Board, which currently also serves as the town's Water/Sewer Commission.

Committee member Sean Sweeney stated a major goal of the committee is to streamline and "make regulations easier to understand."

Select Board Vice Chair John Hoagland was present, serving as the liaison between the board and committee. Also present at the meeting was Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman who briefed the committee on various budgetary goals, such as referencing trying to spend around \$90,000 on water and \$200,000 on sewer annually, "though it's been a tough couple of years," he added. Gorman also said the big priority is to maintain the setout budgets, and "what we don't want to do is, at the end of the year, have to go to Town Meeting to get money to fill a gap."

Most of the extensive meeting was spent with members getting a grasp of the budget and various issues, deciding what they should prioritize. The prevailing disagreements over grinder-pump installations were the first major topic of discussion, with their lifespan, efficiency, and various manufacturers debated.

The meeting served as a point for various representatives to meet and discuss water and sewer-related issues, outside of regular government meetings. Some members of the public were also present to participate in discussions.

The next meeting of the Marion Water and Sewer Regulations Review Committee is scheduled for Thursday, September 11 at 3:00 pm in the Town Hall Annex, 14 Barnabas Road, with a short list of action items on the docket.

## A Night of Continuances

Rochester Planning Board

By Michael J. DeCicco


It was a night of continuances, but the Site Plan Review hearing for a 68-unit age 55 and over senior living apartment building at 22 Cranberry Highway within Rochester Crossroads drew most of the Rochester Planning Board's attention Tuesday night.

Joseph Sanda, representing developer Ken Steen Realty, said this plan is a revision of the original master plan for the development site. The original plan was for 208 senior units, he explained. Under the revision, that plan now includes an apartment building with 68 units for residents aged 55 and up on a 24,000-square-foot lot that would include a full septic system, a drainage network, underground utilities, site lighting, and surface parking.

Sanda described a long driveway 'aisle' that will include curb cuts allowing common access for others that will build within the development parcel. He then listed the regulatory waivers Steen is requesting for his site plan approval permit. These include that the project needs a smaller separation between the storm water and septic system and cannot accommodate the 10-foot vegetative buffer town zoning regulations require.

The board ultimately continued this hearing until its next, Sept. 23 meeting as it awaits more finalized details from Steen. But first, board Chair Arnold Johnson expressed concern over what this new plan will do to the Seasons Corner Market access road there that already sees traffic congestion. "Is that road being shifted?" he asked. Steen answered that this new road is not being built for this project but will be needed eventually. Johnson said he wanted that access point to go away now. Steen agreed to construct it but completely block it off.


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said her concern was the increased, dangerous traffic conditions this project will create and the dangerous construction debris already there that attracts her six- and eight-year-old grandchildren to play on. "I'm stuck in the middle of this," she said. Johnson suggested a temporary construction fence be built. Steen said he was willing to construct one.

The board also continued its hearing on the Definitive Subdivision application to permit turning an 8.67-acre parcel at 19 County Road into three lots, a plan to retain the existing house lot and create two new lots for additional four-bedroom residential housing. Upon the petitioner's request, this hearing will be delayed until October 14.

The board continued to September 23 its hearing on the request to approve a modification of the Definitive Subdivision Plan permit for the previously approved Snipatuit Pond Estates at Gerrish and Bishop Road. The plan here is to swap two parcels of open space to create a 3.578-acre buildable lot on one of them. Johnson informed the petitioner's attorney that the board needs to see the appraisal cost of that swap to make sure it is of equitable value to both sides.

In other action, the board again continued to its next meeting the Special Permit and Site Plan Review hearing for the proposal from Logging Swamp Solar to install a ground-mounted, large scale solar panel array at 600 Snipatuit Road and its other large-scale solar project hearing, for the construction of a floating and ground-mounted solar array at 53 Dexter Lane. Both had also been continued at the board's last meeting.

The Rochester Planning Board's next meeting will be Tuesday, September 23 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

### First Meeting of New Director

*Mattapoisett Council on Aging Board of Directors*

**By Sam Bishop**

The Board of Directors of the Mattapoisett Council on Aging met on the morning of September 3, and the meeting began with a welcome back following a summer hiatus. Chair of the board Linda Clifford firstly

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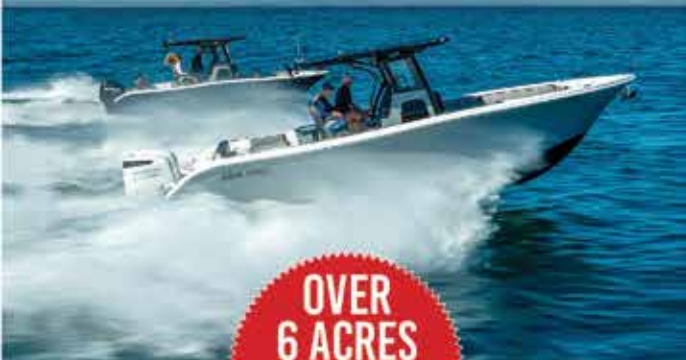


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introduced new COA Director Sarah Landry to her first meeting as "the new sheriff in town."

The new director, in her report, stated they are about two months into the fiscal year, noting nothing is thus far "out of the ordinary." In discussing the budget, Landry noted a desire to further seek the assistance of volunteers and donors to continue to offer free events, such as crafting classes, or events that would have free food, like pizza parties. "I have been spending a lot of time with the accounting and finance department - to hash out these numbers," she stated, also referring to grant management. The budget, as presented, was approved unanimously by the board.

Landry stated their events have been a great success, with emphasis on continuing and expanding them where possible. Bingo, "no surprise there," has been a great success, with the ice cream social event being scheduled just before to encourage participation in both events.

The director stated many podiatrists have retired recently, making it necessary to call in their regular doctor, Dr. Alan Chen, more frequently for foot care and checkups. She also mentioned rides taken advantage of more frequently, though fewer rides are being taken overall. In other words, more people in each ride at a time, fewer rides overall. "We are almost at a point where we need to hire another driver," she concluded, though this hasn't been planned as of yet.

Landry stated The Second Half classes will continue to be offered to all ages, with a small tuition fee. She mentioned cooking, history of rock and roll, art, and other classes will become available.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Council on Aging Board of Directors is scheduled for Wednesday, October 1 at 8:30 am in the Mattapoisett Council on Aging, 17 Barlow Street.

## **Board Abides by Denitrification Bylaw**

*Marion Board of Health*

**By Jeffrey D. Wagner**

The September 3 Marion Board of Health meeting left off where the August meeting began – Chair Albin

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Johnson contending with fellow board members and with two residents and calling septic denitrification systems an "overkill." Johnson is adamant that more studies should be done to determine whether they are needed in Marion.

A resident and Select Board member, Norm Hills, wrote a letter about the issue and debated the merits of these systems with Johnson at the Police Station meeting room.

Johnson repeated what he said at the August 7 meeting, asserting that there is no data in Marion supporting the theory that the state-required Title V septic systems are allowing nitrogen to pollute town waterways and the harbor.

Johnson and his opponents on the issue agreed that nitrogen has no impact on potable drinking water, but it does create algae in waterways, polluting them and building up algae.

Johnson argued that nature breaks down algae and other pollutants from septic systems and that, while some communities on Cape Cod have a need for denitrification systems, there is no direct data proving that Marion has that same need.

Residents and officials at the meeting said that data across the state and in other states confirms that nitrogen pollution is connected to septic systems. Proponents of the system mentioned that 11 areas in Marion were studied for connection to the town sewer line but five areas, due to distance and costs, were not



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"Were any studies done of the amount of groundwater pollution in those five areas?" Johnson asked.

Board of Health Vice Chairman Dr. Ed Hoffer said that a 2023 approved wastewater comprehensive management report indicated that the town should consider a code, now approved, that orders new homeowners, not eligible for the sewer line, to install a septic system with denitrification technology.

Johnson continued to contend that the denitrification system is actually a private wastewater plant that private homeowners must own and manage when there is no data in town to support the theory that



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Title V systems are insufficient to protect town waters.

At the August meeting, Hoffer had expressed interest in exploring a study for Marion, but that idea appeared to lose momentum at the September 3 meeting.

"We are not inclined to make any changes at this point. We are in line with the town's comprehensive water management plan. We are aligned with what a number of other coastal communities are doing. And I see no compelling reason to change that," Hoffer said.

In other Board of Health news, it was reported that town beaches are clean of bacteria and contaminants, and there will be a flu and COVID-19 clinic offered by the Health Department later this month.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health is scheduled for Thursday, September 18 at 4:30 pm in the Marion Police Department conference room.

## **Bulldog Comeback Comes up Short**

*Sports Roundup*

**By Aiden Comorosky**

The Old Rochester Regional High School football team opened its 2025 season on Friday night at Plymouth North and, despite a furious comeback effort, fell by a 28-14 score.

"The boys played hard and never gave up," said ORR Head Coach Bryce Guilbeault.

The Bulldogs battled all night long. After being down 7-0 at the end of the first quarter, Henry Berry intercepted a pass and returned it to the Plymouth North 9-yard line. On fourth and goal, sophomore Connor Nelson scored on a 1-yard touchdown run. Plymouth scored at the end of the second quarter to make it 14-6 at halftime.

In the middle of the fourth quarter, Nash LaFountain blocked a punt, and Brody Hiles returned it to the Plymouth North 14-yard line. Cam Pepin scored on fourth and goal from the two, and Nelson completed a pass to Berry for the two-point conversion to tie the game. Plymouth scored two more touchdowns and sealed the game. Pepin finished with over 100 yards rushing for ORR.

"We have to have a great week of practice as

we get ready to play a very good Bishop Stang team on Friday night on the road at 6:30," said Guilbeault, as the Bulldogs prepare to make the trip to North Dartmouth for a second straight road game.

### *Field Hockey*

Old Rochester hosted Dighton-Rehoboth on September 4 and won 6-1. Morgan LeBlanc scored in the first quarter, assisted by Addyson Spencer, and junior captain Addison Roy also scored in the first quarter unassisted. Spencer was able to find the net twice during the second quarter. LeBlanc received a pass from Roy, bringing the score to 5-0. Kennedy Zussy scored in the fourth quarter. The Bulldogs took a 1-1 record into Tuesday's match against Joseph Case in Swansea.

### *Girls Volleyball*

The Bulldogs faced Weston on September 3 and won 3-2. The set scores were 19-25, 25-13, 25-23, 18-25, and 15-10. Weston had defeated Old Rochester in the state tournament each of the past two seasons, and had gone onto the state championship both times. Molly Franco was named the player of the game, as she had 26 kills, 13 digs, and four aces. Maya Morrison had 38 assists, 16 digs, and five aces, as Sadie Hartley Matteson had nine kills. ORR took a 2-0 record into Wednesday's match against Seekonk.

### *Girls Soccer*

Old Rochester played at Falmouth on September 2 and won 3-1. Maddie Hardy was named the player of the game after scoring 2 goals. Kate Thomsen scored 1 goal, Amanda Ignacio had 2 assists, and Mia Balestracci added 1 assist. The Bulldogs were to host Seekonk on Wednesday.

### *Boys Soccer*

The Bulldogs hosted Falmouth on September 2 and won 3-0. Junior goalie Owen Harrington was the player of the game, making nine saves in the shutout. Goals were scored by Tyler Porto, Brendan Foster, and Seb Romig. Old Rochester was to visit Seekonk on Wednesday.

### *Golf*

Old Rochester played at Fairhaven on September 4 and won 218-235. Brady Mills was the medalist, shooting an even-par, nine-hole round of 34. Jack



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Czerkowicz shot a 1-over-par 35, and John Bongiorno shot a 2-over 36. The Bulldogs are now 2-0 and will play at Apponequet on Thursday, September 11.

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### New Director of Guidance and Student Services

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson is pleased to announce that Christina Cioffi has been appointed as the Old Rochester Regional School District's new Director of



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Guidance and Student Services for grades 7-12.

Cioffi stepped into the role effective August 20.

Cioffi, who earned a Master of Social Work at Simmons University, has spent the past several years working as a school adjustment counselor for Plymouth Public Schools. In addition to her time working for Plymouth Public Schools, Cioffi has worked in the counseling and social services field for more than 20 years.



"It is an honor to introduce myself as the new Director of Guidance and Student Services at Old Rochester Regional School District's Junior High and High School," said Cioffi. "I look forward to collaborating with our dedicated counselors, staff, and administrators to build on the strong foundation already in place and to continue enhancing the ways we support every student's success. I look forward to supporting our students and empowering our staff to meet their needs."

Cioffi also holds a Bachelor of Arts in sociology from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

Superintendent Nelson, Old Rochester Regional High School Principal Mike Devoll, and Old Rochester Regional Junior High School Principal Silas Coellner welcomed Cioffi and wished her success.

"I look forward to working together with Director Cioffi to always improve upon our work to best meet the needs of our students," Principal Coellner said. "Let me welcome Director Cioffi to the team and offer her the best of success in the new position."

"Christina will play a vital role in all of the student transitions from grade 6 to 7, 8 to 9, and for post-high school planning," Principal Devoll said. "We are excited to welcome her to our district."

"Please join me in welcoming Christina Cioffi to our Old Rochester Regional School District community," said Superintendent Nelson. "She brings a deep commitment to student advocacy, collaborative leadership and continuous improvement, with more than two

decades of experience in counseling and social services and three years as a 504 Coordinator for Plymouth North High School. Her experience should serve her well as she serves our students in this demanding new role."

## Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor;

It is with sincere appreciation that we thank Police Chief Justin King, Principal Michael Devoll, Town Manager Michael Lorencio, and Village Signs for their support in raising awareness on National Overdose Awareness Day last week.

Overdoses affect every community - including ours. With the guidance, generosity, and leadership of these individuals and organizations, we were able to share the message: "It happens here too."

We encourage parents and guardians to talk openly with their children. By fostering education, compassion, and understanding, we can continue working together to reduce overdoses. This is a time not only to act, but also to remember that every overdose is someone's child. For us, two of them were our sons.

From,

Beth D. Oleson and Carol Lareau

## From Eleanor to a Holiday By The Sea

The Sippican Woman's Club (SWC) is looking forward to an inspiring and engaging year ahead for 2025-2026. Over the summer, our Board and committees have been busy planning a calendar filled with programs, gatherings, and special events—including our signature Holiday by the Sea House Tour on Saturday, **December 13**.

We begin the season on Friday, **September 12**, at 12:00 pm with a luncheon at Handy's Tavern, 152 Front St, Marion, featuring "An Hour with Eleanor", a one-woman play written and performed by playwright and actress Cynthia Krause. This captivating performance brings



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 1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 2:00 PM The Collective Chat  
 2:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
 3:00 PM Buzzards Bay Music Fest - Chamber Music  
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**Saturday September 13, 2025**

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival  
 9:30 AM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Annual Pops Concert  
 10:30 AM Easton Fire Department - Close Before You Doze  
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 11:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
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**Sunday September 14, 2025**

6:00 AM Health Source  
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 7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church  
 8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church  
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 10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church  
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 11:30 AM For Your Health  
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**Monday September 15, 2025**

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 9:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
 10:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Shift  
 10:30 AM A Conversation With...  
 11:00 AM For Your Health  
 11:30 AM Money Matters  
 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 Sidewalks Entertainment  
 3:00 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz  
 3:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 4:30 PM The Human Truth

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 10:00 PM The Collective Chat  
 10:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
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**Tuesday September 16, 2025**

7:00 AM Seniorize  
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
 8:00 AM For Your Health: Nicotine Pouches  
 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  
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 4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
 5:00 PM Four Deep Sports Talk  
 6:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Historical What If's with Kirt Mead  
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**Wednesday September 17, 2025**

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 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  
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 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
 1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
 2:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson  
 2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday  
 3:00 PM A Conversation With...  
 3:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Annual Pops Concert  
 5:30 PM Beacon Hill Report  
 6:00 PM Building the Future  
 6:30 PM Pete on the Street  
 7:00 PM World Fusion Show  
 7:30 PM Buzzards Bay Music Fest - Orchestra  
 9:00 PM Buzzards Bay Music Fest - Chamber Music

## MARION GOVERNMENT

**Comcast Channel 26**

**Verizon Channel 39**

### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen  
 8:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission  
 10:00 AM Marion Planning Board  
 12:00 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals  
 1:00 PM Marion School Committee  
 2:30 PM Marion Finance Committee  
 3:30 PM Marion Open Space Committee  
 5:00 PM Marion Board of Health  
 7:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust  
 8:30 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission  
 10:00 PM Marion Water and Sewer Commission

## ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

**Comcast Channel 26**

**Verizon Channel 40**

### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen

7:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission  
 8:30 AM Rochester Planning Board  
 9:30 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals  
 10:30 AM Rochester School Committee  
 12:30 PM ORR School Committee  
 3:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee  
 5:00 PM Rochester Select Board  
 5:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission  
 6:30 PM Rochester Planning Board  
 7:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals  
 8:30 PM Rochester School Committee  
 10:30 PM ORR School Committee

## EDUCATION CHANNEL

**Comcast Channel 8**

**Verizon Channel 37**

### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly  
 8:00 AM Sippican Spring Concert  
 9:30 AM RMS 4th Grade Concert  
 10:30 AM Old Hammondton School - Autism Acceptance  
 11:00 PM Chuck McIntyre - Autistic Presentation at ORR  
 12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
 1:00 PM Cable History of Old Colony  
 2:00 PM Old Colony Skills USA Ceremony  
 2:30 PM ORR Student vs Staff Basketball Game  
 3:30 PM ORR Boys Div. III MIAA State Finals vs Charlestown  
 4:30 PM STEAM the Streets Presentation at ORR  
 5:30 PM ORR Promenade  
 6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
 7:00 PM ORR Theater Class Barbie and Ken's Shakespearean Adventure  
 8:30 PM Old Colony - Jungle Book Play  
 9:30 PM ORR FORM Brunch  
 11:00 PM ORRJHS Guppy Tank  
 11:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Dighton Rehoboth

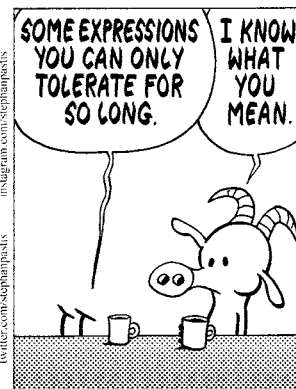
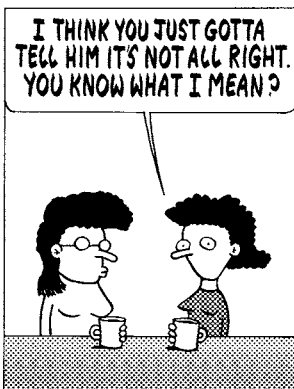
## MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT

**Comcast Channel 26**

**Verizon Channel 38**

### Daily Schedule

**PEARLS BEFORE SWINE**  
 by Stephan Pastis



to life the remarkable and often controversial, Eleanor Roosevelt, one of the most influential figures of the 20th century.

In October, members will enjoy a special visit to Great Hill Dairy on Tuesday, **October 10** at 10:00 am to tour the renowned blue cheese facility, followed by our luncheon and meeting back at the Tavern.

In addition to our monthly programming, we too gather each month for Sippican Suppers, where members enjoy a casual dinner together, as well as lively game nights, engaging book club discussions, and the exciting prospect of a new theatre club on the horizon.

Founded in 1904 and incorporated for more than a century, SWC continues its proud tradition of bringing women together for learning, friendship, and community service. We are always eager to welcome new members who share a curiosity for learning, a spirit of fellowship, and a commitment to giving back.

To learn more about membership, to stop in as a guest, or to join us for the 2025–2026 year, please visit our website at [www.SippicanWomansClub.org](http://www.SippicanWomansClub.org) or email Charlotte Cannelli at [SWC.Marion@gmail.com](mailto:SWC.Marion@gmail.com).

### **Navigating Dementia by Dr. Edward Hoffer**

Join Dr. Edward Hoffer at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library at 7 Barstow Street on Tuesday, **September 23** at 6:30 pm as he discusses Navigating Dementia: what it is, when to suspect it, the tests your doctor should

perform to investigate it, the available therapies, and how to prevent it.

Dr. Hoffer resides on the SouthCoast. He earned his undergraduate degree at MIT, received his MD from Harvard, and completed his residency and cardiology fellowship at Mass General Hospital. He was in private practice for 40 years, combined with research on medical informatics at MGH. Dr. Hoffer continues to work part-time at the MGH Lab of Computer Science on AI, aiming to assist doctors in making more accurate diagnoses. He is the author of the book "Prescription for Bankruptcy" and a frequent contributor of topical and helpful medical articles to The Wanderer.

This program is free and open to all.

### **Mattapoisett Yacht Club**

Odyssey Wins Phoenix Cup - September 3 - MYC sailors raced their final Wednesday night race, the Phoenix Cup, last night in an interclub battle between Ensign racers and PHRF racers. Twelve boats, all sizes, took part on a beautiful night with handicap times given to all boats.

Restless was the first boat to cross the finish line however it was Odyssey taking home the 1st place trophy on corrected time. Another Ensign, Black Ice finished second on corrected time with No Quarter Given placing third.

The last scheduled race for this season is the MYC

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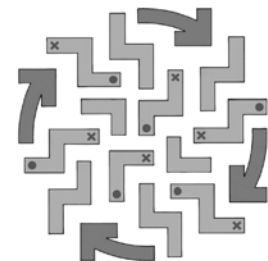
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# TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



## MARION

### Log highlights Aug 31 – Sept 6

- Wareham Rd – Suspicious activity
- Converse Rd – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Mill St – MV collision
- Spring St – Officer wanted
- Village Dr – Officer wanted
- Main St – EMS/medical
- Village Dr – Officer wanted
- Olde Knoll Rd – EMS/medical
- Front St – Animal control
- Spring St – General offense
- Spring St – Suspicious activity
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Follow up
- Point Rd – Fraud
- Spring St – MV collision
- Village Dr – Brush fire
- Village Dr – Health/welfare
- Point Rd – MV collision
- Converse Rd – Officer wanted
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Converse Rd – Animal complaint
- Island Wharf Rd – UAS Deployment
- Hermitage Rd – Road hazard
- Village Dr – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Spring St – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd - Disturbance

## MATTAPOISETT

### Log highlights Aug 31 – Sept 6

- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Water St – Parking violation
- Kestrel Ln – 911 abandoned
- Seaconet Rd – MV lockout
- Marion Rd - Disturbance
- Brandt Island Rd – Animal control
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Holly Ln – Medical assist
- County Rd – Officer wanted
- Barstow St – MV lockout
- Mattapoissett Neck Rd – MV crash
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Reservation Rd – MV crash
- Marina Dr - Complaint
- Mattapoissett Neck Rd – MV crash
- Marion Rd – Follow up investigation
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Barstow St – 911 call
- Tallman St – MV violations
- Beacon St – Health/welfare
- County Rd – Missing person
- Dexter Ln - Disturbance
- Harbor Acres Ln- Health/welfare
- Water St - Vandalism
- Meadowbrook Ln – Restraining order
- Lebaron Way – 911 call
- Marion Rd - Disturbance
- Hawthorne St – 911 call

## ROCHESTER

### Log highlights Aug 31 – Sept 6

- Horse Neck Dr – 911 call
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Stevens Rd – Outside fire
- Marion Rd – Animal control
- Neck Rd – Suspicious activity
- Old Tuck Bog Rd – Follow up
- Dexter Ln – Well-being check
- High St – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – Medical alarm
- Clapp Rd – 911 call
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity
- Neck Rd – MV collision
- Cranberry Hwy - Vandalism
- Pine St – Lost animal
- Vaughn Hill Rd – Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy – Assist other agency
- Vaughn Hill Rd – Parking complaint
- High St - Harassment
- Stevens Rd – Suspicious activity
- North Ave – Traffic control
- Briarwood Ln – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy - Larceny
- Dexter Ln – Animal control
- Rounseville Rd – 911 call
- Burgess Ave – Animal control
- North Ave – MV stop/citation
- Mendell Rd - Medical
- Gifford Ln – Inside investigation
- Dexter Ln – General services

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit [www.Wanderer.com](http://www.Wanderer.com).



# REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

## COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

**Monday, Sept 15:** Chicken w/ balsamic tomatoes, white rice, mixed vegetables, dinner roll, orange

**Tuesday, Sept 16:** Pot roast w/ brown gravy, vegetable medley, wheat roll, pear

**Wednesday, Sept 17:** BBQ pulled pork, roasted potatoes, carrots, Hawaiian roll, applesauce

**Thursday, Sept 18:** Tuscan chicken, orzo, broccoli, wheat bread, lemon square

**Friday, Sept 19:** Seafood Cajun pasta, whole grain pasta, brussel sprouts, wheat roll, pudding, diet: fruit

## CENTER SCHOOL

**Monday, Sept 15:** Philly chicken and cheese sub, savory green beans, pasta salad

**Tuesday, Sept 16:** Taco nacho platter, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad

**Wednesday, Sept 17:** Whole French toast sticks, tater tots, cheese stick, maple syrup

**Thursday, Sept 18:** Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce

**Friday, Sept 19:** Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, dressing

## OLD HAMMONDTOWN

**Monday, Sept 15:** Philly chicken and cheese sub, savory green beans, pasta salad

**Tuesday, Sept 16:** Taco nacho platter, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad

**Wednesday, Sept 17:** Whole French toast sticks, tater tots, cheese stick, maple syrup

**Thursday, Sept 18:** Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce

**Friday, Sept 19:** Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, dressing

## OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

**Monday, Sept 15:** Philly chicken and cheese sub, savory green beans, pasta salad

**Tuesday, Sept 16:** Taco nacho

platter, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad

**Wednesday, Sept 17:** Whole French toast sticks, tater tots, cheese stick, maple syrup

**Thursday, Sept 18:** Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce

**Friday, Sept 19:** Hot buffalo chicken dip served w/whole grain tortilla chips, fresh veggie sticks

## ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

**Monday, Sept 15:** Philly chicken and cheese sub, savory green beans, pasta salad

**Tuesday, Sept 16:** Taco nacho platter, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad

**Wednesday, Sept 17:** Whole French toast sticks, tater tots, cheese stick, maple syrup

**Thursday, Sept 18:** Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce

**Friday, Sept 19:** Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, dressing

## SIPPICAN SCHOOL

**Monday, Sept 15:** Philly chicken and cheese sub, savory green beans, pasta salad

**Tuesday, Sept 16:** Taco nacho platter, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad

**Wednesday, Sept 17:** Whole French toast sticks, tater tots, cheese stick, maple syrup

**Thursday, Sept 18:** Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce

**Friday, Sept 19:** Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, dressing

## OLD COLONY REGIONAL

**Monday, Sept 15:** Crispy chicken bowl w/mashed potato, corn, gravy & dinner roll

**Tuesday, Sept 16:** Turkey club, baked beans & fries

**Wednesday, Sept 17:** Grilled cheese & tomato soup

**Thursday, Sept 18:** Steak & cheese sub w/peppers & onions, tater tots & corn

**Friday, Sept 19:** Assorted pizza & Caesar salad



Fall Round the Bay Race is Saturday, **September 13**.

Surprise Wins Buzzards Yc Round The Bay Race - Charles Churchill and the crew on Surprise captured first place in the Cruising Class held at Buzzards YC on August 16. This race is part of the Buzzards Bay Trophy Series held each year. Three more round the bay races will be held to complete the series. Quissett YC on September 6, MYC on September 13, and Beverly YC on September 20.

Phoenix Cup Final Results: 1- Odyssey, 2- Black Ice., 3- No Quarter Given., 4- Restless., 5-Coconuts., 6-Uncle Fester, 7- Kinsail, 8- Lindisfarne, 9-Chickadee, 10- Fir Na Tine, 11- Brass Monkey, 12- Little Dipper

MYC will hold its Annual Awards Dinner on **October 18**, at Salerno's in Onset.

### ORR Bulldog Pride Alumni Association

To celebrate the alumni of ORR, the ORR Bulldog Pride Alumni Association (BPAA)--for the third consecutive year--will organize alumni events around the annual Homecoming game. The parallel events will be held on Friday, October 17 and Saturday, October 18.

The program of events is open to all ORRJHS and ORRHS alumni and friends of ORR... an inclusive experience that hopes to bring together the common alumni experience spanning over seven decades from the Class of '64 to the Class of '24.

Save the dates:

Friday, **October 17** - "ORRHS Homecoming Football Game", kickoff 6:30 pm.

Join us at a dedicated alumni area behind the end zone. Gather to learn about what you can do for the ORR community through the efforts of the BPAA. Please note that to enter the grounds, all attendees are required to purchase a ticket. The BPAA is not involved in ticket sales for the game.

"Friday Night Lights" Social - Join us to celebrate the Bulldogs at The Stowaway in Mattapoisett, an alumni-owned business. The event starts immediately following the game. Complimentary light refreshments will be served. Special cocktails will be on the menu, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the BPAA. A 50/50 raffle will be held, including a silent auction. No entrance fee.

Saturday, **October 18** - "BPAA 3rd Annual Alumni Homecoming Celebration", 7:00 pm. Saturday's celebration is to be held at alumni-owned The Bitter

## OBITUARIES

*There are no Obituaries this week.*

*If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at office@wanderer.com.*

End in Fairhaven, featuring live music by Dave Dunn. Complimentary refreshments will be served. A 50/50 raffle will be held, including a silent auction. No entrance fee.

Local businesses and alumni have contributed to help us in our fundraising efforts to demonstrate our school pride for ORR. For the Class of 2024, the ORR BPAA sponsored three awards, totaling \$5,000. For 2025, the BPAA is committed to not only awarding a similar amount but also plans to launch a grant program for student groups, totaling over \$7,000 in financial gifts from small and large donations, earned primarily through the fundraising efforts during Alumni Weekend. This will allow BPAA funds to reach the wider ORR community by supporting projects and experiences for students.

Homecoming and Alumni Weekend 2025 is an opportunity for past students and graduates of ORRJHS and ORRHS to gather in proud support of our schools, and to establish an outlet for alumni and friends to volunteer and contribute resources in service to students, teachers, and staff. School pride is the nexus for our efforts, and we know that graduates of ORR are immensely proud of their bulldog experience.

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

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



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# MOVIE REVIEW

## Still In the Game

By Rob Gonsalves  
www.robsmovievault.com

**Highest 2 Lowest.** Starring Denzel Washington and Jeffrey Wright. Directed by Spike Lee. Running time: 133 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now streaming on Apple TV+.

If you want a hit of pure clean forceful cinema, right now your best bet is *Highest 2 Lowest*, the latest film by Spike Lee, who was born to shoot film and shows no signs of the fatigue of age. A re-treatment of the same material (Ed McBain's "87th Precinct" novel *King's Ransom*) that the Akira Kurosawa classic *High and Low* tackled, the movie is suave and painted in bold strokes, with a big-movie-movie Howard Drossin score and many gliding aerial (drone?) shots of New York City, great city of commerce and Lee's own favored milieu.

The city produces smooth moguls like David King (Denzel Washington), record label founder, and struggling rappers like Yung Felon (ASAP Rocky), the highest and lowest, regarding each other warily over a divide of privilege and mutual envy. King wants to buy back majority ownership of his label, which is still respected but also getting dusty. He puts together a sizable sum of money to do this, and then disaster hits: a kidnapper, planning to abduct King's teenage son for a ransom, swipes the kid's friend — and son of King's driver Paul (Jeffrey Wright) — by mistake. The kidnapper still asks for \$17.5 million, though, and right when King can afford it the least.

The plot has been around since McBain's book in 1959, but Lee and writer Alan Fox turn the events of the story towards a meditation on a creative man — King is regularly dubbed "the best ears in the business" — working hard to maintain his relevancy and his love of the art. As such, it's probably Spike Lee's most autobiographical film in a while. From what we see of the magazine covers and newspaper clippings tracking King's rise, his ascent parallels Lee's — and sometimes Washington's too. (Lee and Washington both came up in the '80s, though Washington was a few years ahead.) The director and star bring the confidence and relaxation of maturity to their work here; they keep things perking along while not denying the pull of the story's gravitas. Will King agree to put up the ransom money? If he doesn't, what does that say about him? If he does, what does *that* say?



I think of two scenes, each showing Lee and Washington at peak performance. The first is a quiet but fraught scene between King and his son Trey (Aubrey Joseph) when King hasn't yet decided whether to get the money together to get Paul's son back. Trey loses his temper at his father, loudly asking why he doesn't just put up the money. King responds with hurt paternal umbrage, and his menacing chastisement of the boy takes longer than the plot demands. Then we realize Trey is just voicing King's own self-loathing that he's even pausing to think about this. Soon after, King is telling Paul he'll pay the ransom. The other is a Lee triumph in which King makes the money drop, the cops tail the bag of cash as it skips from one motorcyclist to another, and all this is staged contrapuntally with footage of the late great Eddie Palmieri (whom we just lost a few weeks ago) playing salsa at the Puerto Rican Day Parade, with that island's flags waving gaily and colorfully. There's so much movement and undulating shapes and hues, contrasted with the hard white and blue of cruisers in pursuit, yet all staged and edited with such crisp clarity that we never feel lost, just sated by sensation. The sequence is masterful, so assured that we forget we're not breathing.

Some will say that *Highest 2 Lowest* goes on a bit, perhaps 30 to 45 minutes past its bedtime. But the third act, which doesn't make much logical sense (it seems to me there should be more than one man in jail by the end), actually houses the main point that the movie is working towards — the meeting of the highest and the lowest. The younger man spits some standard boastful rhymes, and the older man spits some right back at him, and we realize with amusement and not a little awe that Spike Lee is just going to throw everything into this movie. Thankfully, almost all of it sticks, and even the little shards that don't pay off — like Paul, a gratefully reformed ex-con turned Muslim, getting the hostile "I know you from somewhere" routine from irascible detective Dean Winters — still add to the texture. It's a filling meal.

BPAA are tax-deductible.

### Mattapoissett Cultural Council

Mattapoissett Cultural Council invites grant proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs until **October 16** at [massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-council-program/application-process/](http://massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-council-program/application-process/). Grants are available to support cultural projects and activities in and around Mattapoissett -- including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies or performances in schools, workshops, and lectures. These programs promote the availability of rich cultural experiences for Mattapoissett residents.

Eligible applicants include individuals, nonprofit organizations, associations or groups with a nonprofit purpose, public schools (including teachers, student groups and parent groups), libraries and other municipal agencies, and religious organizations or for-profit organizations under certain circumstances.

Applicants are encouraged to review local funding priorities at <https://www.mass-culture.org/mattapoissett>. Applications will be evaluated with respect to how well the program meets local priorities, community support and involvement, evidence of track record, evidence that a public benefit will result from the project, financial need, and demonstrated planning.

Recently funded projects included: theatrical, literary, and science programs for children and adults at Mattapoissett Free Public Library, concerts by Sippican Choral Society, SouthCoast Children's Chorus, and Tri-County Symphonic Band, programs and exhibits at Mattapoissett Museum, and in-school and summertime arts and science programs sponsored by the Mattapoissett PTA, Mattapoissett Recreation, Mattapoissett Land Trust, and New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance, among others.

To contact Mattapoissett Cultural Council directly with questions, please email us at [chrishbrennan1955@comcast.net](mailto:chrishbrennan1955@comcast.net).

### Showstoppers Performance Troupe Seeking Local Talent

The Showstoppers community-service singing troupe is seeking talented youth for its 24th season. Boys and girls in grades 2 to 12 with singing ability are encouraged to apply.

Candidates are asked to submit 2 audition videos, one ballad and one upbeat song, for review. Call backs will be in person by appointment. Submissions do not need to be professionally done and can be recordings of solos in previous school productions. We are looking for kids with great potential.

Successful candidates will rehearse one day per week for 1 1/2 to 2 hours and will have the opportunity to perform with the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra in December. They will also make an impact on their



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community by providing musical entertainment to the elderly at nursing homes, senior centers, and assisted living facilities throughout the Southcoast. The troupe also performs for the community at-large through a variety of private and public venues, including fairs, festivals, schools, malls, charitable fundraisers and other civic events.

Videos and/or video links should be sent to [ShowstoppersME@gmail.com](mailto:ShowstoppersME@gmail.com). Email for more information or call 508-758-4525.

Showstoppers Musical Entertainment is a subsidiary of Showstoppers Performing Arts, Inc., an all-volunteer non-profit organization. Follow them on Facebook to keep updated on their activities: [www.facebook.com/showstoppers.us](http://www.facebook.com/showstoppers.us).

### Angelica Yacht Club

AYC held its annual meeting and awards luncheon on Labor Day at 1 Bay Road (Pt Connett) in Mattapoissett. This year's sunfish racers were made up of mostly beginner sailors, each learning the basics of sailing under the watchful eye of a parent or high school instructor. Races are held every Sunday from Tuttle Pier starting at 9:00 am. After several beginner races the adults take over and get in a couple races. This year there were four series:

Fourth of July series, July series, August series and Labor Day series. Racers received flags for first,

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# SALOME'S STARS

**ACROSS**

- 1 Sailing guy
- 8 Dump vermin
- 12 Increased, as security
- 20 Singer with the 2018 hit "Let You Love Me"
- 21 Morales of "Bad Boys"
- 22 Still growing
- 23 Charms strongly
- 24 Pottery flaw
- 25 Cereal with a Honey Clusters variety
- 26 Start of a riddle
- 29 Reluctant
- 30 Suffix with ranch
- 31 Sty dweller
- 32 — Lankan
- 33 Reggae forerunner
- 36 Overhead railways
- 37 Riddle, part 2
- 41 Sell directly to consumers
- 44 Very secretive org.
- 45 Mysore dress
- 46 Completely
- 47 Old Palm smartphone
- 49 — de-sac
- 52 Blasting stuff
- 54 Riddle, part 3
- 60 Old Pontiacs
- 61 Parks of civil rights
- 62 — monster
- 63 Flight check-in stand
- 66 Mob group
- 69 Likely
- 70 Riddle, part 4
- 73 "Monsters, —"
- 74 City known for its Heat
- 76 Clan emblem
- 77 — -mutuel betting
- 78 PC whiz
- 79 Watch over
- 81 Riddle, part 5
- 84 Frat party containers
- 88 Road no.
- 89 Emphatic assent in Acapulco
- 90 First play part
- 91 Horse pace
- 93 Saints' and Cardinals' gp.
- 96 Twangy vowel sounds
- 100 End of the riddle
- 105 "Probably not"
- 106 Bagel fish
- 107 Britain's Lord Sebastian —

- 108 Patterned after
- 109 Issa of "Insecure"
- 110 Neopagan practice
- 112 Riddle's answer
- 116 Liqueur in some biscotti recipes
- 119 Nile goddess
- 120 Most lofty
- 121 Guys with pitches
- 122 Faxed, e.g.
- 123 Tempo faster than largetto
- 124 Singer Julio or Enrique
- 125 Picnic intruders
- 126 Dawn crower

**DOWN**

- 1 Free-for-all fighter
- 2 Opening for a lubricant, as in a drill
- 3 No less than
- 4 Razz
- 5 Change form little by little
- 6 Zone
- 7 Sadat's predecessor
- 8 Intersect again
- 9 Wan
- 10 Slow-movement martial art
- 11 Suck out with a tube
- 12 Bully in "Back to the Future"
- 13 Go-between
- 14 Going aboard
- 15 Spenser's "The — Queene"
- 16 Gigi's "to be"
- 17 Band of two
- 18 Fancy vase
- 19 Baseball's — Wee Reese
- 27 Video game or sci-fi film
- 28 Food items with shells
- 33 Fully content
- 34 Shoelace snarl
- 35 Carpenter's curved tool
- 37 Grow feathers large enough for flight
- 38 Food item with a shell
- 39 Ill-bred guy
- 40 It's ENE of Fiji
- 42 "Right back —!"
- 43 Gershwin or Levin
- 44 Poet like Keats
- 45 Disheveled
- 51 San — Obispo
- 53 Dispensers filled with bills
- 54 Disney World conveyance
- 55 Pueblo tribe
- 56 Legacy levy
- 57 Additionally
- 58 Old Iraqi political party
- 59 Like thick fog
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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) An offer to help with a stalled project should reassure you that you have a workable plan in spite of the problems in getting it up and running. The weekend brings more positive news.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A past problem about a workplace situation reemerges early in the week. Talking things out helps ease tensions by midweek, but some hurt feelings could linger for a few more days.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Optimistic aspects dominate your efforts. However, expect to confront criticism, some of which might be valid, so keep an open mind. But overall, it's your views that will count.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Social interaction with new people, especially on the job, could be a bit strained in the early part of the week. But the awkwardness passes as you get to know each other better.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Expect news about a follow-up to a workplace change that could make a difference in your career path. Meanwhile, new friends widen the circle for all you social Lions who love to party.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Enjoy your well-earned plaudits for a job well-done. But be aware that some people might not share your colleagues' admiration, and you might have to work harder to win them over.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) It's a good week to recheck your probably already overlong to-do list and decide what to keep and what to discard. Lose the clutter and focus your energy on what's really important.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) This is a good time to take a new perspective on what you've been offered. Expanding your view could help to uncover any pluses or minuses that weren't apparent at first.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Applying the usual methods to this week's unique challenges might not work too well. Instead, use your creativity to find a way to resolve any impasse that develops.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) So what if fate throws some obstacles in your path this week? Just keep in mind that the sure-footed and resolute Goat can get past any barrier by focusing on the goals up ahead.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) This week calls for better communication with people in both your private life and the workplace. Start by asking questions, then pay close attention to the answers.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Potentially beneficial workplace changes could be closer than you realize. Make sure you know what's going on so that you're not left high and dry when the good things happen.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You're not timid about pushing to have your aims realized once you've set your mind to accomplishing your goals.

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second and third place finishes in each race along with a trophy for the winner.

Commodore Tim Warren and Vice Commodore Pete Asci gave out the following flags and series trophies.

Fourth of July Winners:  
Beginners: Teddy Asci, Adults: Pete Kane

July Series  
Winner: Beginners: Tommy Warren, Adults: Nick Warren

August Series Winner: Beginners: Murphy Warren

Labor Day Series Winners: Beginners: Alana Kane, Adults: Pete Kane

Also receiving flags were: Emily Warren, Mackenzie Aarsheim, Declan Warren, Nina Kane, Ben Hayes, Finn McCarthy, and Ozzy Warren-Parker

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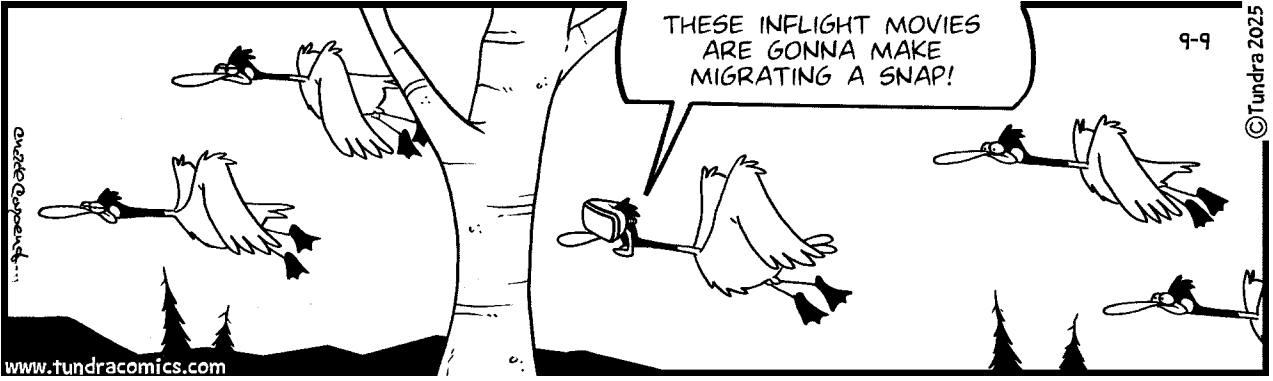
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## Marion Cultural Council

Marion Cultural Council is excited to receive online grant applications for individuals and organizations for art and STEM-related projects that will help to enrich the Marion community beginning September 2, 2025. The Mass Cultural Council has set an October 16 deadline for organizations, schools, and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities and proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs in the community. These grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Marion-- including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies, or performances in schools, workshops, and lectures.

The Marion Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences, and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

For questions regarding the Marion Cultural Council, contact [marionculturalcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:marionculturalcouncil@gmail.com) Online application forms, a full list of priorities and guidelines and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program and a list of the council's priorities



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## Marion Democratic Town Committee

The Marion Democratic Town Committee will meet at 5:30 pm, **September 18**, in the Community Room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street. The group will discuss and decide upon its priorities for activities through December. All Democrats residing in Marion are welcome to come, participate and share their ideas in order to create meaningful events for the fall. Any questions may be directed to the chair, Sharon Matzek – [sharonmatzek@yahoo.com](mailto:sharonmatzek@yahoo.com).

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<p><b>TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1225</b></p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of William Flaherty III, for property located at 45 Williams Way, identified on Assessor's Map 30A, Lot 25E, who is seeking a Variance for the proposed construction of a detached garage greater than 1,000 sq ft, pursuant to Chapter 20.40, Section E.2., of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws.</p> <p>The public hearing will be on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 7:15 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA. Donald Spirlet, Chairman. 9/4, 9/11</p>	<p>CASE #1573 Petition of Christopher &amp; Carol Brennan, 18 West Hill Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. RE: The applicant proposes to construct a 12.5' x 22' screened porch/mudroom off the right side of the existing dwelling on a pre-existing non-conforming lot. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit as provided by Sections 3.1 to 3.1.6 of the By-Law and as provided by Sec 7.2.2. The property is further described as Plot 12, Lot 76 on the Assessor's Map. The lot is in Zoning District RR30. It is recorded with the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book #46655, Page #44.</p> <p>The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, September 18, 2025.</p>	<p>a drainpipe that currently runs under the house and level off the grade of the backyard within the 100-foot buffer zone to the Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81149811267 Meeting ID: 811 4981 1267 Christopher Gerrior, Chairperson. 9/11</p>
<p><b>TOWN OF MARION SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Marion Select Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 6:00 pm, at the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, to address a complaint concerning a dog owned by Spencer Mello, 968 Point Road, Marion. Randy L. Parker, Chair. 9/4, 9/11</p>	<p>CASE #1574 Petition of Garrett Bauer-Town of Mattapoisett, Highway Department – 5 Mendell Road, Mattapoisett, MA.02739. RE: The Town proposes to construct a 2,222-SF building addition to the rear of the existing highway barn within the Mattapoisett River Aquifer Protection District. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit as provided by Sections 9.4.3 of By-Laws and as provided by Sec 7.2.2. The property is further described as Plot 17, Lot 100 on the Assessor's Map. The lot is in Zoning District RR45 (Pre 1973 RR15). It is recorded with the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book #415, Page 163.</p> <p>The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, September 18, 2025.</p>	<p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 22, 2025 at 6:30 pm for a Notice of Intent submitted by Robert Bourdon, Trustee of 6 Meadowbrook Lane Trust, 6 Meadowbrook Lane, Assessors Map 14B, Lot 86, Mattapoisett, MA. The applicant proposes to replace the individual sewage disposal system that services the existing single-family dwelling. 9/11</p>
<p><b>TOWN OF ROCHESTER HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Historic District Commission will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 7:30 pm in the Rochester Town Hall Conference Room regarding an application received from Nelson Bernardo to build a house at 28 Marion Rd. Rochester, MA 02770, further identified on Assessor's Map 6, Lots 3 and 4.</p>	<p>Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours.</p> <p>Sincerely, Susan Akin, Chair Tony Tranfaglia, Colby Rottler, Jordan Rodrigues 9/4, 9/11</p>	<p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 22, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Jeffrey A. &amp; Julie A. Hayward.</p> <p>The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information.</p>
<p>The application and associated submitted documents will be available for review at the Building Department at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, during their business hours Monday through Friday starting no later than 14 days prior to the meeting. Matthew Monteiro, Chairperson. 9/4, 9/11</p>	<p><b>TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION &amp; TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation filed by Matthew Botelho, Botelho Custom Homes, LLC, 54 Warner Street, Fall River, MA 02720. The applicant requests confirmation of the wetland delineation on the subject property.</p>	<p>The Applicants propose to construct a detached 2-story garage with a second story Accessory Dwelling Unit above and to perform associated site work consisting of extending the existing gravel driveway, installing utilities and filling and grading.</p> <p>The proposed work will be performed within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zones VE (El. 15 &amp; 17).</p>
<p><b>TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #834</b></p> <p>The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 25, 2025 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Angus Leary, for a Special Permit under section 230-5.1 of the zoning by-law to allow the construction of an addition that falls within the current existing non-conforming set-backs.</p> <p>The property, located at 19 Lewis Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 16 as Lot 109. Cynthia Callow, Chairperson. 9/4, 9/11</p>	<p>The subject property is located at 0 Walnut Plain Road and is designated as Lot 5E on Assessors Map 11. The applicant's representative is Stevie Carvalho, Farland Corp., 154 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, MA 02719. This hearing will be held under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetlands Protection By-Law. Christopher Gerrior, Chairperson. 9/11</p>	<p>The property is located at 18 Nashawena Road which is further identified as Lot #111 on Assessors Map #15A. 9/11</p>
<p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS</b></p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings are held in the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference room, 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted). New format of meetings; the start time is 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, September 18, 2025.</p>	<p><b>TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION &amp; TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING</b></p> <p>A public meeting of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Cameron Pierce for property located on 756 Snipatuit Road in Rochester and is designated as Lot 2 on Assessor's Map 43. The applicant is proposing to relocate</p>	<p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 22, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by Clint J. Paddock &amp; Ann Rich.</p> <p>The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information.</p> <p>The Applicants propose to install an in-ground hot tub.</p> <p>The work will be performed within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE (El. 17).</p> <p>The property is known as 5 Pine Street which is also identified as Lot #50 on Assessors Map #6. 9/11</p>



## Mattapoissett Republican Town Committee

The Mattapoissett Republican Town Committee will hold a public meeting on Thursday, **September 18, 2025**, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Neimad Facility, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoissett. The meeting will address current local community concerns.

The evening will also feature light refreshments, a cash bar, and open conversation among community members.

"This meeting is about working together to protect our local voice and ensure citizens are represented fairly," said Paul Criscuolo, Chair of the Mattapoissett Republican Town Committee.

"We encourage all residents to join the discussion and learn more about these critical issues."

## Nasketucket Bird Club meeting

The Nasketucket Bird Club presents Bringing Back Birds. Member Stories on Baby Birds and Conservation on Wednesday, **September 24** at 6:00 pm at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library, presented by Michael LaBossiere and Carolyn Longworth

Join us for an inspiring and informative presentation highlighting community efforts to protect and restore bird populations. "Bringing Back Birds" features heartfelt and educational stories from members dedicated to the conservation of two remarkable species: the aerial acrobat Purple Martin and the elusive wetland dweller Least Bittern.

All meetings are free and open to all. The Mattapoissett Public Library is at 7 Barstow Street.

Check our website at: [massbird.org/Nasketucket/](http://massbird.org/Nasketucket/) or email our President Justin Barrett at [jmbarrett426@gmail.com](mailto:jmbarrett426@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

Take and Make crafts are back. Grab our autumn paper wreath kits while supplies last.

The Cozy Cup Book Club will meet on Wednesday **September 24** at 11:00 am to discuss Murder on the Page by Daryl Wood Gerber. Please call the library to register.

Did you participate in any of our grant year workshops, or create something in our new makerspace?

Consider loaning one of your projects to the library to display in September and join us to celebrate the conclusion of our craft year on Thursday **September 25** at 6:00 pm.

Kids grades K-6 are invited to join us for Maker Monday. Once a month we'll be exploring materials and tools from Marion Makers - the library's new makerspace. On Monday, **September 15** at 3:00 pm we'll be learning about the Cricut machine and making vinyl banners.

Do you want to learn about dog safety? Join us and Plymouth County 4-H for a Dog Safety Workshop

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on Wednesday, **September 17** at 3 pm to meet dog safety therapy dog Merida and learn more about dogs.

Students in grades 7-12 are invited to create papercrafts at our YA Open Makerspace Hours, Thursday **September 18** from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

Kids ages 8+ can register for our needle felting class that will be held on Friday, **September 19** at 3:00 pm. Pop Up Art School will teach the basics of needle felting and participants will needle felt a squirrel. Space is limited, so call the library today to register.

Monthly Memoir Writing workshops at the library start Thursday, **September 18** from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Call the library to register.

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber

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**TOWN OF MARION  
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The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 24, at 7:05 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by Helm Realty Trust for a proposed blue stone patio and landscape improvements at 5 Main Street.

The site is further identified as Lot 87 on Marion Assessors' Map 14. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Matthew Shultz, Chair

\*Please contact Olivia Prior at [oprior@marionma.gov](mailto:oprior@marionma.gov) for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 9/11

**TOWN OF MARION  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 24, at 7:15 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request to Amend an Order of Conditions, SE 041-1451, submitted by Matthew DeGroot and Justin Brasington for modifications to the approved Site Plan including razing, grading, reorientation of structures and pool, and tree removal at 14 Aucoot Avenue.

The site is further identified as Lots 31, 32, & 33 on Marion Assessors' Map 19. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

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**TRIVIA TEST**

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1. **FOOD & DRINK:** The Middle Eastern dish called falafel is made mostly of what ingredient?
2. **GEOGRAPHY:** Which country has the most UNESCO World Heritage sites?
3. **TELEVISION:** What is the name of Hawkeye's living quarters in the "M\*A\*S\*H" sitcom?
4. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a male swan called?
5. **LITERATURE:** Which Irish author wrote his last novel in crayon?
6. **MEASUREMENTS:** How many square feet are in a square yard?
7. **SCIENCE:** What's the main function of red blood cells?
8. **MOVIES:** Streaming movies became eligible for the 2021 Oscar awards for what reason?
9. **ANATOMY:** What type of acid is found in the human stomach?
10. **U.S. CITIES:** Which city was named for a British prime minister?

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**Answers**

1. Chickpeas or fava beans.
2. Italy.
3. The Swamp.
4. A cob.
5. James Joyce.
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7. To carry oxygen.
8. COVID-19 pandemic.
9. Hydrochloric acid.
10. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (William Pitt the Elder).

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆**

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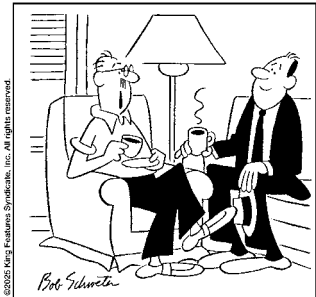
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## From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

Several years ago, when the Historical Society was celebrating its 50th anniversary of incorporation, I mentioned that at some of their meetings (held at member's homes before there was a museum) older members told stories about their pasts. One that was briefly mentioned was told by my grandfather, Jim Hartley, and it took place at Dewey Park. Last year when



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we were putting together our exhibit, Dewey Park came up again in comments from the Rochester Journals.

No one is quite sure exactly where Dewey Park was. The best guess seems to be that it was at the corner of Pine St. and Snipatuit Rd. (see picture), perhaps on property once owned by the McCombe family. I recently found the copy of a 1906 newspaper article (with no byline) in our files that was on the back of an account of an "Old fashion Housewarming" that took place on Snipatuit Rd.

To digress for a moment. Rochester over many years was an attractive place for people to travel to for a change from their city lives. In 1815, the Tithingmen (sort of constables in charge of keeping Sundays calm and

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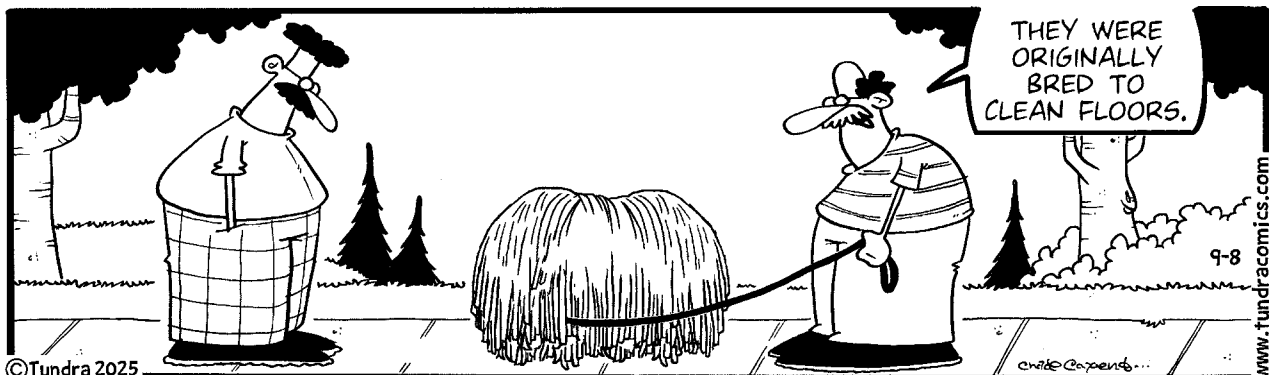
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quiet) felt compelled to put a notice in a New Bedford newspaper warning that they would enforce the law against any "unruly element" meaning New Bedford's seafaring community.

Now back to Dewey Park and the newspaper article. Dewey Park seems was a favorite destination for "wheelmen" and was reached by a pleasant country drive from New Bedford and

other towns. On "certain evenings" a "quiet, country dance" was held. On one of these evenings, the quiet and pleasure was disrupted by an unruly element



not from New Bedford, but from Wareham. A "crowd of hoodlums, well-seasoned with cheap rum" managed to get in and immediately to run the dance as they would "in their own baliwick".

The gang of "Warehamites" was so rowdy and their behavior was so "unseemingly and indecent" that it stopped the dance. As the article reports, "the sturdy sons of Rochester resented this unwarrantable conduct and forcibly ejected the whole crowd". Beaten the Wareham gang left, but not before shouting a challenge to meet in a week at the same location and a challenge for the Rochester boys to "show their sand", (a use of the word "sand" that I have never heard before).

The next Saturday, the group from Wareham were true to their word and full of "lubricant" showed up to do battle at Dewey Park. However, their attack was stymied when one Rochester "youth seized the ring leader and after severely spanking him, laid him quietly to rest".

The dispirited group from Wareham quickly retreated. The author of the article goes on to mention their lack of "sand" and goes on to say, "The Wareham brave, hath a way of doing that sort of business. They are only nickel plated".

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when this event took place in 1906. Perhaps his account of a much less auspicious encounter took place at a later unknown date. As he told it, Dewey Park had a "dancing board" that was later roofed in. Again, a group of boys from a neighboring town (not named) disrupted a dance and a fight ensued, but despite "a battle with baseball bats"(Rochester was usually very good with bats), the out-of-town ruffians "destroyed the pavilion".

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On **September 17** at 7:00 pm, the Rochester Historical Society meeting at 355 County Road, Rochester will feature a talk by Bruce Bassett. This isn't Bruce's first trip to Rochester, as he was here a year ago for a ceremony by the Sons of the American Revolution to honor his ancestor, Thomas Bassett. He will speak about the journey that led him from a childhood in New York to that day at Rochester Center Cemetery.

This ties in with our 2025-2026 project to gather information and if possible, pictures of gravestones to compile a list of Rochester's Revolutionary veterans. We're hoping for a good turnout and as always there'll be refreshments and good conversation to end the evening.

## South Coast Children's Chorus Welcomes New Singers

The South Coast Children's Chorus is welcoming new singers for the upcoming season! SCCC is open to all students from grades 1-12. Thanks to the support of local cultural councils, the South Coast Community Foundation and generous donors, tuition is only \$125 for the year and there is free or reduced tuition for any singer who requests it.

The first rehearsal will take place on Tuesday, **September 16**. New singers are accepted during the first three weeks. Rehearsals take place on Tuesday nights, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm (Preparatory Chorus) and 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm (Advanced Chorus) at Tabor Academy in the Fireman Center for the Performing Arts, 245 Front Street, Marion. To register visit the SCCC website at [www.singsouthcoast.org](http://www.singsouthcoast.org).

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## New Programs at the MAC

The MAC has added two new programs to their fall slate of fun activities.

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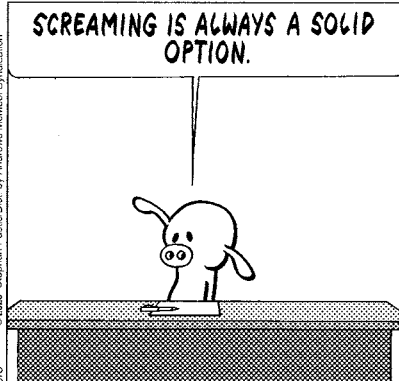
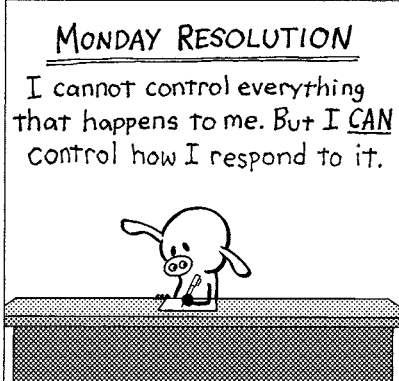
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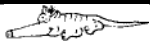
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Thursday	September 11	11:17	11:44	4:21	5:12
Friday	September 12		12:12	5:04	6:06
Saturday	September 13	12:41	1:11	5:52	7:31
Sunday	September 14	1:41	2:13	6:49	9:42
Monday	September 15	2:43	3:19	8:05	10:54
Tuesday	September 16	3:49	4:29	9:55	11:48
Wednesday	September 17	4:57	5:36	11:20	
Thursday	September 18	5:59	6:32	12:33	12:11
Friday	September 19	6:51	7:19	1:08	12:52
Saturday	September 20	7:38	8:01	1:34	1:28
Sunday	September 21	8:20	8:40	1:55	2:05
Monday	September 22	8:59	9:17	2:19	2:43
Tuesday	September 23	9:37	9:53	2:47	3:21
Wednesday	September 24	10:13	10:30	3:19	3:58
Thursday	September 25	10:49	11:08	3:53	4:35
Friday	September 26	11:26	11:48	4:28	5:13
Saturday	September 27		12:07	5:04	5:53
Sunday	September 28	12:33	12:53	5:44	6:43
Phases of the Moon	Last Quarter	September 14th			
	New Moon	September 21st			
	First Quarter	September 29th			
	Full Moon	October 6th			



I Found the Aardvark!

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

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

To enter visit: [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com) and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

B	O	A	T	M	A	N	R	A	T	S	B	E	E	F	E	D	U	P
R	I	T	A	O	R	A	E	S	A	I	I	M	M	A	T	U	R	E
A	L	L	U	R	E	S	C	H	I	P	F	I	B	E	R	O	N	E
W	H	E	N	P	A	S	T	R	Y	C	H	E	F	S	A	R	E	
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E	L	S	F	R	O	S	T	I	N	G	C	A	K	E	S	A	N	D
R	E	T	A	I	L	N	S	A	S	A	R	I	A	T	O	Z		
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T	E	N	D	H	A	P	P	Y	B	I	R	T	H	D	A	Y		
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A	C	T	I	T	R	O	T	N	F	C	N	A	S	A	L	S		
W	H	A	T	A	R	E	T	H	E	D	O	I	N	G	N	A	H	
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I	G	L	E	S	I	A	S	A	N	T	S	R	O	O	S	T	E	R

SCRAMBLERS

solution

- 1. Mystic 2. Panic;
- 3. Despot; 4. Ashen

Today's Word  
COMPANY

Sudoku Answer

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

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## GROCERY, DAIRY & FROZEN

10 ct. K-Cups or 12 oz. Bag  
Selected Variety  
Starbucks  
Coffee  
**\$9<sup>99</sup>**



8.8-12.5 oz.  
Selected Variety  
Old El Paso  
Taco Kits  
**2/\$7**



64 oz. Selected Variety  
Organic Valley  
Grass Fed Milk  
**\$5<sup>99</sup>**



16 oz. Selected Variety Bars or  
Talenti  
Gelato or  
Sorbetto  
**\$4<sup>49</sup>**



12 oz. Selected Variety  
Post  
Honey Bunches of Oats Cereal

**2/\$6**

8.5-8.8 oz. Selected Variety  
Ben's Original  
Ready Rice

**\$2<sup>69</sup>**

15 oz. Selected Variety  
Progresso  
Bread Crumbs

**\$2<sup>79</sup>**

7.25 oz. Original  
Kraft  
Mac & Cheese

**2/\$3**

6 oz.  
Hunt's  
Tomato Paste

**4/\$5**

32 oz. Selected Variety  
College Inn  
Broth

**2/\$6**

5 oz. Selected Variety  
Bumble Bee  
Solid White Albacore Tuna

**2/\$3**

8 oz. Selected Variety  
Philadelphia  
Cream Cheese

**2/\$7**

## MEAT, DELI, PREPARED FOODS & CHEESE

2.29 oz. Pkg.  
Selected Variety  
Boar's Head  
Fully Cooked  
Bacon  
**\$5<sup>99</sup>**



Deli Fresh  
Friends'  
Packaged  
Seafood Salad  
**\$10<sup>99</sup>**  
lb



Ready to Serve  
Allen's  
Rotisserie  
Chicken  
**\$9<sup>99</sup>**  
ea



Deli Fresh  
Friends' Packaged  
German Potato Salad

**\$6<sup>99</sup>**  
lb

Deli Sliced  
Land O Lakes  
American Cheese

**\$7<sup>99</sup>**  
lb

6.5 oz. Pkg.  
Boar's Head  
Pepperoni Sticks

**\$3<sup>99</sup>**

8 oz. Pkg. Canadian  
Boar's Head  
Cheddar Cheese

**\$7<sup>99</sup>**

## CHEF PREPARED

4 ct.  
Deviled Eggs **\$5<sup>99</sup>**

Mediterranean  
Chickpea Salad **\$9<sup>99</sup>**  
ea

16 oz. Pkg. With Roasted Vegetables & Feta Cheese  
Orzo Salad **\$9<sup>99</sup>**

Fresh  
Garden Side Salad **\$6<sup>99</sup>**  
ea

Various Styles  
Take & Bake Pizza **\$8<sup>99</sup> - \$10<sup>99</sup>**  
ea

Homemade  
Savory Pies to Go!  
Chicken Pot Pie **\$13<sup>99</sup>** ea **\$19<sup>99</sup>** ea

Shepherd's Pie **\$12<sup>99</sup>** ea **\$19<sup>99</sup>** ea

## WINE

Decoy - 750 ml. California  
Merlot **\$19<sup>99</sup>**  
Reg. - \$22.99

Justin - 750 ml. California  
Cabernet Sauvignon **\$26<sup>99</sup>**  
Reg. - \$29.99

Artezin - 750 ml. California  
Zinfandel **\$13<sup>99</sup>**  
Reg. - \$16.99

## BAKERY

9.75 oz. Pkg.  
Superior on Main  
Mini Eclairs **\$4<sup>49</sup>**

22 oz. Pkg. 8 Inch  
Table Talk  
Pecan Pie **\$9<sup>99</sup>**



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**SALE EFFECTIVE: Friday, September 12 to Thursday, September 18, 2025**

# BLOCKBUSTER SAVINGS!

Certified Black Angus  
Friends' Premium  
Flank Steak

**\$14<sup>99</sup>**  
lb



Fresh  
Allen's  
Chicken  
Tenders

**\$3<sup>99</sup>**  
lb



Liter Bottle, Selected Variety  
Poland Spring  
Sparkling Water

**\$1<sup>19</sup>**  
+Dep



Fresh, Bone-In  
Center Cut  
Pork Chops

**\$3<sup>99</sup>**  
lb



32 oz. Selected Variety  
Stonyfield Organic  
Yogurt

**\$4<sup>99</sup>**



9-14 oz. Selected Variety Bars or  
Häagen-Dazs  
Ice Cream

**\$4<sup>99</sup>**



## QUALITY PRODUCE



Seedless  
Green Grapes

**\$2<sup>99</sup>**  
lb

1 lb. Pkg.  
Strawberries

**\$3<sup>99</sup>**

3 lb. Pkg.  
Clementines

**\$5<sup>99</sup>**

Plump & Juicy  
Beefsteak Tomatoes

**\$1<sup>99</sup>**  
lb

Seedless  
Cucumbers

**\$1<sup>99</sup>**  
ea

Fresh  
Zucchini

**\$1<sup>59</sup>**  
lb



SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVINGS THIS WEEK!