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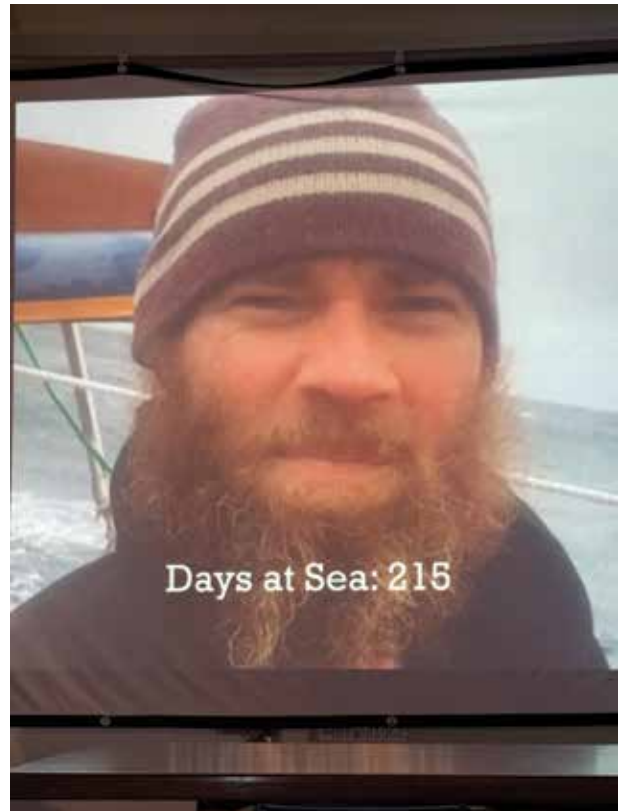
# TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Storm clouds hiding sun over the river. Photo by Jennifer Shepley



Lilies on Ned's Point Road. Photo by Jennifer Shepley



Circumnavigator Jerome Rand visited the Mattapoissett Yacht Club on Friday, July 31, where he spoke on his 271-day, 29,805-mile journey around the Earth in 2017–2018. Photos by Ann Marie Dunn



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## 150-Year-Old Town House Reopens

By Sam Bishop

On Monday, August 3, the Town of Marion announced that the Marion Town House has finally reopened after closing on September 1, 2025, for extensive renovations and additions.

The building, originally completed in 1876, recently saw the addition of central air, an HVAC system, added fire suppression systems, ADA compliance features like an outside elevator / lift (similar to that on the new Maritime Center), and interior improvements. If only Elizabeth Taber could see it now!

Town regular business moved back to the Town House throughout last week, with public servants returning to their new (notably less-hot) offices.

A major move is that of the new town clerk, Madie-Lynn Bourgeois, who ascended to her position about two weeks ago during the July 21 Select Board meeting. Bourgeois was able to christen her new office this week following work in Bristol County.

The recent improvements to the Town House were approved by residents at the Annual Spring Town Meeting in May 2025. The passage of Article 17, supported by a two-thirds majority, authorized the appropriation of \$3,276,722 for renovations. Funds came from Free Cash and borrowing.

Town board and commission meetings will return to the Town House after being held at the Police Department's conference room for the past year.

On August 20, State Senator Kelly A. Dooner (R-3 Bristol and Plymouth) is scheduled to take a tour through

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**On the Cover:** The Marion Town House is officially open! All regular business has moved back to 2 Spring St. after it had been moved to the Town House Annex nearly a year ago. In that time, the 150-year-old building received an HVAC system, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance additions such as an elevator lift, a new fire suppression system, and some interior reworks and other improvements. Photo by Sam Bishop

the rejuvenated town nerve center.

The town's official statement is as follows:

"The Marion Town House is now open for all business at 2 Spring Street.

Reminder: Beach/Parking Stickers, Transfer Station Stickers and Shellfish Licenses are available for purchase at the Town Clerk's Office.

Thank you for your patience during this transition, and we look forward to welcoming you back to the Town House!"

## Around the World in 271 Days

By Ann Marie Dunn

Jerome Rand, author of *Sailing Into Oblivion*, presented an incredible account of his solo, non-stop circumnavigation of the globe at the Mattapoisett Yacht Club on Friday, July 31. He learned and loved sailing in Northern Michigan at age 18 and has enjoyed teaching and sailing ever since.

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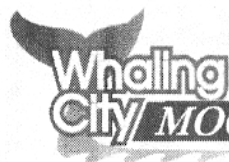
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The expert sailor said his desire for a more difficult adventure came after hiking the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine in 2012. Rand covered 2,200 miles through 14 states in 133 days. He needed a five-year plan to prepare for his amazing endeavor because he had no job, no money and no boat! He also trained himself to be mindful, staying present and being aware of his surroundings.

In addition, he had to learn to take things one day at a time, to help deal with the stress and anxiety he would encounter. For example, when he reached Point Nemo, the farthest point from land, totally empty, he felt

overwhelming isolation.

The daring trip began out of Gloucester, Massachusetts, on October 3, 2017, and ended on June 30, 2018. The *Mighty Sparrow*, a 1975 Westsail 32 like the one depicted in the movie, *The Perfect Storm*, was ready to become his best friend for the next nine months. These “tanks of the ocean” were built to go anywhere in the world; good thing since Rand went everywhere. There was always the threat of icebergs, fog and gale-force winds at different latitudes (for example, the Roaring Forties and Furious Fifties), for which he had to look out.

First, he cruised across the Atlantic. By day nine, Rand hit the “doldrums,” an area just north of the equator with little wind. It took him nine days to go 300 miles. He said it was so calm and beautiful with stars all around, he felt like he was in outer space! On day 79, he had gone through the 100 gallons of water he brought with him, so he had to use a desalination pump to turn seawater into fresh water. Eventually, the pump gave out, forcing him to collect rainwater from a makeshift funnel at the end of his sail. This was where he described his resilience to go on.

Next, he encountered red krill, tiny shrimp-like sea animals that look like ants, all around his boat. Along came a bunch of sperm whales going after the krill (and under the red-painted bottom of his boat). Apparently, when these whales blow their spout in your face, it smells really bad. At this point, he thought of the Essex whaling boat that was sunk by a sperm whale in 1820. Rand had mixed feelings as he was sailing over thousands of sailors’ graves.

On day 150, in the south sea of Tasmania, Rand said there were a lot of currents and the next 24 hours were both “brutal and scary.” He hoped to reach Cape Horn by April 10; he made it on April 7 and got out into the vast Pacific Ocean. Unfortunately, he missed seeing the Cape because he went by it in the middle of the night.

A food shortage required him to ration and finally call his dad to reach out to the Falkland Islands for support. The *Mighty Sparrow* came in close to shore, where the coast guard met him with boxes of supplies, which he tore open. He indulged in chocolate chip cookies and a bottle of scotch!



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Like Tom Hanks in *Cast Away*, Rand was so lonely he began talking to himself. He read several books twice. With a Garmin device, he was able to send limited texts. Even if he had communication and anything happened at home, he didn't want to know so he could keep focused on his goal. With his camera, Rand filmed and narrated parts of the trip to use in presentations like this one.

By this time, Rand had thick calluses all over his hands from pulling the ropes. He noticed he was losing weight from the food rationing. When he left, he was 190 pounds; upon returning, he was about 150.

Then came the "exit from hell": getting out of

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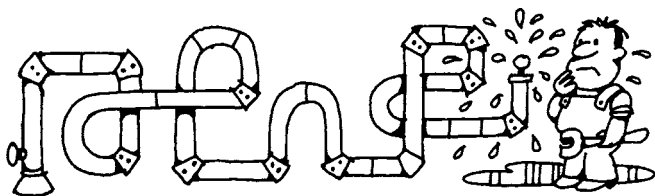
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the Southern oceans to the tropics, where he watched dolphins, saw wildlife, the moon and stars again. He had crossed the equator. Reaching Bermuda and Cape Ann in late June, he saw lobster boats and planes overhead and knew he was almost home.

After traveling about 29,805 miles, appreciating the enormous size of our planet, and putting things into perspective, Rand found an old slogan about sailing and everyday life to share: "This too shall pass as the winds are going to change!"

## Cyclosporiasis - What You Need To Know

*What Does The Doctor Say?*

**By Dr. Edward Hoffer**

The outbreak of diarrheal illness caused by the parasite cyclospora is still making headlines. What do you need to know?

Many organisms can cause acute diarrhea, including viruses such as the norovirus, bacteria such as salmonella, and parasites. Viruses have no specific treatment while bacteria and parasites have specific treatments available.

The current culprit, cyclospora, is a microscopic parasite that can contaminate fresh food or water, and typically leads to severe watery diarrhea, along with bloating, loss of appetite and fatigue. Untreated, the diarrhea can last for many weeks to a few months. Treatment with the antibiotic trimethoprim-sulfa for a week relieves the symptoms within a few days.

There are outbreaks of cyclosporiasis in the US every summer, but rarely on the scale of the current outbreak. The worst hit have been the upper mid-west states, with Michigan the epicenter, but 45 states have reported at least some cases. As of July 31, 20,374 cases have been reported to the CDC. More than 10,000 of these cases have been in Michigan. The real number of cases is almost certainly much higher, with many not reported.

The source of the current outbreak seems to be contaminated lettuce from Mexico. Prior outbreaks have been linked to snap peas, raspberries and fresh herbs, as well as romaine lettuce.

Avoidance is better than treatment! Know where your produce comes from. This may be a good time to buy your produce from local farmers' markets. I'd avoid packaged "pre-washed" lettuce. Remove the outer leaves and carefully wash all produce. Cooking kills the parasite and is the safest way to get your veggies.

Should you develop diarrhea that last more than a

day or two, get medical help. The diagnosis can be made from a stool sample, and treatment clearly helps.

P.s. - Remind your senators and reps that public health should never be a partisan issue - red or blue, we are all at the same risks from such outbreaks!

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

## Eden Under Siege

*The Seaside Gardener*

**By Laura McLean**

I've lost count of the slings and arrows that can derail a gardener's quest for a backyard Eden. Some are inevitable; others seem almost biblical in their determination to thwart us. This column is about those battles as we try to live in harmony with the animal kingdom — and the creatures that have other ideas.

This summer alone brought more than its share of garden dramas. It began with a yellow jacket nest beneath the deck, where our granddaughter suffered the misfortune of two painful stings. Then something started helping itself to the tomatoes, leaving half-eaten fruit scattered through the vegetable patch as if to taunt us. But my worst nightmare was yet to come. Our pair of beloved

parakeets became prey to some unknown predator hunting under cover of darkness.

At times it feels as though we're living in *Widow's Bay* — the Apple TV+ series about a cursed New England island — where you never know what unsettling surprise awaits around the next corner.

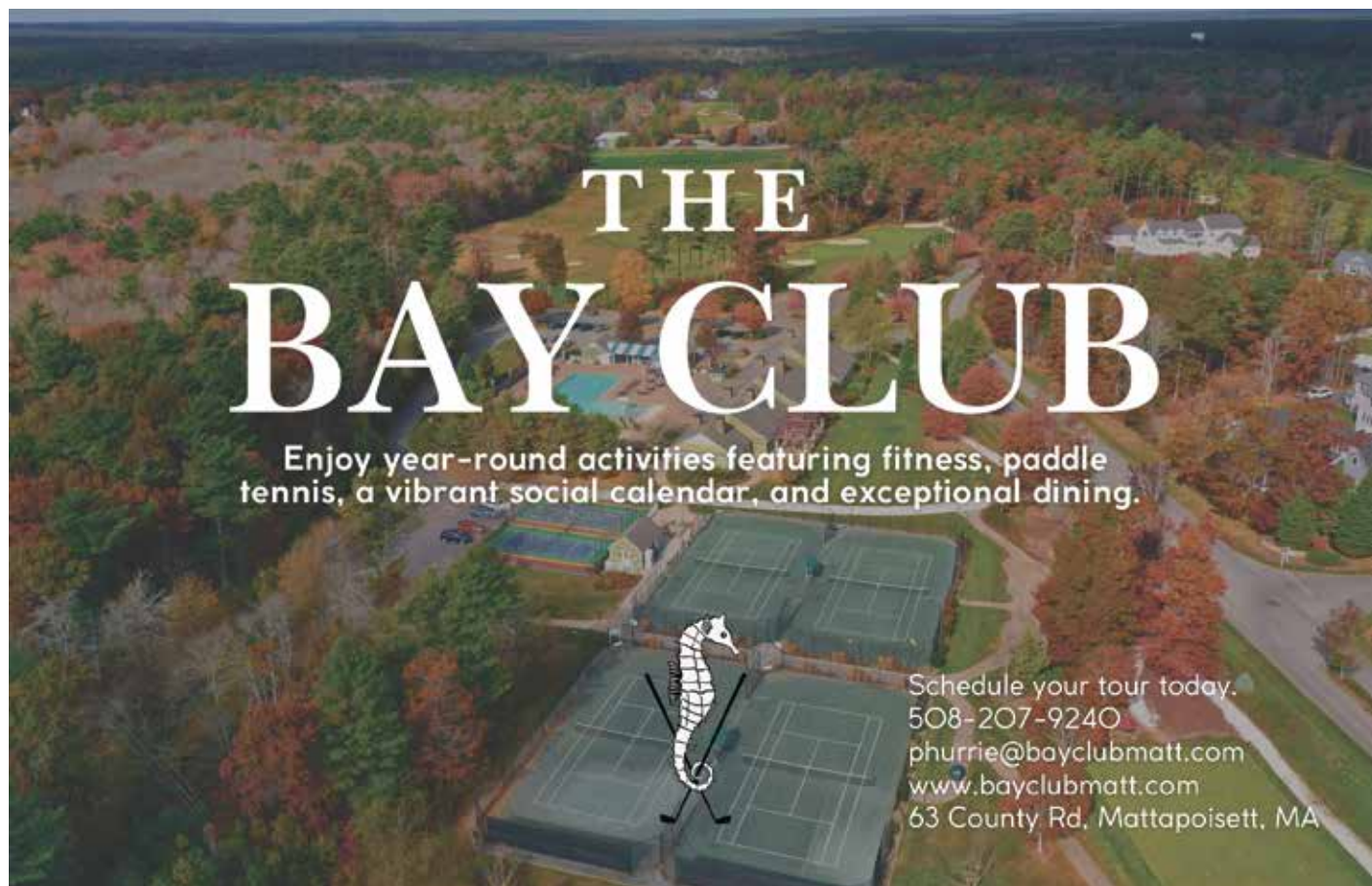
Let me back up.

After discovering the yellow jacket nest, I called pest control. To keep the parakeets well away from the insecticide, I moved their cage into the greenhouse for the night, closing it up except for one open window to provide ventilation.

At 3:45 the following morning, I was jolted awake by a crash that sounded as though a body had fallen through the trees. I lay there listening, unable to identify the source, and waited until first light before investigating. What I found was devastating. Feathers were strewn across the greenhouse, the cage had been torn completely apart, and our parakeets were gone. Whatever entered the greenhouse had done its work with shocking speed and violence.

This wasn't the first time our little patch of paradise had turned into a crime scene.

Two years earlier, my husband had carefully



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incubated several chicken eggs, and the chicks had grown into healthy, productive hens. They spent their days happily free-ranging, scratching for insects and dust bathing in the sunshine. Each evening, we rounded them up before dusk and ushered them safely back into their run.

Except one evening, four of them — all Barred Rocks — decided to ignore curfew. After repeated attempts to coax them home, we reluctantly gave up and secured the henhouse for the night.

The next morning, we found feathers. Lots of feathers. Three separate piles scattered across the property, but not a single body. It looked as though the earth had simply swallowed them.

The next morning, while my husband was doing some carpentry on the back deck, he caught movement out of the corner of his eye. One bedraggled hen cautiously emerged from the underbrush. Somehow, she had stayed hidden through the night and survived the attack.

She is still with us today, joined by five other hens. The difference is that none of them free-range anymore. They now spend their days in a spacious enclosed run where they have plenty of room to scratch, forage and stretch their legs. Some lessons are learned the



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hard way.

We have a few suspects: raccoons, fisher cats, owls, deer — and perhaps most likely, a fox. So far, there have been no bobcat or coyote sightings, although that hardly means they aren't passing through. Woodchucks are plentiful here as well, and while their crimes are usually misdemeanors rather than felonies, one of them may well be the tomato thief.

Several years ago, while we were away sailing for the weekend, a friend was feeding our pets when she spotted deer raiding our little orchard. She photographed them standing on their hind legs, stretching their necks skyward like giraffes to reach the apples. It was an astonishing sight, and a reminder that wildlife is endlessly resourceful.

I'm already bracing myself for the annual raccoon invasion when the grapes ripen. Our vines climb over a trellis beside the deck, and in years past I've witnessed what can only be described as bacchanalian gatherings beneath them. One night, around two in the morning, two young raccoons tumbled through an open skylight into the house. Their frantic mother, crying outside the back door, was what woke me. The youngsters were desperately trying to climb back out to her, and I helped

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by removing the window screen so they could scramble to safety. Apart from one rather macabre discovery — an adult raccoon caught when a skylight closed — the encounter ended without further harm. These days, the grapes still grow, but the skylights are firmly shut every evening. Some precautions are simply non-negotiable.

As maddening as these encounters can be, they've also made me curious. I want to know who shares this little corner of the world with us. We're installing wildlife cameras behind the house in hopes of identifying our nocturnal visitors. Raccoons, fishers, owls, foxes, woodchucks — they've all been seen here at one time or



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another. Then there's the large burrow beside the compost pile. Who lives there? A woodchuck? A fox? Something else entirely?

Perhaps this is the next chapter in my gardening education. I may yet become a small-scale David Attenborough, documenting the secret lives of the creatures that believe my garden belongs to them as much as it does to me.

*"There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy."* – Hamlet, Act 1, Scene 5

## Is the Drought Fading?

By Sam Bishop

On July 9, all of Massachusetts was categorized as being in at least a Significant Drought, or Level 2 on a scale of 0 to 4, in an announcement by the state's Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA). This followed heightened alertness after June's below-average rain, high temperatures, and diminishing groundwater levels.

This week and last have seen some rain, but it has been sporadic and inconsistent. In its announcement, the EEA said, "While much of the state received much-needed rainfall this week resulting in temporary increases

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in streamflow, Massachusetts continues to experience the effects of two years of below-average precipitation. During June, the state received between 1.5 and 4.5 inches of rainfall."

Their statement continues and highlights Plymouth County, noting, "Precipitation deficits continue to persist in all regions; greatest deficits on the Islands and the eastern and far southwest parts of the state." The state confirmed the eastern region has received 50 to 75 percent of its normal precipitation levels.

For a Level 2 drought, which the Tri-Town is in, the state recommends businesses and residents minimize overall water use; follow local water use restrictions; fix indoor leaks from toilets, faucets, and showers, which account for more than 60 percent of indoor use; and for larger buildings and businesses, conduct water audits to identify leaks and water conservation opportunities.

Largely, these recommendations are non-binding and are just that: recommendations. However, the state does hope municipalities propagate the same warnings. Marion did this last week, reminding residents that mandatory water restrictions are in effect through September 15, focusing on daytime outside watering and car washing. Town DPWs (Department of Public Works)

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Though this week brings some respite with rain, it will likely not be enough to dampen our droughted soil or fully break our drought status. Current El Niño forecasts predict less and generally variable precipitation over the next year, including winter, likely exacerbating and prolonging this problem.

## The Looming Threat of Empire

*This Week in Revolutionary War History*

By Sam Bishop

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check up on what was going on 250 years ago in the Thirteen Colonies. Last week, Washington condemned Continental Army troops for their poor treatment of local New Yorkers. Nathanael Greene also caught some New Yorkers trying to flee the draft across the Hudson River to the British camps on Staten Island. Delegate Samuel Adams gave an impassioned speech to the Continental Congress, which then signed the Declaration of Independence.

On August 2, 1776, General George Washington writes to President of the Continental Congress John Hancock, stressing the British buildup on Staten Island. He writes, "the enemy mean to make their grand push in this quarter, and that the good of the service requires every aid here that can be obtained." He requests that all regiments throughout New England and the surrounding region be force-marched to New York to defend the city.

He adds, "The enemy's force is daily augmenting and becoming stronger by new arrivals — Yesterday General Greene reports that about forty sail, including tenders, came into the Hook. What they are, or what those have brought that have lately got in, I remain uninformed — However I think it probable they are part of Lord Howe's fleet with the Hessian troops." Washington sent this letter the same day that Hancock and the other congressional delegates signed the Declaration.

On August 3, in his General Orders, Washington addresses the troops directly, informing them they may attend Sunday public worship and "rest after the great fatigue they have gone through." He excuses most troops from fatigue duty on Sundays going forward, except those at the shipyard or for "special occasions."

Next, he does a bit of berating: "The general is sorry to be informed that the foolish, and wicked practice, of profane cursing and swearing [a vice heretofore little known in an American Army] is growing into fashion; he hopes the officers will, by example, as well as influence, endeavor to check it, and that both they, and the men will reflect, that we can have little hopes of the blessing of heaven on our arms." Shucks.

That same day, Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin Tupper writes from Dobbs Ferry, north of Yonkers on the

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Hudson. He describes a naval skirmish between small Continental ships and the British *HMS Phoenix* and *HMS Rose*. He notes his ships were damaged and one sailor was killed, but adds, "we wish to give them another drubbing."

On August 4, the Cherokee-American War of 1776 is heating up. Various skirmishes in the south culminated in Major Andrew Williamson ordering his men to raze the Cherokee settlements of Keowee, Soconee and Sugar Town in South Carolina. American raids had destroyed Cherokee farmland and other towns in the month prior, as the Carolina and Virginia militia companies sought to force the capitulation of the British-aligned tribes. By November, the Cherokee were forced to flee western South Carolina, giving up their land to American settlers.

On August 5, speaking of South Carolina, the Declaration is read aloud for the first time in the state in Charleston. Back in New York, around this time, General Nathanael Greene and Representative John Jay begin recommending to General Washington and the Continental Congress that New York be burned rather than let the vital port fall into British hands. Foreboding, as the Great Fire of New York is not far off...

On August 7, Lord John Murray, Earl of Dunmore, finally left Virginia and headed north to link with the Howes in New York. The British officer had served as Governor of Virginia until he fled to sea after the burning of Norfolk in January. The British evacuees finally left the area over half a year later.

On August 8, Tench Tilghman of Maryland is

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made aide-de-camp to Washington. Tilghman, fluent in French, was the general's previous aide until Alexander Hamilton's appointment in March 1777. Hamilton, at this point in August 1776, was about 21 years old and would soon rally men to a small local artillery company tasked with defending New York.

## Rochester Police Back to Fully Staffed

*Rochester Select Board*

**By Sam Bishop**

The Rochester Select Board met on Monday, August 3, in Town Hall for its regular meeting following

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an Executive Session. The board appointed a new police officer, heard a presentation on an electronic voting system, and completed other routine agenda items.

Following the approval of minutes from their July 20 meeting, the board moved to appoint Paul Carthas as a full-time police officer. Police Chief Michael Assad Jr. was present to begin the ceremony, saying, "I'm excited to say that tonight, this is the final addition to Team RPD [Rochester Police Department]. This is the first time I think we've been fully staffed in many years."

Assad noted Carthas' many achievements and accolades, including nearly 10 years of service at the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office as a correctional officer. The chief noted he has attended MPTC Bridge Academy and has received Massachusetts POST certification, K9 Narcotics Detection Handler certification, Mountain Bike Patrol certification, Massachusetts Correctional Officer certification, First Responder certification, and "numerous" others.

Carthas' family was present as the Select Board voted unanimously to approve his appointment to the RPD.

Next, the board quickly granted a one-day liquor license to applicant Rebecca Correia of Bennett Farm Concert on August 8.

Following that, there was a presentation by Meridia Electronic Voting Systems for the proposed donation of electronic clickers, which the board originally stated could be used for Town Meeting in place of raised placards. Peter Isabel, a representative from Meridia, then spoke on the history of the 53-year-old company, which specializes in various voting equipment in use across the nation. He noted that their main client is the U.S. House of Representatives.

Another representative stated, "For the last 15 years, we've been providing town meeting voting systems

for the towns of Massachusetts and the entire region of New England. We currently have around 105 towns that we work with to provide town meeting voting."

To alleviate any worries, the representatives stated that the electronic clickers had never left Meridia's custody, and Meridia produced them in-house in Virginia, so they could not have been tampered with. The presentation went through various computerized systems that work in tandem with the clickers. Isabel noted that a demo and formal training could be scheduled in the future to help the town representatives learn how to use them, rather than a trial by fire at an actual Town Meeting.

The next meeting of the Rochester Select Board is scheduled on Monday, August 17 at 6:00 pm in Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

## **Board Reviews Cottage Bylaw, OKs Three-Lot Plan**

*Mattapoisett Planning Board*

**By Jeanne Hopkins**

The Mattapoisett Planning Board discussed a new strategy for the Cottage Community Development Bylaw and approved a preliminary plan for a three-lot subdivision at 182 North St. during its meeting on Monday, August 3.

The board continued its review of the proposed Cottage Community bylaw, which received majority support at Town Meeting but fell short of the two-thirds threshold needed for adoption. Members discussed whether revisions would allow the bylaw to be adopted by a simple majority at Town Meeting. Changes to Massachusetts zoning law in 2020 permit certain amendments promoting multifamily housing, mixed-use development, open-space residential development, or additional housing units to pass by a simple majority.

Board members agreed that Town Counsel should review the revised Cottage Community bylaw language and determine whether the proposal qualifies for the lower voting threshold. Members noted that the Town Meeting moderator must also agree with this determination before a vote can proceed.

Board member William Wennerberg proposed introducing a more aggressive affordable housing bylaw at Town Meeting, not necessarily expecting it to pass, but to help build support for the Cottage Community bylaw. He suggested identifying an existing affordable housing overlay bylaw from another community and presenting it alongside the Cottage Community bylaw.



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"I mean one that's pretty aggressive," Wennerberg said. "Here's your affordable housing. Go ahead and vote for it."

Wennerberg said that presenting a higher-density affordable-housing alternative could provide voters with a sharper contrast.

"Let them vote 'no' on that all day long," he said. "But let this then suddenly make such sense."

He suggested an overlay that would apply town-wide and include substantial density along with income and eligibility requirements intended to show voters "what qualifying and what affordable truly is."



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When asked if he envisioned something comparable to a Chapter 40B development or a designated district, Wennerberg advocated for a broader approach.

"I think it's a full overlay," he said. "You put it anywhere, just like the state of Massachusetts."

He described the proposal as "kind of a strategy play" and said it could "galvanize the process of what they truly don't want."

These remarks were made amid ongoing public concern about affordable housing availability for young families, seniors and working residents in Mattapoisett. Residents also raised this issue during the earlier Town Meeting debate on the Cottage Community bylaw.

Wennerberg said the proposed alternative would address residents' concerns and highlight the differences between affordable housing and the cottage-community model.

"It also will satisfy those that are indeed asking for it," he said. "I don't think they're going to get a two-thirds vote on that, but I think you'll have a whole bunch of chit-chat at the microphone saying 'no' to them."

The board asked Town Planner Victoria Alfaro to research affordable housing overlay bylaws from



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other communities and provide examples to the board. Wennerberg suggested adopting an existing model, largely as written, provided it meets Mattapoisett's needs.

The board did not vote to sponsor an affordable housing bylaw, establish an overlay district, or place a second proposal on the Town Meeting warrant. Any zoning proposal would require legal review and a public hearing. The Cottage Community Development Bylaw will be sent to Town Counsel to determine whether its revised language qualifies for adoption by a simple majority vote.

In another item of business, the Planning Board voted 3-1 to approve the preliminary plan for a three-lot subdivision at 182 North Street. Dennis Mahoney & Sons, Inc. owns the property. Steven Cabral is the applicant, represented by Matt Leone of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc.

The three lots would share a common driveway from Shady Oak Drive. This plan replaces an earlier four-lot Special Residential Development, initially presented to the board in 2025 as a four-home family compound.

Leone said the revised plan addresses Fire Chief Andrew Murray's concerns about emergency vehicle access. The driveway will be widened from 16 to 20 feet

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near the first turn off Shady Oak Drive, where access is limited. The applicant submitted a turning-radius analysis confirming fire truck access and added a note requiring vegetation around the turn to be kept clear.

Board members also discussed installing a fire hydrant near the hammerhead at the end of the common driveway. Earlier correspondence from Murray referenced extending the water main and adding a hydrant near the hammerhead. The applicant's representatives said they spoke with the chief before the meeting and understood that a hydrant would be desirable if the water main were extended, but not required.

A Water Department plan showed the existing water main extends to the end of the Shady Oak Drive cul-de-sac. The applicant plans to use private wells instead of extending public water service further into the property. The applicant will consider the costs and benefits of extending the water line and adding a hydrant as the project moves forward.

Several board members said they want to ensure the fire chief is satisfied before approving the definitive plan, given the distance between the cul-de-sac and the proposed homes.

The board approved the preliminary plan without



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requiring a hydrant as a condition. Chairman Tom Tucker voted against approval, citing ongoing concerns about the cul-de-sac configuration.

Preliminary approval allows the applicant to proceed to the definitive plan stage, which will include driveway revisions and address any remaining comments from town departments.

In other business, the board voted 4-0 to recommend public acceptance of Cooper Way in the JBL Estates subdivision. The Select Board voted on July 14 to approve the intent to lay out the roadway as a public way. The Planning Board's recommendation is a further step in the acceptance process.

The board briefly discussed the proposed Stormwater Management Bylaw. Representatives from the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District were absent, and members received additional material too late to review before the meeting.

Alfaro said the draft is being revised to clarify requirements at the federal, state and local levels. The revised material may return to the board at an upcoming meeting and will be posted on the town website. The board aims to present the stormwater bylaw at the Spring Town Meeting instead of the fall session.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, August 17.

## Coffee Shop Hearing Continues

*Marion Planning Board*

**By Sam Bishop**

The Marion Planning Board met on Monday, August 3, for two public hearings. However, one was continued, leaving only the hearing for the new proposed Uncle Jon's Coffee on the docket.

After approving the minutes from its July 20 meeting, the board quickly approved a payment of \$413.69 to Toll Brothers, Inc. for a field test engineering peer review at 78 Wareham Way.

Next, the board continued its already-continued public hearing on the proposed expansion of the existing structure at 14 Barnabas Road by applicant Paul Downey until its Monday, August 17, meeting.

The board then continued another public hearing for a site plan application for the new proposed Uncle Jon's Coffee location at 413 Wareham St. Many architects and engineers were present for the review, representing coffee shop owner Jonathan Pope. They began by going over the traffic and parking study.

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Much of this time was spent clarifying various aspects of the proposal, with it being noted that the new shop would allow the current Front Street location to be moved to the new site. It was also stated that the proposed parking area complies with town zoning bylaws, with the site not planning to use Wells Road for its parking compliance. Representatives said Wells Road may eventually be used for loading, as well as potentially for staff parking, but still sought confirmation, as the town may look to improve the small, 300-foot-long street.

The representatives also noted that the dumpster location, as well as the loading area, would not impede local traffic. They stated they had reached out to the local fire department to confirm that the site is accessible to emergency vehicles. Although they had not yet received a reply, they confirmed, "the site is very accessible."

There was an additional presentation on the site plan review itself, where the representatives explained



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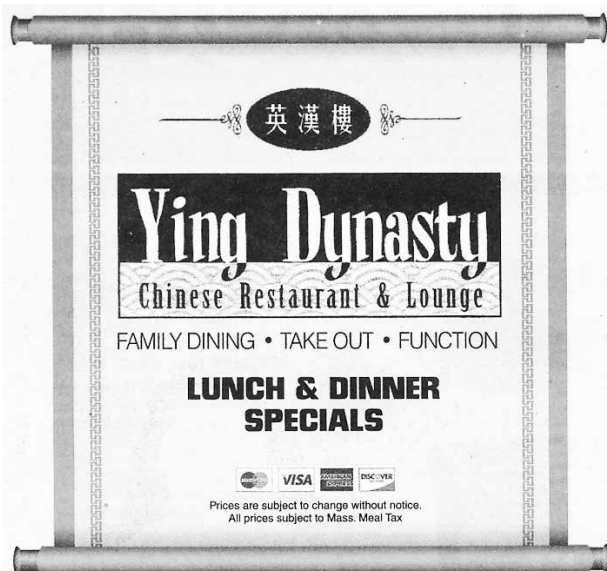
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how work on the site will maintain compliance. It was also stated that the sidewalk on Wareham Road may be replaced/widened, and that an environmental and soil study will be needed because the plot originally housed a gas station.

For stormwater management, various improvements are proposed for the site. The current system has not yet been fully reviewed for compliance, though the applicant has requested a waiver from the town's stormwater requirements.

The board unanimously supported continuing the hearing. The next meeting of the Marion Planning



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## Board Tackles Invasive Weeds at Snipatuit Pond

*Rochester Conservation Commission*

**By Michael J. DeCicco**

The Rochester Conservation Commission on Tuesday, August 4, approved hiring a company to draft a comprehensive management plan for removing water-choking invasive aquatic weeds in Snipatuit Pond.

For a cost of \$1,000, Water & Wetland of Grafton, Massachusetts, will create a written attack plan for the town that will include treatment areas and an application methodology, a survey plan, a reporting plan, and a water quality plan, and will offer necessary management recommendations.

The vote came after new associate member Michelle Kirby reported on a recent effort in Acushnet to solve a similar problem. Kirby said local engineer Scott Daggett revealed in a subcommittee meeting on July 27 that he spearheaded an effort to use a wheat harvester on invasive weeds in the Lake Street water complex. She said the harvester treatment was applied recently. "And it's

been a success," she said.

She noted the weeds have been eliminated, at least temporarily. She added, however, that Acushnet is looking to do more treatments but must find more funding first.

"They know they are just buying time," ConCom Chair Christopher Gerrior said, before leading the board in approving the creation of a management plan first. "We need to have a whole plan."

The action arose from an ongoing hearing on the Notice of Intent filed by the Town of Rochester to use a harvester to cut and remove the invasive Snipatuit Pond aquatic weeds. The commission then continued this hearing to August 18.

The board began the meeting Tuesday by approving a Certificate of Compliance for the successfully completed Order of Conditions to install a seasonal metal retractable deck in Snipatuit Pond and an access ramp to the dock from the bank of the pond at 485 Neck Road.

Next, the board addressed a request for a Determination of Applicability to wetlands protection regulations filed by the Town of Marion Water Division to install and furnish a new hydrant valve and accessory infrastructure for the water pumping station at 87 Marion Road. It issued a Negative Determination, meaning no Notice of Intent will need to be filed with the commission for this project.

In other action, the board continued to August 18 its Notice of Intent for work at 527 High St., specifically the construction of a garage, shed, stone retaining wall, fence and 12-foot-wide gravel driveway and gate near wetlands.

The board continued to August 18 the Notice of Intent hearing for High Street Solar, Site B, which proposes work within the 100-foot wetlands buffer zone for a massive ground-mounted solar array at lots close to



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The board continued to August 18 the Notice of Intent for Walnut Plain Solar, Walnut Plain Road.

The board continued to August 18 the Notice of Intent hearing for the Buzzards Bay Coalition's seven-acre ecological restoration project of former cranberry bogs at 0 Wolf Island Road.

The next Conservation Commission meeting will be on August 18 at 7:00 pm at the Council on Aging Senior Center, Dexter Lane.

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To the Editor:

I offer this article as a follow-up to the excellent article by the chair of the League of Women Voters SouthCoast, Eileen Marum, published in the July 30, 2026, issue of *The Wanderer*. In that article, the analogy of the Trojan Horse from Greek lore was used to expose the Save America Act as camouflage for casting doubt on election integrity. It is a blatant attempt to discourage participation in our elections by increasing the difficulty in doing so.

A similar tactic is being waged in assaulting our civil rights programs supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion, often referred to as DEI.

Over the years, various programs have been developed to help those among us who have unmet

needs. Such programs have been developed and codified into laws to overcome racial and ethnic inequities, LGBTQ and transgender rights, and civil and labor rights. Some recent Executive Orders (EOs) abandon decades of success by our federal and state governments in helping to root out discrimination and equalizing opportunity for underrepresented groups.

As with the mirage created to cast doubt on our fair and secure elections, symbolized by the Trojan Horse analogy, so, too, we should not be swayed by the castigations showered on many of our federal and state programs successfully designed to offer help to those who are in need.

Jack W. Dean, Mattapoissett

### Coastline Elderly Nutrition Program

Monday, Aug 10: Unstuffed pepper bowl with beef and white rice, carrots, wheat bread, applesauce

Tuesday, Aug 11: Shrimp tacos with cheese, cilantro lime rice, black beans, corn and peppers, tortilla, orange

Wednesday, Aug 12: Cheeseburger, sweet potato tater tots, green beans and peppers, wheat hamburger bun, pound cake with blueberries, ketchup

Thursday, Aug 13: Chicken Anna Maria, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, dinner roll, Mandarin fruit cup

Friday, Aug 14: Sausage with Abruzzi sauce, bowtie pasta, Tuscan vegetable blend, wheat roll, oatmeal cookie

### Joshua Vanderquist Appointed as Assistant Principal of RMS

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson is pleased to announce Joshua Vanderquist as the new Assistant Principal of Rochester Memorial School.

Vanderquist officially began his new role on July 1, succeeding Charles West, who was recently named Principal of Center School in Mattapoissett.

Vanderquist joins the school system from the Union-Endicott Central School District in New York, where he served as assistant principal of two elementary schools since 2022.

He has experience leading Response to Intervention (RTI) and Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) initiatives, facilitating professional learning, supervising staff, coordinating enrichment programs, and

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partnering with families to support student success.

Before becoming assistant principal, Vanderquist served as a student success coordinator and spent several years as an elementary and secondary music educator and instructional leader.

Vanderquist earned a Certificate of Advanced Studies in educational leadership from Binghamton University, a Master of Arts in music education from

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**THIS WEEK'S SHOWS**

|                 |                                                                                                                                        |
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| WED<br>AUG<br>5 | <b>THE STAR DRIVE-IN</b><br>205 MYRICKS ST.<br>E. TAUNTON, MA<br>5:00 - 8:00 PM                                                        |
| THU<br>AUG<br>6 | <b>PINE HOUSE KITCHEN &amp; BAR</b><br>13 CRANDALL RD<br>TIVERTON, RI 02878<br>6:00 - 9:00 PM                                          |
| FRI<br>AUG<br>7 | <b>THE INN ON SHIPYARD PARK</b><br>13 WATER STREET<br>MATTAPoisETT, MA 02739<br>7:00 - 11:00 PM<br><i>First Friday of every month!</i> |
| SAT<br>AUG<br>8 | <b>YING DYNASTY</b><br>24 COUNTY RD<br>MATTAPoisETT, MA<br>6:00 - 9:00 PM                                                              |

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Columbia University, and bachelor's degrees in music education and vocal performance from Ithaca College. He holds New York certifications as both a School Building Leader and School District Leader and has applied for Massachusetts licensure through reciprocity.

"We are excited to welcome Josh to Rochester Memorial School and our school community," said Superintendent Nelson. "Throughout the interview process, he demonstrated a collaborative leadership style, a strong commitment to supporting students and teachers and a genuine passion for elementary education. We are confident he will be a valuable addition to Rochester Memorial School."

"I am honored to join Rochester Memorial School and look forward to getting to know our students, families and staff," Vanderquist said. "I believe strong relationships are the foundation of a successful school community, and I am excited to work alongside our dedicated educators to support every child's academic, social and emotional growth."

### Academic Achievements

**Paetyn Tripp**, of Marion, has been named to the Spring 2026 Emmanuel College Dean's List.

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Regis College announces that **Aubrey Heise**, Class of 2028, of Mattapoisett, and **Jenna Lynch**, Class of 2029, of Mattapoisett, have been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2026 semester.

### The British Invasion – Music from Across the Pond

The Marion Concert Band continues its summer concert series with music from the British Isles on Friday, **August 7**. The program features classic British Brass Band pieces and music by Petula Clark, Gerry and the Pacemakers, and the Beatles. Members of the Cape Cod British Car Club, LTD (CCBCC) may also appear. The program is as follows:

Colonel Bogey March – K.J. Alford  
First Suite in Eb for Military Band – G. Holst  
The British Grenadiers – C. Grundman  
The Girl I Left Behind Me – arr. L. Anderson  
Children's March – P. Grainger  
Crown Imperial – W. Walton  
Irish Tune from County Derry – P. Grainger  
Prelude, Siciliano and Rondo – M. Arnold  
Pop and Rock Legends: The Beatles – M. Sweeney  
Doctor Who: Through Time and Space – M. Gold  
The British Are Coming – arr. J. Bocook  
Knightsbridge March – E. Coates

The CCBCC is a Massachusetts not-for-profit corporation whose membership annually exceeds 250. While members come from around the world, most live in southern New England. CCBCC members enjoy driving and displaying their English automobiles. Throughout the year, the club participates in events and raises funds for scholarships. Annually, it provides scholarships to automotive and auto body students at Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, Plymouth South High School and Cape Cod Regional Technical High School. The club also funds a scholarship for Falmouth High School students.

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

### Town Of Marion Drought Status

The Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) has declared Southeastern Massachusetts in a Level 2 drought.

For more information, visit [www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status](http://www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status). Please be reminded that mandatory water restrictions are in effect through **September 15**.

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

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

### Mattapoisett Yacht Club July Series Results

The Tuesday night Ensign Class finally completed two races this week to wrap up July. Odyssey won both races. Black Ice finished second in both races, Hamburglar third, and Recess was fourth. Five races were needed to qualify for a Series. Hopefully, August brings better Tuesday night conditions.

The weather was certainly doubtful for Wednesday's PHRF racers as thunderstorms and wind threatened to cancel racing. By 5:00 pm, the storm passed, and the races began.

In Class A, Kindred Spirits took first place, Restless second, Coconut third, and Oddball fourth. Surprise and Morpheus did not race. The July Series winner was Kindred Spirits.

In Class B, only two boats raced, with Lindisfarne winning over Fir Na Tine. Lindisfarne also took the win for the July Series with Fir Na Tine second, Chickadee third, Kinsail fourth, and Seven Belles fifth.

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On Friday, **August 7**, the Marion Yacht Club (MYC) hosts a wine tasting event from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. On Saturday, **August 8**, MYC members are invited to a potluck dinner. Bring your favorite appetizer and enjoy some friendly conversation.

More details can be found on the website: [www.mattapoisettyc.org/social-activities.html](http://www.mattapoisettyc.org/social-activities.html)

### Lamb of God Christian Church

The Lamb of God Christian Church of Mattapoisett will be presenting the following events in August:

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

### Mattapoisett Congregational Church Yard Sale

On Saturday, **September 12**, from 9:00 am to 1:00

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pm, the Mattapoisett Congregational Church will once again host its annual yard sale in Reynard Hall, rain or shine.

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

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

### **St. Philip's Episcopal Church**

On Sunday, **August 9**, The Rev. William Lock, Assisting Rector at St. Stephen's Church in Providence will conduct services at 8:00 am and 10:00 am. Historic St. Philip's Church is located next to the Town Beach in Mattapoisett. All are welcome.

### **Rochester Grange Fair**

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

Fair books have been distributed around the Tri-Town area with rules for entering. Please follow them so as not to be disqualified. Participants may enter any home-grown or homemade item even if you do not see it in the book's listings. Anyone interested in entering the fair needs to bring their entries to the Grange Hall on Friday, August 14, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm and again from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. All ages are eligible. We look forward to 4H entries as well.

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

### **Plumb Library's 50th Anniversary**

Celebrate Plumb Library's 50th Anniversary with us.

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

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

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

### **August at the Rochester Historical Society**

This month, our Wednesday meeting and program will be **August 19** at 7:00 pm at the Museum at 355 County Road. The program is "The Life of a Revolutionary Soldier," presented by Malcolm Phinney. If you come at 6:30 pm, you can take in some of our current exhibit, "Rochester and the Revolution." As always, good refreshments and conversations will be available after the program.

Dates to view the exhibit will be at different times throughout the summer. You can find them here and hopefully on the town Facebook page. If you're looking for something different to do with a kid (8 years old or older is best), come and do our exhibit scavenger hunt and win a prize. The museum will be open on Wednesday, **August 12** from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm.

### **Adult Events at the Mattapoisett Library**

Check out our August programs at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library (MFPL), located at 7 Barstow Street.

The award-winning movie, *In the Whale*, is showing at MFPL on **August 7** at 6:00 pm. The film tells the true account of a Cape Cod fisherman who was swallowed by a whale and survived to tell the tale. Watch the movie and then participate in a Q&A with the director, David Abel. Registration optional.

Attend an author talk with Jennifer Mason-Black, who wrote the novel *Sometimes the Girl*, on Saturday, **August 8** at 2:00 pm. Registration optional.

Join us for an adult craft workshop on **August 11** at 5:00 pm. Make a candle out of a seashell, soy wax and essential oils. All supplies are provided, and registration is required.

The Garden Lady is coming to the library for a presentation on "Success with Vegetables" on **August 13** at 2:00 pm. Learn the best ways to succeed with your vegetable garden and/or growing, from how to treat a range of issues, how to make the most of your fall and winter harvests, and more. C.L. Fornari is the host of The Garden Lady on WCAI and GBH 89.7, and a frequent speaker to groups and green industry trade events.

Calling all fiber artists and/or makers. The Sewing & Maker Club will meet on August 15, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, for a drop-in session. The Weaving Wednesdays group will meet on **August 19** from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, also for a drop-in session. More info is on our website.

Looking to spruce up your plant collection? Need to pass on some of your propagated plants? Join us at the library for a plant swap on **August 22** from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Bring any healthy, pest-free plants to trade. Plants should be easy to carry and properly planted. Please clearly label your plant type. No registration is

required. Stop by anytime from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

### Teen Events at the Mattapoisett Library

Attend a special Summer Reading Book Club meeting on Friday, **August 7** at 3:30 pm. Read *Sometimes the Girl*, and come ready to discuss. Earn raffle tickets toward a gift basket for participating.

Jennifer Mason-Black, author of the YA novel *Sometimes the Girl*, is visiting the Mattapoisett Library for an author talk on Saturday, **August 8** at 2:00 pm. Join us for a presentation and Q&A. Also, earn raffle tickets toward winning a gift basket.

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

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

As always, our programs and events are free and open to everyone. For more information, please visit us at 7 Barstow Street, online at [www.mattapoisettlibrary.org](http://www.mattapoisettlibrary.org),

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**From the Files of the  
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**By Connie Eshbach**

During the opening of our new exhibit,  
"Rochester and the Revolution," someone said he  
understood that Rochester had once been part of Marion.  
Some other museumgoers felt that many were unaware  
as to why the term Tri-Town is used. So, to straighten  
this out, Old Rochester (official name: Rochester – Town  
of New England) originally included a section of town

known as "Seppacan"  
(today's Marion;  
remember that the  
name Marion was  
from a Revolutionary  
War general), a section  
known as Mattapoisett,  
and until 1739, a large  
section of today's  
Wareham. The term  
Tri-Town refers to the  
three towns that were  
Rochester until the  
mid-1800s.

This means  
when we talk about  
veterans of the

Revolutionary War, we are including all those buried in  
cemeteries in Marion and Mattapoisett, because in 1775–  
1783, all these men were from Rochester and buried in  
Rochester.

One such veteran was John Pitcher. He was born  
in Scituate on January 11, 1736. Many of Rochester's  
earliest settlers came from towns that had grown up as



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# OBITUARIES

***There are no Obituaries this week.***

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Plymouth Colony expanded. Scituate was one such town.

Pitcher's father was Zeruiah Booth Pitcher. We don't know when John Pitcher arrived in Rochester, but we know he married Elizabeth Sprague, became a surgeon and was the father of five children: three boys (one named Zeruiah) and two girls.

His first muster card is for "Pitcher, John- Rochester - Capt. Nathaniel Hammond's (2d Rochester) Co." They marched on April 20, 1775, at the alarm of April 19. The company marched to Marshfield, and the length of his service was four days. His next muster card has him as a "Surgeon, Col. Theophilus Cotton's Regiment - return of field and staff officers dated camp at Roxbury October 7, 1775."

He is also on the record as a surgeon in Col. Benjamin Howes' Regiment, entering service August 5, 1778, and discharged on September 12, 1778. He was in service one month and nine days when his regiment marched to Rhode Island.

Dr. John Pitcher died in Falmouth on June 12, 1794. He is buried in the Evergreen Cemetery, which is in today's Marion. He has an impressive tombstone. The inscription reads "A physician eminent in his profession and chief surgeon of a regiment in the Revolutionary War."

## Elizabeth Taber Library

The Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library are hosting their annual summer book sale on Friday, **August 7**, through Sunday, **August 9**, at the Marion Music Hall, located at 164 Front Street in Marion.

You'll be able to find gently used books, puzzles and games. The sale is open from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on Friday and Saturday, and 11:00 am to 2:00 pm on Sunday.

The Friends of the Library will accept donations at the Marion Music Hall on Thursday, **August 6**, and

# TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



## MARION

### Log highlights July 26 - Aug 1

- Water St - Found property
- Holly Rd - Officer wanted
- Front St - Health/welfare
- Front St - EMS/medical
- Cedar Ln - EMS/medical
- East Ave - A&B in progress/arrest
- Water St - General service
- Maple Ave - General service
- East Ave - Officer wanted
- Converse Rd - Smoke investigation
- Front St - Larceny/past
- Converse Rd - MV collision
- Point Rd - MV collision
- Mill St - Health/welfare
- Village Dr - EMS/medical
- Briggs Ln - EMS/medical
- South St - Fraud
- Crapo St - General service
- Front St - Officer wanted
- Spring St - Fraud
- Water St - Officer wanted
- Park St - Wildlife services
- Quelle Ln - Follow up investigation
- Cole Rd - General service
- Barnabas Rd - General service
- 195 East - MV collision
- Pleasant St - MV complaint
- Front St - MV collision
- Front St - Suspicious MV

## MATTAPOISETT

### Log highlights July 26 - Aug 1

- Antassawamock Rd - Unattended death
- Fieldstone Dr - Health/welfare
- Water St - Parking violation
- Randall Rd - Follow up investigation
- Melissa Anne Ln - Disturbance
- Oliver St - 911 call
- Waterman St - Officer wanted
- Aucoot Rd - Lost property
- Main St - General service
- Railroad Ave - parking violation
- Tinkham Ln - Animal control
- Crestfield St - Medical assist
- County Rd - Protective custody (adult)
- Church St - Health/welfare
- Bike Path - 911 call
- Union Ave - Noise complaint
- Oaklawn Ave - Assist citizen
- Hammond St - Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Brierpatch Ln - Restraining order
- Harbor Beach - Complaint
- Kestrel Ln - Suspicious MV
- Oakland St - Animal control
- County Rd - No trespass
- Railroad Ave - Parking violation
- Angelica Ave - MV violation
- Mattakisett Rd - Animal control
- Tobey Ln - Officer wanted
- Fairhaven Rd - MV crash
- Neds Point Rd - Officer wanted

## ROCHESTER

### Log highlights July 26 - Aug 1

- Neck Rd - Traffic complaint
- Haskell Ridge Rd - Vandalism
- Bennett Rd - Inside investigation
- New Bedford Rd - Burglar alarm
- New Bedford Rd - Witness intimidation
- Burgess Ave - Suspicious activity
- Ryder Rd - General service
- Neck Rd - Medical alarm
- Pine St - Medical
- High St - Animal control
- Hartley Rd - Medical alarm
- New Bedford Rd - MV stop/towed
- New Bedford Rd - Citation
- Vaughn Hill Rd - Fraud
- Rounseville Rd - MV collision
- Braley Hill Rd - MV collision
- Stevens Rd - Lost animal
- Morse Ct - General services
- Snows Pond Rd - Suspicious activity
- Clapp Rd - Animal control
- New Bedford Rd - MV stop/citation
- Neck Rd - MV stop/citation
- New Bedford Rd - 911 call
- Hartley Rd - Outside investigation
- Noble Rd - Burglar alarm
- High St - Suspicious activity
- Walnut Plain Rd - Outside investigation
- Bishop Rd - Parking complaint
- Negus Way - 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).*

Friday, **August 7**, from 9:00 am to noon.

Also featured will be Ready, Set, Puzzle. Meet Marion's world-class speed puzzler, Emma Williamson. Join in the fun for an exciting teen and adult program from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm on Saturday, **August 8**. Sign up to participate in a Mini Pairs Speed Puzzling Competition, sponsored by Bit & Pieces. A sign-up is available via the Elizabeth Taber Library's website. The event and competition are free and open to the public as part of the annual Summer Book Sale fundraiser.

### **Rochester Historical Society's Celebration of the 250th**

Our recognition of the 250th anniversary of America is two-pronged. First, we have the exhibit at the Rochester Historical Museum at 355 County Rd. This exhibit opened on July 25. It gives the history of Rochester's response to specific events leading up to and during the Revolution. It includes first-person accounts.

The exhibit also includes items that would belong to a Revolutionary War soldier and others, which would be used in a soldier's home during the same period. This exhibit will be open at times announced in the paper until after Labor Day, when we will come up with a weekend schedule. We're always happy to open, and you may arrange a visit by calling 617-750-2818 or emailing [eshbach2@aol.com](mailto:eshbach2@aol.com).

The second prong is our wall of Revolutionary War veterans. This is a collaboration between the Rochester Historical Commission and the Historical Society. It is a work in progress with frequent additions being made. We are always looking for help with this. Currently, I'm looking for the grave of Asa Pease, who is in the Central Cemetery in North Rochester. I also need to know where that might be.

While both endeavors come under the heading of Rochester, the events and veterans now located throughout the Tri-Town were in Rochester when they occurred, as today's Marion and Mattapoissett were both part of Rochester until the 1850s. So, all of this is a shared history.

I want to thank and give credit to the Rochester Cultural Council, the Marion Cultural Council and the Mattapoissett Cultural Council for their support. All three are local councils supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Without their assistance, it would be much harder to keep our area's rich history alive.

### **Women-On-Target Program**

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

To register, please provide: your full name (including middle initial), mailing address, email, telephone number, and date of birth, along with a \$110 check made out to "Sippican Rod & Gun Club." Mail to: Sippican Rod & Gun Club, Attn: Women-On-Target, PO Box 182, Rochester, MA 02770. The class is limited to the first 24 participants registered. When the full class is registered, we will provide further information about the program details via email. Considering that previous programs have had a waiting list, all those interested are encouraged to apply soon. We hope to see you there.

### **Become a Coastal Explorer with the Marion Natural History Museum**

Discover tide pools, marshes, forests, rivers and the amazing wildlife of Marion in a week of hands-on outdoor adventures as a Coastal Explorer: Monday, **August 3**, through Friday, **August 7**, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Designed for children entering grades 2–6, this engaging

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**Comcast Channel 9**

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**Thursday August 6, 2026**

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
8:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson  
8:30 AM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Cynthia Bryden  
9:30 AM Harbor Days 2026  
11:00 AM Marion Art Center - Arts in the Park  
11:30 AM Marion Art Center Promo - The Constant Wife  
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
1:30 PM Marion Arts in the Park  
2:00 PM The Collective Chat  
2:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
3:00 PM America 250 - Field of Flags  
3:30 PM Buzzards Bay Musicfest - Orchestra  
5:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band  
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today  
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US  
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
8:00 PM Buzzards Bay Musicfest - Swing Band  
9:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk  
11:00 PM Classic Movie

**Friday August 7, 2026**

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today  
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
10:00 AM Cape Conversations  
11:00 AM Marion Art Center - Being Seen Exhibition  
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:00 PM Four Deep Sports Talk  
2:00 PM The Human Truth with

Chuck McIntyre  
2:30 PM The Collective Chat  
3:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
3:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson  
4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Cynthia Bryden  
5:00 PM Marion 4th of July Parade  
5:30 PM Marion 4th of July Concert  
6:30 PM Marion 4th of July Fireworks  
7:00 PM Rochester 4th of July Celebration  
7:30 PM Mattapoisset Town Band - America's 250th Anniversary Concert  
9:00 PM Mattapoisset Firefighter Memories - July 4th  
10:00 PM For Your Health  
10:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
11:30 PM Classic Movies

**Saturday August 8, 2026**

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival  
9:30 AM Mattapoisset Land Trust - Dexter Elm Rededication  
10:30 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson  
11:00 AM Four Deep Sports Talk Show  
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie  
1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
2:30 PM The Human Truth  
3:00 PM The Collective Chat  
3:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
4:00 PM Marion Art Center Promo - The Constant Wife  
4:30 PM Marion 4th of July Parade  
5:00 PM Marion 4th of July Concert  
6:05 PM Marion 4th of July Fireworks  
6:30 PM Rochester 4th of July Celebration  
7:00 PM Mattapoisset Town Band - America's 250th Anniversary Concert  
8:25 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Asteroids, Meteors, and Cosmic Close Calls  
9:30 PM Beacon Hill Report...  
10:00 PM Classic Movies

**Sunday August 9, 2026**

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

10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church  
11:00 AM Mattapoisset 4th of July Road Race  
11:30 AM New England Rodeo - Rochester  
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:00 PM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam  
1:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
2:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today  
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US  
3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road  
4:00 PM Marion 4th of July Parade  
4:30 PM Marion 4th of July Concert  
5:35 PM Marion 4th of July Fireworks  
6:00 PM Rochester 4th of July Celebration  
6:30 PM Mattapoisset Town Band - America's 250th Anniversary Concert  
8:00 PM Mattapoisset Firefighter Memories - July 4th  
9:00 PM Nolan Fest 2026

**Monday August 10, 2026**

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today  
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US  
9:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
10:30 AM Miss New Bedford  
11:00 AM For Your Health  
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:00 PM Beacon Hill Report  
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters  
2:30 PM Modernizing Funding for Public Access  
3:00 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz  
3:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
4:30 PM The Human Truth  
5:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band  
6:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
7:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson  
7:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Political Polarization

8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Understanding Salt Marsh Ecology  
9:00 PM New England Rodeo - Rochester  
9:30 PM The Collective Chat  
10:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
11:00 PM Classic Movie

**Tuesday August 11, 2026**

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
8:00 AM For Your Health  
8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment  
9:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club  
10:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning  
10:30 AM The Collective Chat  
11:00 AM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
11:30 AM In the Toy Box  
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:00 PM Plymouth County Commissioners Meeting  
1:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider  
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today  
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
3:30 PM Two Grannies on the Road  
4:30 PM Marion 4th of July Parade  
5:00 PM Marion 4th of July Concert  
6:05 PM Marion 4th of July Fireworks  
6:30 PM Rochester 4th of July Celebration  
7:00 PM Mattapoisset Town Band - America's 250th Anniversary Concert  
8:30 PM Mattapoisset Firefighter Memories - July 4th  
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
10:00 PM Gay USA  
11:00 PM Classic Movie

**Wednesday August 12, 2026**

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
8:00 AM Cape Conversations  
8:30 AM For Your Health  
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
10:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment

10:30 AM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz  
11:00 AM Mattapoisset Congregational Church  
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
1:30 PM Money Matters  
2:00 PM A Conversation With...  
2:30 PM Marion 4th of July Parade  
3:00 PM Marion 4th of July Concert  
4:05 PM Marion 4th of July Fireworks  
4:30 PM Rochester 4th of July Celebration  
5:00 PM Mattapoisset Town Band - America's 250th Anniversary Concert  
6:30 PM Mattapoisset Firefighter Memories - July 4th  
8:30 PM Teach your Home Energy Costs! With David Green  
9:45 PM Mattapoisset Women's Club Speaker Series - Kathryn Tarleton  
10:30 PM Classic Movies

## MARION

### GOVERNMENT

**Comcast Channel 26**

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**Daily Schedule**

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen  
7:45 AM Marion Conservation Commission  
8:00 AM Marion Planning Board  
9:00 AM Marion Marine Resources  
10:30 AM Marion Board of Health  
12:00 PM Marion Finance Committee  
2:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission  
3:00 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals  
4:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust  
5:00 PM Marion School Committee  
6:10 PM ORR Joint School Committee  
8:15 PM ORR School Committee  
9:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen  
10:30 PM Marion Planning Board  
11:30 PM Marion Board of Health

## ROCHESTER

### GOVERNMENT

**Comcast Channel 26**

**Verizon Channel 40**

**Daily Schedule**

7:00 AM Rochester Board of

Selectmen  
8:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission  
9:00 AM Rochester Planning Board  
10:30 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals  
12:30 PM Rochester School Committee  
2:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee  
4:05 PM ORR School Committee  
5:30 PM Rochester Select Board  
6:30 PM Rochester Planning Board  
8:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission  
9:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals  
11:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen

## EDUCATION

### CHANNEL

**Comcast Channel 8**

**Verizon Channel 37**

**Daily Schedule**

7:00 AM Old Colony Building Update  
7:30 AM ORR School Committee  
9:00 AM Old Colony Industry Signing Day/Night  
10:00 AM Old Colony Excellence in Effort Awards  
11:00 AM Cable History of Old Colony RVTHS  
12:00 PM ORR Hall of Fame 1993  
12:30 PM ORR Hall of Fame - Buddy Thomas  
1:00 PM ORRHS Promenade  
2:00 PM ORR Night of Jazz Concert  
3:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Auburn  
4:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Cathedral  
5:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs New Bedford  
6:00 PM ORR Boys Hockey vs Apponequet  
7:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs West Bridgewater  
8:30 PM ORR Boys Hockey vs Wareham  
9:30 PM ORR Boys Hockey vs Somerset Berkley  
11:00 PM ORR Football vs Apponequet

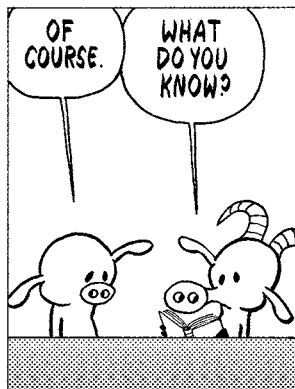
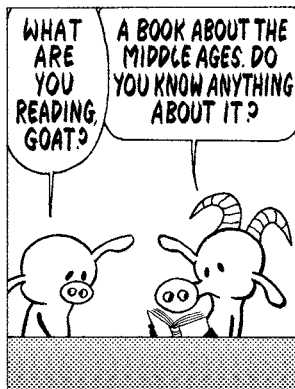
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### GOVERNMENT

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### Auditions at the MAC

The Marion Art Center (MAC) will hold auditions for the play *Tiny Beautiful Things*, based on the best-selling book by Cheryl Strayed, adapted by Nia Vardalos, and directed by Jennifer Palmer. Auditions will be held on Saturday, **August 8**, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and on Monday, **August 10**, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater, located at 80 Pleasant St.

*Tiny Beautiful Things* personifies the questions and answers that the lead character, Sugar, published online from 2010 to 2012. When the struggling writer was asked to take over the unpaid, anonymous position of advice columnist, Strayed used empathy and her personal experiences to help those seeking guidance for obstacles both large and small. This is a play about healing when you're broken and finding the courage to take on the questions that have no answers.

Characters are Sugar (Female, 30–50s): A grounded, empathetic writer who uses her own raw life stories to guide others, and three "Letter Writers," aged 20 to 30s, any gender, who can take on various roles and may perform quick character transitions. Characters may be emotional individuals seeking guidance, others with sharp humor and wit, and some who share stories with deep, heartbreaking honesty. Actors will utilize vocal and physical distinctiveness to bring different stories to life.

Performances will be held on nine performance dates: October 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, and 25, with Friday and Saturday shows at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinees at 2:00 pm. More information is available at [www.marionartcenter.org/auditions](http://www.marionartcenter.org/auditions).

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# MOVIE REVIEW

## Leisure Time

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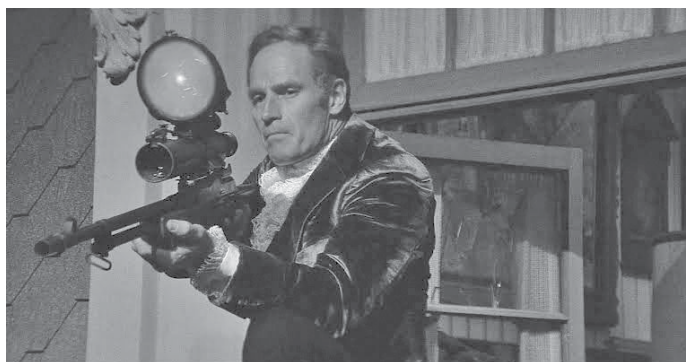
***The Omega Man* (1971). Starring Charlton Heston and Rosalind Cash. Directed by Boris Segal. Running time: 98 minutes. MPAA rating: PG. Available on physical home media and streaming free on Hoopla.**

A little-known fact about me: Before *Raiders of the Lost Ark* took the crown forever, my favorite movie as a kid was *The Omega Man*, which just celebrated its 55th anniversary a few days ago. I never missed it on TV, where it played often on late weekday afternoons. Why the love? I guess I dug the story, adapted from Richard Matheson's novel *I Am Legend* (it's been tried three times, the most recent being a Will Smith vehicle in 2007). I'm not alone; Tim Burton considers it a favorite, and it provided the seed of inspiration for the phenom that became *Mystery Science Theater 3000*.

Coming off of the first two *Planet of the Apes* films, Charlton Heston checks in for another dystopian sci-fi thriller as Dr. Robert Neville, a scientist who has an immunity to the "plague" that has killed most of the world and made any "survivors" into a maniacal albino cult. Neville spends a lot of his days tooling around the empty streets of L.A. in various convertibles, listening to jazz, and watching a print of *Woodstock* that somehow hasn't deteriorated in the two years since everything changed in 1975. His mortal enemies are that albino cult, led by a former news anchorman (Anthony Zerbe). They can't stand light and only emerge after dark. They want to cleanse the earth by fire. Which also emits light. Never mind.

Neville meets a woman, Lisa (Rosalind Cash, showing some surprising PG-rated nudity), who takes him to other survivors who are on their way to militant albinism but more slowly. His plan is to make serum out of his blood, cure whoever he can, and make serum out of *their* blood, and so on. Unlike other interpretations of Matheson's story, there are no vampires, just brainwashed zombie-like anarchists fit only for death ("vermin") at Neville's trigger finger. Being played by Heston, Neville has a supply of firearms that would make the NRA cheerful. The albinos are supposedly "too far gone" to be cured, and they don't want a cure anyway.

Stiffly directed by Boris Segal (father of Katey),



a TV veteran who died in a freak accident involving a helicopter, *The Omega Man* must've captivated me by its narrative of a lone man who isn't lonely, exactly. A little cuckoo, maybe, but he keeps himself amused, keeping up chess games with himself, liberating clothes from abandoned outlets. Neville simply acts out the social cues of the past world, as when his car blows a tire and he goes shopping for another. (He's lucky the albinos aren't partial to guns, or snipers for that matter, given his fondness for convertibles.) At night he goes hunting, but daytime belongs to him, and I must've responded to the movie's reasoning that apocalypse doesn't have to mean a grim life without any entertainment.

Neville is even shown reciting a *Woodstock* hippie's observations along with the hippie; *Woodstock* was distributed by Warner, as was *The Omega Man*, and Warner was having quite the doomy year what with this, *A Clockwork Orange*, *The Devils*, and *Dirty Harry*. Neville's refusal to let culture die softens the movie — and puts us squarely against the albinos, who think of "the age of the wheel" as "evil." Neville forges a relationship with Lisa and works to cure her brother, who is sinking into albinism. The bluff, mordant Heston makes Neville a relatable hero, maintaining a throughline to hope.

Watching *The Omega Man* again for the first time in decades, I realized either I'd forgotten a lot or the movie had been trimmed for all those TV showings. I definitely remembered the ending, which even my mom back then called out for its explicit crucifixion imagery. When I was young, the finale raised a lump in my throat, which this time around remained unlumpy. Sometimes we're not sure why certain films move us when they do. *The Omega Man* may have been my first post-apocalypse film, and it looked fine to a budding introvert like me: fewer people and less noise except for the albino people, who were easy to handle if you had a bunch of guns. At least the movie didn't make a 2A fan out of me.

## Call for Entries for the MAC Summer Members Show

The Marion Art Center's (MAC's) Summer Members show returns on **August 15** with a reception from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. It will run through September 18. MAC member artists are encouraged to enter one piece into the show. Original works must be exhibition-ready, created within the last five years and not previously shown at the MAC. Drop-off dates are Saturday, **August 8**, between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm and Tuesday, **August 10**, between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. The MAC Galleries are located at 80 Pleasant St. More information is available at [marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit](http://marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit).

### Tickets for *The Constant Wife*

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

This adaptation drops Maugham's sharp social comedy into the vibrant, swirling world of the late 1960s — a moment when women were questioning marriage, autonomy and identity with new fire. In this story,

Constance Middleton, the stalwart wife of a philandering Harley Street doctor, starts reassessing her life and her choices both past and present. Her decisions are bold and surprising to herself and everyone who knows her. Through it all, Constance emerges as a heroine who discovers her power in a world buzzing with change.

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

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

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

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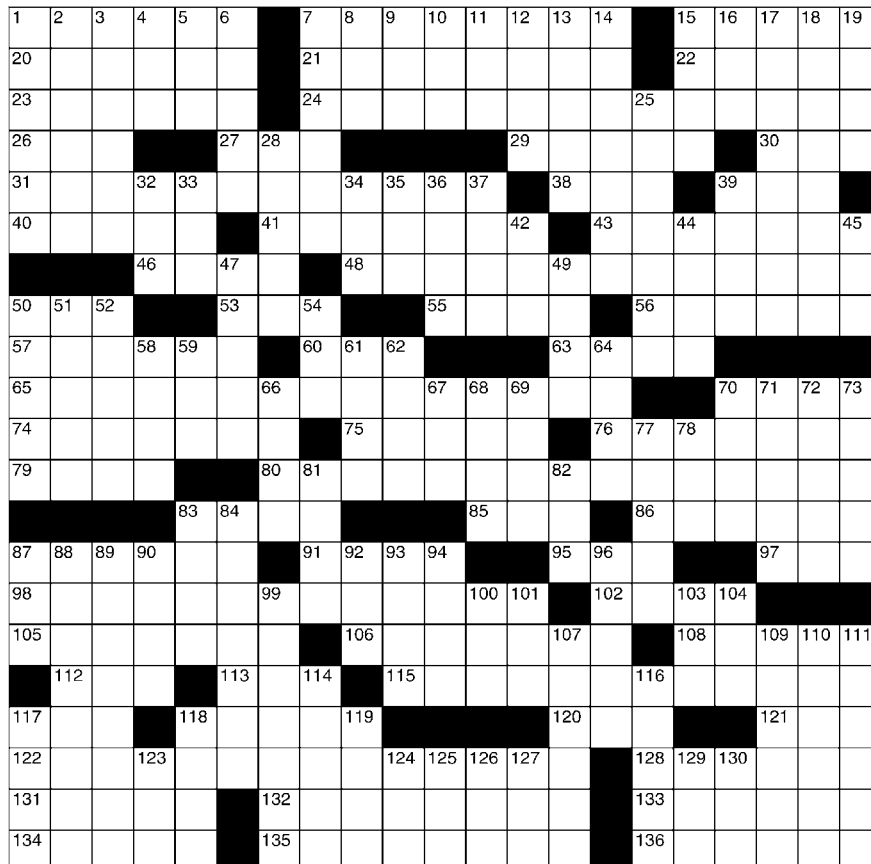
## ACROSS

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21 Tango cousin  
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23 Altered totally  
24 For an extended period of time  
26 Angry feeling  
27 Prefix with chic or tour  
29 Papas' mates  
30 Grafton's "— for Evidence"  
31 Video game in which players ride in skateparks and splash color around  
38 Use a pew  
39 "Dino" star Mineo  
40 Filmmaker Perry  
41 Feature of a carrot-top  
43 Views more text, perhaps  
46 Salamander  
48 Make distress less painful  
50 Hype (up)  
53 Volcanic stuff  
55 Large couch  
56 Funnywoman Boosler
- 57 Whigs' rivals  
60 Wane  
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65 Is completely harmless  
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76 Neighbor of Peru  
79 Some dark breads  
80 Exactly even division  
83 Brilliant feat  
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86 Pesto herbs  
87 Mythical twin of Pollux  
91 They go with oohs  
95 Two after uno  
97 Cove's cousin  
98 Portable boat engine  
102 Literary Leon  
105 Covert movement  
106 Like fatty tissue  
108 New, in Italy  
112 Atop, to bards  
113 Yiddish cries of lament
- 115 Appetizer made with vegetable "hearts"  
117 81-Down download  
118 Guy who's a spin doc  
120 Ring great Muhammad  
121 Sinus-probing doc  
122 Having paid to be freed from custody  
128 Old dog star  
131 Not reactive  
132 Luminosity  
133 Expunges  
134 Pack-carrying beasts  
135 Stopped from wobbling  
136 What the last words of eight key answers in this puzzle are slangy synonyms of

## DOWN

- 1 Not lenient  
2 Sundae topper  
3 Difficult experience  
4 Bathroom, in Bristol  
5 "Dapper" guy  
6 Blade metal  
7 Make a pick  
8 Bathroom, in Bristol  
9 "Honest" prez  
10 Golfing goal  
11 Stuff making a big bang  
12 Former NPR talk show host Diane  
13 Domains  
14 Hand-reading fortuneteller  
15 Ob- — (delivery docs)  
16 Time delay  
17 "No kidding?"  
18 Broth made by stewing  
19 Vast periods  
25 Old breakfast cereal brand  
28 Things rolling in the aisle  
32 Hankering  
33 Mine find  
34 IRA choices  
35 "So that's your game!"  
36 Lummoxes  
37 Mambo great  
38 Puente  
39 Japanese noodle  
42 Match arbiter  
44 Kinfolk: Abbr.  
45 Stockholm is its cap.

- 47 Failed to be  
49 Toe feature  
50 In battle  
51 Given to sulking  
52 Puritanical type  
54 Sly chuckle  
58 Bits of land in la mer  
59 Fielder Roush  
61 Well-muscled  
62 "I say!" sayer  
64 Russian "no"  
66 Cubes in miso soup  
67 Give it a whirl  
68 Dual radio designation  
69 Decent  
70 Indy circuits  
71 Off-the-cuff  
72 "Ta-da!"  
73 Dilettantish  
77 Prefix with pet or punk  
78 D.C.'s home  
81 Apple tablet  
82 In shape  
83 Trendy  
84 Speechifiers  
87 Bus. entities  
88 Devices reproducing signatures  
89 Spires  
90 Ski lift type  
92 Org. for docs  
93 "Today" co-host Kotb  
94 Move slightly  
96 "The Fisher King" actress Mercedes  
99 Rappers and poets, e.g.  
100 Make a pick  
101 French for "king"  
103 Squid's squirt  
104 Act litigiously  
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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A strong social whirl brings a new round of good times to fun-loving Rams and Ewes! Cupid's also busy aiming arrows at single Lambs who are hoping for a heart-to-heart encounter.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A romantic incident could take a more serious turn if the Divine Bovine considers meeting Cupid's challenge. Meanwhile, a professional opportunity is also about to turn up!

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A bit of hard-headed realism could be just what the Twins need at this emotionally challenged time. Face the facts as they are, not as you want them to be. Good luck!

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Many opportunities open up, but you need to be aware of their actual pros and cons. Check them all out and make your choice from those that offer more of what you seek.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A more stable situation begins, allowing you to feel more secure about making important decisions. Meanwhile, be sure to meet your project deadlines so that you can move on to other things.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Congratulations! A new personal relationship thrives as you learn how to make room in your busy life for this wonderfully warm and exciting emotional experience.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A new contact opens some doors. This is the good news. But there's a caution involved: Be sure to protect your rights to your work before showing it to anyone.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A former colleague might seek to resume a working partnership. Ask yourself if you need it. If "yes," get more information. If "no," respectfully decline the request.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Good times dominate your aspect. So, why not have a party to celebrate a loved one's success? And do invite a special person you want to get to know better!

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) The shy side of the Sea Goat soon gives way to your more assertive self. This should help you when it comes time to speak up for yourself and your achievements.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A new period of stability will help you deal with some recently reworked plans. Once you get your current tasks done, you can devote more time to personal matters.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Things are finally much more stable these days, so you can restart the process of meeting your well-planned goals with fewer chances of interruption or delay.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You love being the brightest light wherever you are, and people love basking in your warmth and charm!  
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### Ready, Set, Puzzle

Join in the fun for an exciting teen and adult program from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm on Saturday, **August 8**, at the Marion Music Hall. Emma Williamson will share her journey from casual puzzle enthusiast to World Championship competitor. She will demonstrate the techniques and strategies that help speed puzzlers complete jigsaw puzzles in astonishing times. She will explain how ordinary puzzle lovers become competitive puzzlers and offer practical tips and tricks that anyone can use.

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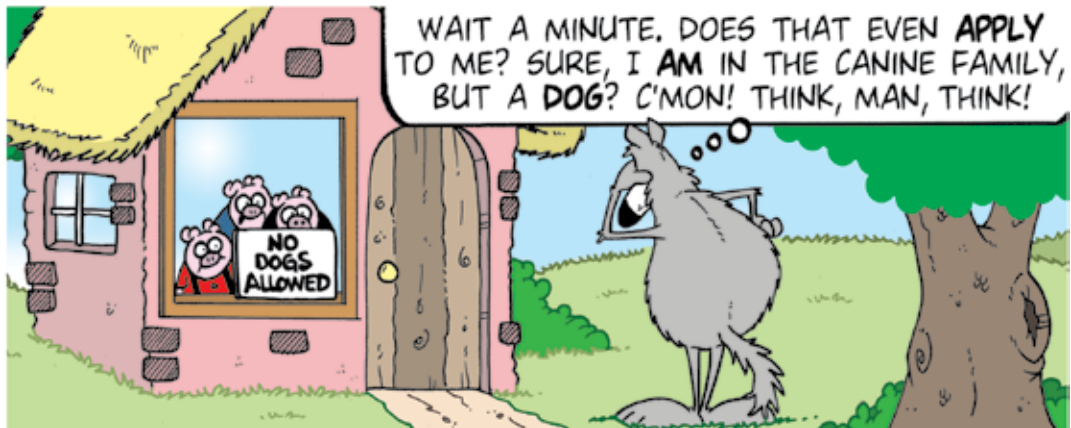
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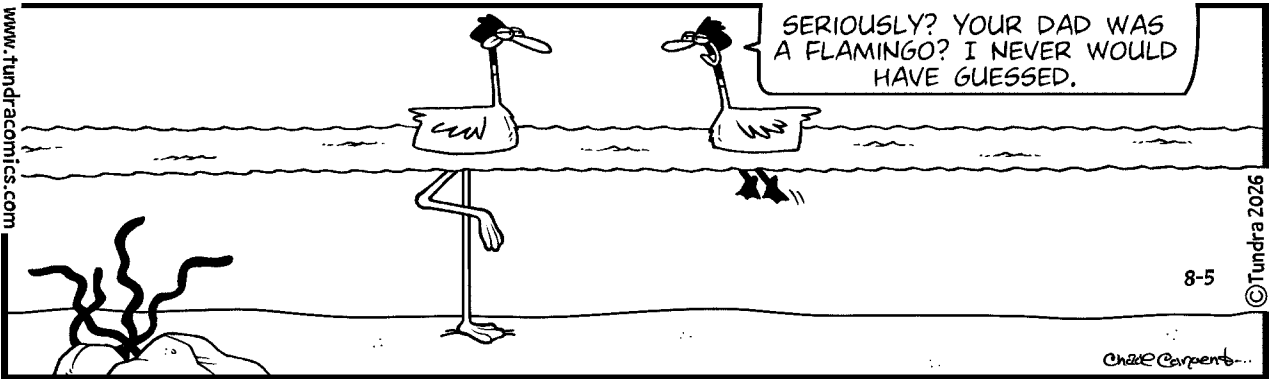
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Emma began speed puzzling in 2023 and has competed in Atlanta, Washington, D.C., and Valladolid, Spain. At the 2025 World Jigsaw Puzzle Championship, she was the only American to win a semifinal match. Emma typically completes a 1,000-piece puzzle in about 2.5 hours, with a personal best of just 1 hour and 50 minutes.

Whether you're a lifelong puzzle enthusiast or simply curious about this unique and rapidly growing competitive hobby, this engaging presentation offers a chance to meet one of Marion's own world-class competitors and learn how you, too, can become part of the speed puzzling community.

This presentation is free and open to the public as part of the library's annual Summer Book Sale fundraiser. To compete in the mini pairs event, sign up via the Elizabeth Taber Library's website. Plenty of gently used puzzles will be available for purchase, along with books, games, movies and music.

### Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library Book

The Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library are hosting their annual fall book sale at the Marion Music Hall at 164 Front Street. It runs Friday, **August 7**, and Saturday, **August 8**, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, and Sunday, **August 9**, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

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The Friends of the Library are still accepting donations. The last chance to donate materials for the book sale is Thursday, August 6, and Friday, August 7,



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### ORRHS Class of 1971

ORRHS Class of 1971 will be having a 55th reunion in Mattapoisett on Sunday, **September 13**, at 4:00 pm. Classmates wishing to attend may contact Christian Saether at [csaether@msn.com](mailto:csaether@msn.com) or Cornelia Dougall at [corneliadougall@yahoo.com](mailto:corneliadougall@yahoo.com) for further details and to RSVP.

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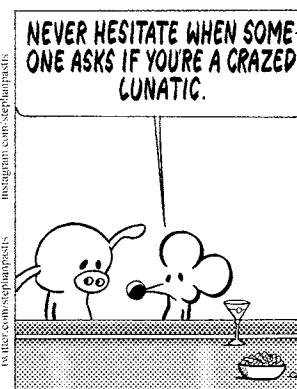
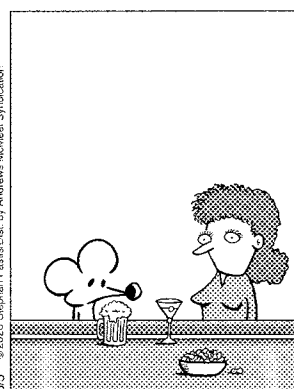
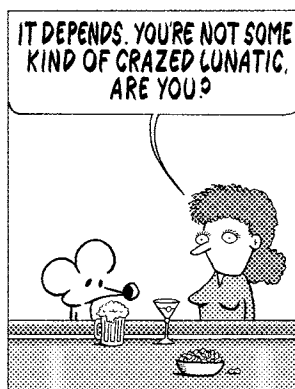
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| <p><b>TOWN OF ROCHESTER<br/>SOIL BOARD<br/>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Soil Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall Conference Room, 1 Constitution Way, in Rochester regarding a Soil Removal Permit Application received from Crimson Farms LLC, for property located at 37 Sarah Sherman Road in Rochester, MA 02770, further identified as Assessor's Map 28, Lot 8, 8-G. The property owner is Crimson Farms LLC, P.O. Box 333, Rochester, MA 02770. The applicant proposes to excavate agricultural reservoir, rebuild bogs, and upgrade bog roads.</p> <p>The application and associated submittal documents are available for review at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, during normal business hours.<br/>Richard Charon, Chairman 7/30, 8/6</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF ROCHESTER<br/>PLANNING BOARD<br/>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Town of Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 7:00 pm at the Council on Aging regarding a Special Permit for a Back Lot Subdivision and Common Driveway filed by Michael and Mary Fitzgerald and depicted on a plan entitled, "Approval Not Required Plan of Land and Special Permit for a Back Lot Division at 83 Hiller Road in Rochester, MA" and dated July 16, 2026 for property located at 83 Hiller Road, Rochester, MA 02770 designated as Lot 7 on Assessor's Map 11. The applicant is proposing the creation of one new residential back lot to support a single-family residential structure with associated site work, utilities, and a common driveway. The applicant's representative is Brian Wallace, JC Engineering, Inc., 2854 Cranberry Highway, E. Wareham, MA 02538.</p> <p>Further information may be obtained by contacting the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, during normal business hours.<br/>Join Zoom Meeting<br/><a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74360867068">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74360867068</a><br/>Meeting ID: 743 6086 7068<br/>Arnold Johnson, Chairman 7/30, 8/6</p> | <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT<br/>PLANNING BOARD<br/>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>In accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A Section 9, you are hereby notified of a public hearing. The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a hearing on Monday August 17, 2026, at 7:00 pm, at the Town Hall Conference Room, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 and over zoom, to consider the following proposed amendment to the Town of Mattapoisett Zoning By-laws: to add a Cottage Community Development By-law, the draft text of which is on file with the office of the Town Clerk and the Planning Board. All persons, parties, or corporations interested therein may appear and be heard in relation thereto.<br/>Thomas Tucker, Chair 7/30, 8/6</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT<br/>BOARD OF APPEALS<br/>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 at the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference Room, 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted). The start time is 6 pm.</p> <p>The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, August 20, 2026.</p> <p>CASE #1594 – Petition of Rachel Briggs, aka Rachel Westgate, c/o Law Office of James Walsh, 128 Union Street, Suite 203, New Bedford, MA 02740. RE: 12 Tobey Lane, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The property is further described as Plot 10 and Lot 87 on the Assessor's Map. The lot is in Zoning District VR10. It is recorded with the Plymouth Registry of Deeds, Book 55953, Page 41. The applicant seeks a Special Permit pursuant to Section 3.1 of the Mattapoisett Zoning By-Laws to permit a modest rear addition to the existing single-family dwelling on the property within the Village Residential District.</p> <p>Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours.<br/>Sincerely,<br/>Susan Akin, Chair<br/>Tony Tranfaglia, Colby Rottler, Jordan Rodrigues, Aaron Goldberg 8/6, 8/13</p> | <p><b>TOWN OF MARION<br/>CONSERVATION COMMISSION<br/>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 12, at 7:20 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Creative Property Associates, LLC, for the proposed new patio and porch improvements with an expanded footprint partially within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Salt Marsh and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage at 160 Allens Point Road.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 34A on Marion Assessors' Map 6. Plans are available at the Town House Annex for review.<br/>Shaun P. Walsh, Chair<br/>*Please contact Jenna Riewer at <a href="mailto:jriewer@marion-ma.gov">jriewer@marion-ma.gov</a> for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 8/6</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF ROCHESTER<br/>ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS<br/>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1240</b></p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Joyce &amp; Carl MacDermott, for property located at 128 Dexter Lane, identified on Assessor's Map 6, Lot 11E, who are seeking a Special Permit for an ADU larger than 900 sq ft, pursuant to Chapter 20.40, Section F.6., of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws.</p> <p>The public hearing will be on Thursday, August 27th, 2026, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA.<br/>Donald Spirllet, Chairman 8/6, 8/13</p> |

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Tables are available for four (\$160), six (\$240), eight (\$320) or 10 (\$400) diners. A place at the community table costs \$40. Buy a ticket for the community table or buy a table. Space is limited. Buy a table while they last. Tickets are available online: [www.mattapoisettmuseum.org/event-info/the-2026-great-community-picnic](http://www.mattapoisettmuseum.org/event-info/the-2026-great-community-picnic). Ticket sales will end when we sell out. Make plans now to join us for this festive, memorable evening.

### Marion Social Club Pig Roast

The Marion Social Club, located at 44 Pumping Station Road in Marion, is having a Pig Roast on **August 16**. Dinner will include a very nice portion of roast pig, jag, baked beans, applesauce, coleslaw, corn bread and dessert. The Pig Master is the same one we have had in the past, and the meal is out of this world. Tickets are \$40 each and can be reserved by calling Betsy Youngson at 508-295-8253. The cut-off date is August 8. Don't delay. The doors will open at noon for socializing, and dinner will be served at 1:00 pm. Also, we are looking for new members to help us with our dinners. The proceeds fund



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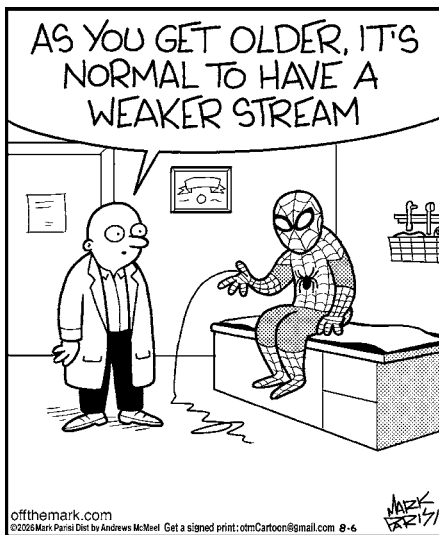
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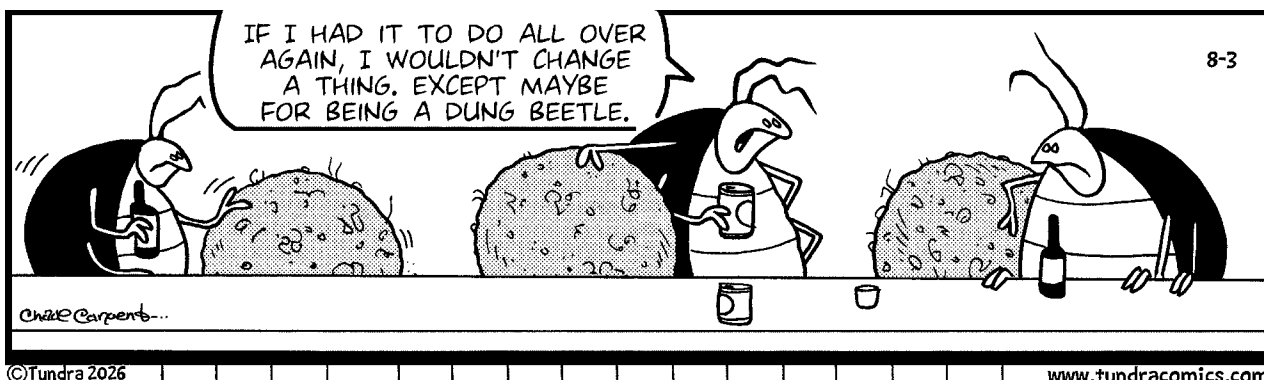
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A property must meet two or more qualifying criteria:

Age: The structure must be at least 75 years old.

Historic Event: Structures must be associated with an event that has local, regional or national significance.

Person: The structure must be associated with a person or persons who have made a notable contribution to history.

Period/Style: The structure embodies distinctive characteristics of a period of architecture or style and may be associated with a noted architect or builder.

Cultural landscape/archeology: The site of the structure has an important connection to the local history.

The plaques will display the original owner's name and spouse, if applicable, and the date. There is space for three lines. It should be attached to the front of the house where it can be visible from the street. Plaques are informational only and do not restrict the owner from making changes to the property.

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

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### Mattapoisett Congregational Church

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

### American Legion: Florence Eastman Post #28

All Southcoast active service military, reservists and veterans are invited to join the monthly meetings of the American Legion: Florence Eastman Post #28. This post serves the Tri-Town area of Mattapoisett, Marion, Rochester and beyond.

[www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com)

We meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 1900 (7:00 pm).

Florence Eastman Post is located at 3 Depot Street, Mattapoisett. Access the Tri-Town Veterans Office at [www.mattapoisett.net/tri-town-veterans-office](http://www.mattapoisett.net/tri-town-veterans-office).

### Birthday Parties at the MAC

The Marion Art Center's (MAC's) arts and crafts instructor Aylin Cetik is offering birthday parties in the MAC Studio. Parties for ages 4 and up will be scheduled on Saturdays and Sundays, with 15 to 20 minutes reserved at the end of the party for a sweet treat. Available times are 10:00 am to 11:30 am or 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Suggested party themes include mermaids, fairies, outer space, pirates, art and science, or custom. The cost is \$275 for up to 10 guests and \$15 for each additional child, with a maximum of 15 children. Add-on options include outdoor lawn games or other activities by request, for an additional fee. For more information and to inquire about dates, email [aylincetik@gmail.com](mailto:aylincetik@gmail.com).

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here you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother  
of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly  
beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure  
me in my necessity (make request). There are none  
that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived  
without sin pray for us who have recourse to  
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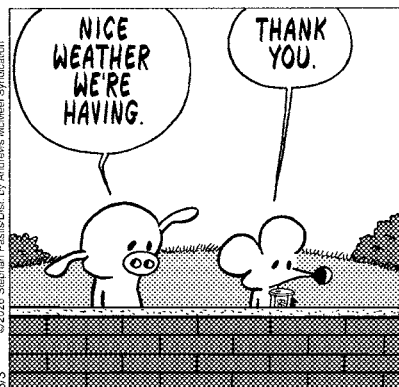
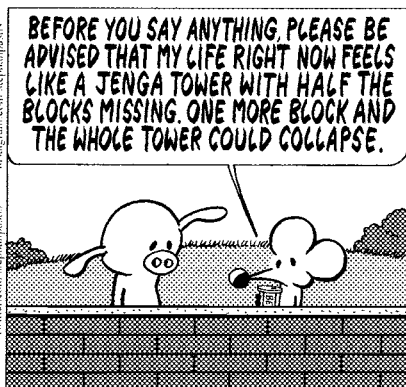
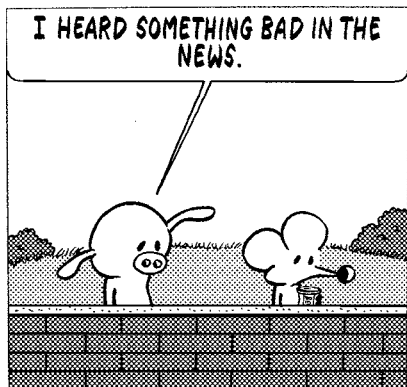
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## PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



the public on Friday mornings. The museum features collections of minerals, fossils, butterflies, birds of prey and many other specimens. Appointments may be made for field trips. If you would like to schedule a time to come in and view these specimens as part of a lesson or just for fun, please contact the director for an appointment. We are open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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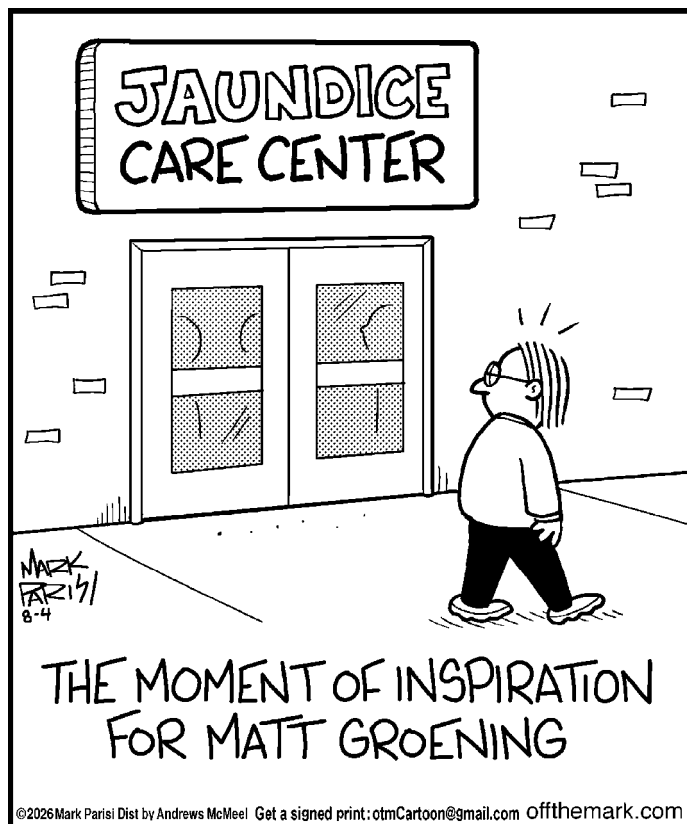
Tri-Town Against Racism (TTAR) announces they have developed a system to document discriminatory incidents experienced by community members in the Tri-Town. Collecting this information will help identify how best to support the Tri-Town region.

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| Friday             | August 7  | 3:01                                                   | 3:34  | 8:24                                                    | 10:36 |
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| Wednesday          | August 12 | 8:11                                                   | 8:37  | 2:16                                                    | 1:53  |
| Thursday           | August 13 | 9:01                                                   | 9:25  | 2:59                                                    | 2:48  |
| Friday             | August 14 | 9:49                                                   | 10:11 | 3:35                                                    | 3:39  |
| Saturday           | August 15 | 10:37                                                  | 10:57 | 4:07                                                    | 4:25  |
| Sunday             | August 16 | 11:26                                                  | 11:44 | 4:38                                                    | 5:07  |
| Monday             | August 17 |                                                        | 12:15 | 5:09                                                    | 5:50  |
| Tuesday            | August 18 | 12:32                                                  | 1:04  | 5:45                                                    | 6:38  |
| Wednesday          | August 19 | 1:21                                                   | 1:54  | 6:26                                                    | 7:40  |
| Thursday           | August 20 | 2:11                                                   | 2:45  | 7:16                                                    | 9:11  |
| Friday             | August 21 | 3:03                                                   | 3:41  | 8:20                                                    | 10:28 |
| Saturday           | August 22 | 4:01                                                   | 4:45  | 9:34                                                    | 11:20 |
| Sunday             | August 23 | 5:06                                                   | 5:46  | 10:42                                                   |       |
| Phases of the Moon |           | Last Quarter<br>New Moon<br>First Quarter<br>Full Moon |       | August 6th<br>August 12th<br>August 20th<br>August 28th |       |



## 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).

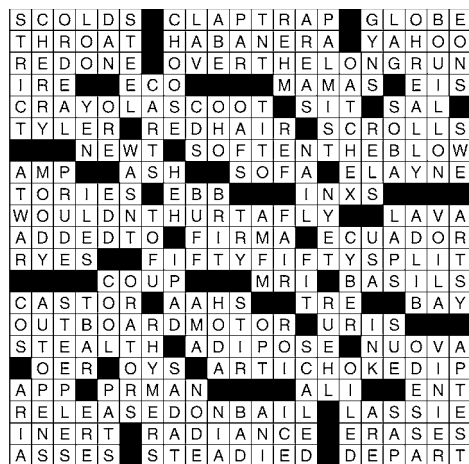
Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

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



## SCRAMBLERS

## solution

1. Snoop; 2. Leach
3. Clone; 4. Heap

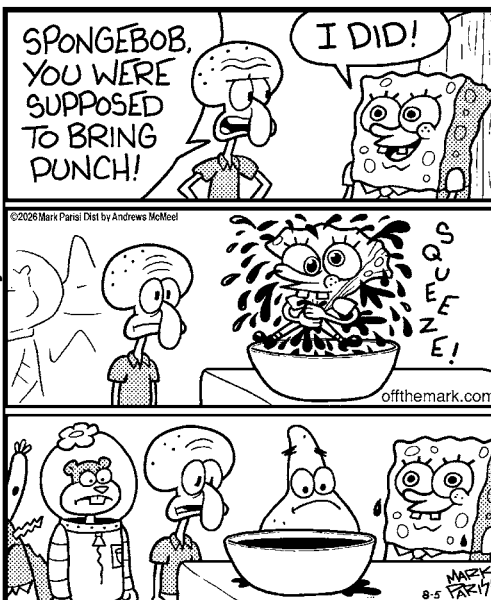
## Today's Word

## CHEAP

## Sudoku Answer

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

by Mark Parisi off the mark



## GROCERY, DAIRY & FROZEN

Half Liter Bottles, 24 pk.  
**Poland Spring**  
**Water**

**\$5.99**



8.9-12 oz. Selected Variety  
**General Mills**  
**Cereal**

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46 oz. Selected Variety  
**Tropicana**  
**Orange Juice**

**\$4.49**



Liter Bottle, Selected Variety  
**Poland Spring**  
**Sparkling Water**

**2/\$4**

24 oz. 6 pk. Selected Variety  
**Mott's**  
**Apple Sauce**

**\$2.99**

10 oz. Selected Variety  
**Ro-Tel**  
**Diced Tomatoes**

**\$1.99**

5 oz. In Water  
**Starkist**  
**Solid White Tuna**

**2/\$4**

10 oz. Original  
**A-1**  
**Steak Sauce**

**\$5.99**

48 oz.  
**Morton**  
**Kosher Salt**

**\$4.49**

16.9 oz. Selected Variety  
**Filippo Berio**  
**Olive Oil**

**\$8.99**

16 oz. Selected Variety  
**Blue Diamond**  
**Almonds**

**\$9.99**

32 oz. Selected Variety  
**Stonyfield Organic**  
**Yogurt**

**\$4.99**

24-37.5 oz. Hoodies Cups or Selected Variety  
**Hood**  
**Ice Cream Sandwiches**

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**Bell & Evans**  
**Chicken Breast**

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14 oz. Pkg.  
**Fenway**  
**Meat Franks**

**\$5.49<sup>lb</sup>**

4 oz. Uncured  
**Boar's Head**  
**Calabrese Salame**

**\$7.99**

Deli Sliced  
**New England Traditions**  
**Black Forest Ham**

**\$8.99<sup>lb</sup>**

Deli Fresh  
**Friends' Store Packaged**  
**Red Bliss Potato Salad**

**\$6.99<sup>lb</sup>**

Deli Fresh  
**Friends' Store Packaged**  
**Beet & Onion Salad**

**\$10.99<sup>lb</sup>**

Deli Fresh  
**Friends' Store Made**  
**Loaded Baked Potato Salad**

**\$9.99<sup>lb</sup>**

Deli Fresh  
**Friends' Store Made**  
**Broccoli Salad**

**\$9.99<sup>lb</sup>**

Deli Sliced  
**Land O Lakes**  
**American Cheese**

**\$7.99<sup>lb</sup>**

4 oz. Pkg.  
**Vermont Creamery**  
**Herb Goat Cheese**

**\$4.99**

8 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety  
**Cedar's**  
**Hommus**

**\$2.99**

8 oz. Pkg.  
**Boar's Head**  
**Smoked Gouda Cheese**

**\$5.99**

12 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety  
**Boar's Head**  
**Greek Yogurt Dip**

**2/\$8**

Ready to Serve  
**Allen's**  
**Rotisserie Chicken**

**\$9.99<sup>ea</sup>**

## CHEF PREPARED

With Sour Cream & Salsa  
**Smoked Pork Burrito**

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Spicy Sesame  
**Peanut Noodles**

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Pint  
**Black Bean & Corn Salad**

**\$9.99**

Fresh  
**Garden Side Salad**

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**Friends'**  
Premium  
Top Round  
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lb



12 oz. Cans, Selected Variety  
**Olipop**  
Beverages  
**2/\$5**  
+Dep



8 oz. Selected Variety  
**Food Club**  
Shredded  
Cheese  
or Bars  
**2/\$5**



16 oz. Selected Variety  
**Food Club**  
Butter Quarters  
**\$2<sup>99</sup>**



### SPIRITS

Summer  
Sale!

1.75 Liter Titos Vodka **\$29<sup>99</sup>**  
1.75 Liter Smirnoff Vodka **\$19<sup>99</sup>**  
1.75 Liter Bacardi Rum **\$24<sup>99</sup>**  
750 ml. Jose Cuervo Silver Tequila **\$24<sup>99</sup>**

48 oz. Frozen Yogurt or  
Selected Variety  
**Hood**  
Ice Cream  
**\$3<sup>99</sup>**



## QUALITY PRODUCE



Pint Blueberries **\$3<sup>99</sup>**  
ea

Seedless Green Grapes **\$2<sup>99</sup>**  
lb

Pint Grape Tomatoes **2/\$5**



Fresh Lemons **89¢**  
ea

Juicy Limes **69¢**  
ea

Fresh Zucchini or Summer Squash **\$1<sup>49</sup>**  
lb

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