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Leap Year for Snowy Owls
By George B. Emmons

Snowy owls have not been arriving to prominent coastal points of Buzzards Bay as usual on the wings of the Winter Solstice, crossing over from Cape Cod as annually reported by the Falmouth Christmas Bird Count. This bird count happens to be the longest-running science survey in the world and has reported only several snowy owls so far this season. They usually have appeared by now along the South Coast of Buzzards Bay where I have witnessed them near Pine Island on Angelica Point, at the beach on West Island, and the Slocum peninsula in South Dartmouth. Seeing a snowy owl is an unforgettable bird watching experience.

One of the larger owl species, the snowy owl is clearly identified by its ghostly white, often sitting near the same place as before. It is a still hunter, playing a waiting game, able to turn its head 270 degrees. It possesses an almost extrasensory hearing to locate movement of a vole under the snow. Its yellow eyes make it capable of both diurnal day and night vision – almost extrasensory.

It has been widely believed that southern migration to our tundra-like landscape is directly related to yearly cycles of abundance or shortage of the artic staple diet, lemmings. The last huge migration was reported in 1993 with two or three times the normal sightings. Another was in 1942 when thousands suddenly

On the Cover: Sunrises at Ned’s Point are a Mattapoisett treasure, and resident Steve Chicco is one of the lucky ones who can rise early enough to witness them firsthand. For the rest of us, we can be grateful that Chicco captures moments such as this one with a flock of gulls emerging from a glorious morning sky with his camera and shares them with us. Photo by Steve Chicco

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sitting on fences near the runway a Washington D.C. airport, on city houses, cars, park benches, and even ledges of skyscrapers. However, so far this year, findings report exactly the opposite is true with a downside of the cycle. There are only a few on Plum Island north of Boston, usually a popular stopping point during migration. Only one bird was spotted on Martha’s Vineyard, one on Nantucket, one at Duxbury Beach, one at Provincetown, and one at Monomoy – but none at all in Bristol County.

Snowy owls have been on Earth for 50 million years, and mating pairs can successfully reproduce on three or more occasions annually, as illustrated, to live as long as 20 years under favorable conditions. However, their connection to changing arctic ecosystems is a sensitive focus of environmental awareness.

Their symbolism has evolved down through the ages and ancient cultures, such as the northern Tinglit Indian totem figures. They were called a nighttime eagle with connections to phases of the moon. In modern literature, when J.K. Rowling was asked why she included the snowy owl in her Harry Potter books, she said it was because they were mysterious symbols of supernatural narrative and she liked them.

The year 2020 is the Chinese year of the rat, and it seems it might also be the off-year of the snowy owl for local bird watchers. Still, staying true to its unpredictable behavior, a snowy owl might suddenly pop up to pleasantly surprise you.

Expect the Unexpected at MAC Winter Show
By Marilou Newell

When you walk through the doors of the Marion Art Center at any given point in time you are bound to find something unexpected, surprising, thought-provoking, and exquisitely beautiful. No small feat for a
petite building with limited gallery space. But once again that is exactly what is happening right now as the MAC’s galleries host the 2020 Winter Members Show, now through February 15.

Gracing the walls will be perennial favorites such as works from Anne T. Converse, Sharlie Sudduth, Peter Stone, Sarah Brown, Russell Saunders, Diana Parsons, Tom Geagan, and Alice Shire, to name a few of the more than 50 artists who participated in this year’s show.

Two new members have added their works to the stunning display. John Magnan and Diane Kelley have only been MAC members for a relatively short period of time, but already they are making an impact by way of their chosen artistic expressions.

Magnan is a woodcarver whose use of electric carving tools to find the inner messages deep within wood boggles the eye, followed by the heart and mind. The three pieces Magnan brought to the MAC show

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represent more than 25 years of expertise in sculpting and in woodcarving.

“I retired and took up sculpting,” he said. His love of natural materials and the challenges of finding that hidden “something” deep within a log can be seen in the three pieces now on display.

Located on the first-floor gallery are two smaller works: Diorama, and a self-portrait titled ‘Fibonacci Blindfolded’.

Diorama came out of an opportunity Magnan received when invited to participate in an exhibition at the Philadelphia Athenium. Artists were asked to use books located there as a source of creative inspiration. Magnan selected an “old architectural” book.

“It’s about a dozen individual pieces,” Magnan said of the completed work, intricately carved pages of a book that was then glued into a cover with a majestic Greek Revival entranceway. One can almost imagine shrinking to Lilliputian size and walking into the book’s pages.

Opposite this piece is ‘Fibonacci Blindfolded’. The self-portrait is layers of purple heartwood and maple with a studded band around the eyes and skull representing a blindfold.
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Magnan is a retired career mathematician with the federal government.

“I’m a lifelong wood carver,” said Magnan. “When I retired, I studied at the Maryland Institute in the first postbaccalaureate program that allowed you to pursue a degree in a non-related field.”

After completing that program, he was accepted into the master of fine arts program at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth where he studied sculpting earning an MFA.

“I’ve been here ever since,” he said with a chuckle.

Standing more than five feet tall in the second-floor gallery is Magnan’s third offering titled Artemis. It rests on pillar also carved by the artist. Artemis is a daughter of Zeus, and as the story goes, the goddess of the hunt, animals, the moon, and the entire wilderness. Magnan’s take is otherworldly. The lattice-like trunk appears as stars in the sky suspended for eternity.

One more word on Magnan: there will be a solo showing of his installation Thor’s Hammer at the MAC from February 21 through March 28.

“It’s social commentary using the imagery of Marvel Comics,” he said.

Also on the second floor is the whimsical yet breathtaking installation of Kelley’s mixed media works
of art. Here we find a combination of elements depicting human features in a “tree trunk” made of paper-mâché “bark” over PVC conduit like slices of tree branches stacked to make a small sentry.

The larger piece, titled ‘Mother Earth Vessel’, has a delicate face peering out inviting all to stop for a moment and notice the pampas grasses currently adorning the top of her head. “At Christmas time I placed willows and lights there,” Kelley said, making this piece changeable according to the season. She said that it first graced a table at the Rotch-Jones-Duff House in New Bedford during the holiday season.

Kelley, a gifted interior designer who has given classes at the MAC in the past, enjoys working with a variety of natural and manmade materials. Her ‘Celebration Sentry’ could easily become a lifeguard in the summer or a nutcracker in December. Its eyes
A third piece by Kelley titled ‘Elegant Earth Angel’ is a delicate combination of dried grasses, leaves, and flower heads. It seemed at any moment it would gently flutter its grass wings and rise into the heavens.

Whether you are drawn to photography, watercolor, pastels, oils, acrylics, or the use of assorted materials, there is something for everyone at the 2020 Winter Members Show at the Marion Art Center.

**Space Club Blasts Off!**

Last Monday, Sippican School students participating in the afterschool space club, ‘Into Orbit’, had the opportunity to launch homemade bottle rockets thanks to engineers from Lockheed Martin.

‘Into Orbit’ Space Club is currently running for the second year in a row. Students in grades 5 and 6 spend 12 weeks learning about robotics and coding, using First Lego League curriculum and EV3 robots, as well as participating in space-themed STEM challenges.

This club was started thanks to the generosity of Lockheed Martin, and is run by Lockheed Martin employee and Tri-STEM non-profit founder Allie Goodman, and Sippican School teachers Chelsey Lawrence (Enrichment) and Heather Sullivan (grade 4). Additionally, many Lockheed Martin employees volunteer their time and talents for the hour-and-a-half space club each week to coach the students including Emma Miller (Operations Engineer), Karissa Magnacca (Operations Engineer), Tony Yu (Mechanical Engineer), Charles Christian (Electrical Engineer), and long-time volunteer Caty Duncan (Electrical Engineer).

The bottle rocket launch was a special opportunity for students thanks to Nate Fowler, Mechanical Engineer
Mattapoisett’s January Special Town Meeting
By Marilou Newell

On January 14, Mattapoisett voters gathered as town officials called a Special Town Meeting to order to consider one warrant article: modifying Article 20 of the October Special Town Meeting that collectively pulled together various infrastructure projects and specific funding sources.

That warrant article noted that the town would not move forward on any of the capital projects if one of the two specific grants were not received. The town failed to receive a much-heralded Mass Works grant. That failure now put a federal grant in jeopardy.

The January Special Town Meeting Article 1 amended October STM Article 20 by deleting “This work shall only proceed if the Town is in receipt of a Mass Works Grant and a U.S. Economic Development Grant both totaling $1,470,000.” Language that would replace the deletion read, “The Town’s share of the project costs $1,665,000 must be matched dollar for dollar from Federal and State Grant/Funding sources to be used towards the project.”

The language change would give the town more flexibility to seek, and hopefully secure, other funding sources.

Selectman Jordan Collyer addressed the packed cafeteria at Old Hammondtown Elementary School, prompting him to note the large number of attendees. He explained how the federal grant, the U.S. Economic Development Grant, which the town was poised to
receive, had to be responded to by January 15. The town had no choice but to call a Special Town Meeting to give voters the decision as to whether or not the language could be changed; otherwise, the entirety of October Special Town Meeting Warrant Article 20 would become invalid.

Collyer also explained that although the town had failed to receive the Mass Works Grant, almost immediately the town had received word that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation would be allocating more funds in July to road projects. But with the October Special Town Meeting vote in place, time was of the essence.

The voters spoke almost unanimously with 178 votes in favor of the Article One and 6 voting no.

**Mattapoisett’s Boston Cane Returns**

**Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen**

By Marilou Newell

Following the January 14 Special Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen held its regular meeting. The agenda included a meeting with John DeCosta and Bruce Rocha regarding Mattapoisett’s Boston Cane.
The Boston Cane was the brainchild of the publisher of now-defunct The Boston Post newspaper, Edwin Grozier, who distributed 700 elegant canes throughout New England with the request that they be presented to the oldest living “male” in each community, compliments of the newspaper. Times have changed to include women as Boston Cane recipients. DeCosta and Rocha sought to have the town resume the tradition.

DeCosta said it had been around 2004 when the cane was last presented. He said that a benefactor had come forward with seed money to purchase plaques or pins that would be given to those receiving the Boston Cane recognition.

The cane is not intended to stay with the honoree but with the town for future recognition events.

But DeCosta and Rocha thought that something should be given to the recipient, something they could keep.

There was discussion about researching who had received the cane in Mattapoisett in the past and a display case in town hall.

The selectmen voted to grant permission for DeCosta and Rocha to continue on a path that will resurrect this age-old tradition.
In other business, Harbormaster Jamie McIntosh told the selectmen that he was ready to sell the 2005 Sea Hawk, 2012 Load-Rite trailer, and 1986 Boston Whaler. The selectmen approved the sale of what was deemed surplus equipment. McIntosh said that the Sea Hawk would fetch $26,600 including its trailer and that the previously donated Boston Whaler would be worth $4,000.

Also during the meeting, Town Administrator Michael Gagne said in his brief report that the search committee who has been charged with finding viable candidates as his replacement along with professional search firm Paradigm Associates had trimmed the field of 40 candidates down to seven.

The selectmen scheduled a January 23 meeting in Town Hall at 4:00 pm with the committee to learn the names of those in the running.

As of press time, the next meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen is scheduled for February 11 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall conference room.

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**Applicant Prevails After ZBA Struggles to Agree**
*Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals*
*By Jean Perry*

The Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals did not take a vote on January 9 to approve or deny a variance request for Tom Kennedy, 177 Marion Road, and instead voted to simply overturn the building inspector’s decision to deny Kennedy a building permit for his garage.

It was a long and winding discussion, though, one that included two recesses and a teleconference with town counsel before four of the five ZBA members formed an opinion and concluded that Kennedy did not need a variance. The Board invoked the Mullen rule to allow all members to participate, including members who had not attended the previous meeting.

Kennedy is seeking a variance to allow for a garage to be built in his front yard; however, the zoning bylaw prohibits accessory structures from being built in the front yard.

The hearing was continued from December, and during that meeting, the crux of the matter was a porch at the front of the main structure – the house – and whether that porch was substantial enough to be considered a “front wall of the house” under the bylaw with its foundation, full length of the house, and roof.

ZBA Chairman David Arancio, absent from the last meeting when the hearing was opened, contacted Town Counsel Blair Bailey on that matter; Bailey told him that the intent of the bylaw was that the porch was not considered part of the main house and therefore the setbacks that define the “front yard” must be calculated from the front wall of the house. Anything beyond that main house wall would be considered the front yard, placing the proposed garage in the front yard.

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structure, though, the proposed garage location would not be considered the front yard and no variance would be needed.

“He’s (Bailey) considering the house itself as the main structure,” said ZBA member Richard Cutler, “but we have a porch that has a foundation as... it could easily be enclosed, so I would consider that in this case the main structure, part of the main structure.”

“It’s not a simple platform with a couple of steps,” said ZBA member Davis Sullivan.

“I want to make sure the petitioner tonight walks away with the ability to do this,” said ZBA member Tom Flynn. “I want to make that clear, but I don’t think there’s any other way to interpret it than that the porch has to be part of the main structure.”

The problem facing the Board was the fact that the bylaw does not address whether a porch like that was considered part of the “main structure.” It does leave a subjective interpretation of a “wall”, though, and the board struggled to conclude whether the foundation of the porch qualifies.

If the board considered the porch to be part of the main house, then the garage would technically be outside the front yard. But if the board considered the front wall of the house as the main structure, the garage would be about two feet into the front yard.

Arancio was not convinced the porch should count as part of the main structure.

“Every time this body talks about how close something is for setback requirements, we go from the closest point,” said Arancio. “So the porch, the overhang, the gutter... if we are now to define it differently, I think that’s problematic.”

Arancio also had a problem with an inconsistent setback that was presented in the plan before them, the plan that was approved for the placement of the garage, and the mistake the contractor made in pouring the foundation of the garage in a different place.

Arancio insisted on a recess to consult with Bailey, and then returned to open session even more convinced that he was right. Furthermore, the project would not meet the three criteria required to grant a variance if a variance was needed.

“Most of us don’t believe that this... variance is even necessary,” said Cutler.

Arancio said he asked Bailey for clarification, and, “He has not instructed this board to discontinue this hearing base off of what he believes...”
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“Respectfully, I disagree with town counsel,” said Flynn.

Arancio lamented that Bailey was not present at the meeting, so he called for another recess to again phone Bailey, and the meeting was reopened with Bailey on speaker.

Bailey said, to the best of his knowledge, the bylaw has never been applied to anything attached to the structure – no porch, landing, or stairs. And to consider the porch as part of the main structure, where does the board draw the line?

“The issue becomes… if you start using decks and front porches as that limitation, I think you’re going to start bringing into question… how big a deck does it have to be?” said Bailey. “My problem is, where are you going to draw the line on the deck?”

Bailey cautioned the board by setting a precedent by interpreting the porch as part of the main structure.

“I think in this case… if you want to change that interpretation… I think the problem becomes – unless and until you… rewrite the bylaw, you’re going to be in a really subjective realm.”

That won’t help the board that night, though, Cutler pointed out.

“The issue becomes… if you start using decks and front porches as that limitation, I think you’re going to start bringing into question… how big a deck does it have to be?” said Bailey. “My problem is, where are you going to draw the line on the deck?”

“Tonight, it’s really within your discretion,” said Bailey. “If you don’t feel that a variance is needed… I would just say to you, you should be very specific as to where you’re going with the definition of wall so that there’s some direction for [the building inspector].”

“I know I am in the extreme minority in this,” said Arancio, “and I understand that; and I am well aware of the optics of that. I believe that this could’ve been 100 percent avoided… if [the garage foundation] was put as placed at the 55 [feet] and this wouldn’t even be a talking point.”

No abutters contested the application, and none were present that evening.

“In this case, I think that the porch is part of the main structure,” said Cutler.

“This porch is part of the main structure,” said Flynn. “It’s substantial, and I think we can exercise our authority.”

“I also think that this is the intent of the bylaw,” said Cutler.

Cutler made a motion to overturn the building inspector’s denial of the building permit, and the motion was then amended to specify that the nature of the porch made it part of the main structure.

The vote in favor was 4-1. Arancio dissented.

The next meeting of the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for January 30 at 7:15 pm at the Rochester Town Hall.

ConCom Approves Construction, Replication

Marion Conservation Commission

By Jean Perry

The Marion Conservation Commission on January 8 approved and conditioned the Notice of Intent for Judith and Henry DeJesus to construct a detached garage in the wetlands in exchange for a wetlands replication area on the 25 Holly Road property.

The original plan had a footprint for the garage that would alter 476 square feet of wetlands with a replication plan to create 500 square feet of wetlands; a new proposal featured a scaled-down footprint for the garage plus an increased area for wetland replication.

Engineer David Davignon said the garage size was reduced by 17 percent, and a nearby shed was reconfigured slightly to shift the work area from the north to the south, while a proposed staircase was moved to the other side of the garage, thereby decreasing the work area by 36 percent.

The area for replication was increased by 24
percent, Davignon said, with a wetland alteration to wetland replication ratio of roughly 1:2.

The replication site will be inspected by a wetlands scientist once a year until the area is fully established.

“This is a better proposal,” said Conservation Commission member Shaun Walsh. “I appreciate the reduction in the size of the garage and work to minimize the impact on the wetland and the resulting increase of replication – twice as much wetland…”

The 22 Cove Street, LLC Request for Amended Order of Conditions was approved with a revised plan calling for a significant reduction in work. David Davignon, representing the applicant, reported that the final plan has received approval from the Planning Board, with Walsh commenting, “It took a while to get to this design.”

“This is the end of the permitting line,” Davignon stated.

Also during the meeting, Laura and Dale Briggs, 23 Dexter Road, received approval and an Order of Conditions to demolish an existing one-story cottage build a one-story, two-bedroom house in its place within a Velocity Zone.

The commission had continued the prior public hearing in order to review the information, and the applicants proposed a new condition to be added to the order, which is to re-vegetate an existing path located on the north side of the property after construction is complete.

In other business, the commission approved a Request for Determination of Applicability for Kathleen and Charles Burke, 9 Arrowhead Lane, for a 16.2-foot by 15.67-foot garage expansion. The garage will extend towards the road in the same footprint of the existing driveway.

Brett Bussiere, 9 Main Street, was approved for his Request for Determination of Applicability to construct a new deck with stairs inside the flood zone.

The commission approved the Request for Determination of Applicability for the Beverly Yacht Club, 99 Water Street, for improvements to the existing clubhouse with alterations of the wooden deck, the addition of wood stairs, and a new bluestone paver patio.

Engineer Bill Madden said the primary focus of the work is the removal of the wood deck at rear of property, and the bluestone patio will form the foundation for a seasonal tent to expand teaching space during
summer months.

The commission rescinded the Enforcement order issued to Kathleen Welch, 82 West Avenue.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission is scheduled for January 22 at 7:00 pm at the Marion Town House.

Rochester Readies for Next Solar Farm
Rochester Planning Board
By Jean Perry

The Rochester Planning Board was introduced to the plans for the largest solar array farm ever proposed in Rochester during an informal meeting held on January 14, and will soon entertain another four informal sessions for four additional related solar array projects all by the same developer, SunRaise Investment.

Joe Harrison of SunRaise Investment said the developer and engineering firm Beals and Thomas have been doing work at 0 Braley Hill Road since the summer of 2018 with a strategy of looking at potential solar sites in Rochester that would best fit under the town’s latest solar bylaw.

Being off Route 105, a scenic highway, solar projects are not permitted within 300 feet of the roadway.

“So we targeted some back lots and lots that... you won’t really be able to see the solar from anywhere,” Harrison said.

He said he understood that screening was a significant factor for solar array farms in Rochester.

“There’s potentially five projects that we’re working on and would anticipate submitting applications for in 2020,” said Harrison.

Braley Hill Road, the one before the board that night, is only the first.

Eric Glass, lead engineer for the project, said he has significant experience in the solar farm development field in Massachusetts.

“We find that your bylaw is very specific and the process is very specific, which we appreciate,” said Glass. “It’s not gonna be easy by any means... but we appreciate how much thought you put into your bylaw.”

Glass said it has taken some time to get the plan to the point where it was that night after attending a technical review meeting with the chairman and other town departments for feedback, and the layout he was showcasing that night was a refined layout based on the feedback he received.

Glass reviewed the map of the two parcels that together total 100 acres and pointed to abutting residences that are about 660 feet, 500 feet, and 700 feet away from the corner of the arrays.

Vegetation would be preserved between the developed portion of the land – about 40 acres of panels – and the entrance road would be curved instead of straight to eliminate any visibility into the developed solar farm.

The project was kept outside the wetlands 100-foot buffer zone, but he said the project would nonetheless file a request for Determination of Applicability with the Conservation Commission in good faith.

The project has stayed ahead of the game by already consulting with state entities and the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program to determine species habitat. There are some areas designated as Eastern Box Turtle habitat.

The project will consist of two main array fields with minimal grading and four points of stormwater control design.

“We’re really trying to minimize the ground disturbance on this project,” Glass said.

The plan was obviously not the final plan, said Glass, but the plan is what he deemed at an “advanced level.”
“We have this level of plans for the other four projects already just for technical review,” said Glass.

“Which is more than we’re used to getting at this level,” said Town Planner Steve Starrett.

Chairman Arnie Johnson briefly discussed the three bonds required for the project and also cautioned the developer that the amount of work the board’s peer-review engineer has right now is relatively high.

Johnson said he could assist in arranging the scheduling of technical reviews for the other four projects to keep things moving.

Also during the meeting, REpurpose Properties, LLC, applicant for a Special Permit to construct an age-restricted residential development beside Plumb Corner Mall on Rounseville Road, withdrew its application without prejudice in order to re-file and essentially “reset the clock” of the permitting process.

Town Counsel Blair Bailey explained that, since the public hearing has been open for so long since 2018, the process is now at the “point where a quorum will be impossible… because of how many meetings members have missed.”

According to the Mullen Rule, members are only allowed to be absent from the hearing once.
“It’s just gotten to the point now where we’ve lost the ability to have members vote on it,” said Bailey.

Planning Board Chairman Arnie Johnson pointed out that the applicant has requested a continuance of the hearing 14 times.

That public hearing will be opened during the February 12 meeting, a Wednesday instead of a Tuesday, and the board voted to waive the application fees.

The public hearing for a large-scale solar farm off Old Middleboro Road filed by Pedro Rodriguez of Solar MA Project Management, LLC was continued until January 28.

In other business, the board approved the application for an Approval Not Required filed by the Town of Rochester for 33 Dexter Lane.

The next meeting of the Rochester Planning Board is scheduled for January 28 at 7:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall.

Hearings Kept Open for Absent ZBA Members

Marion Zoning Board of Appeals

By Andrea Ray

A select few of Marion’s Zoning Board of Appeals members ran through a brief meeting on January 9, continuing both of the items on the agenda until the next meeting.

Only three ZBA members were in attendance at the meeting, where Stephanie and Richard Harding presented a request for a variance in order to construct a garage on their property.

“Seventeen out of the 20 neighbors have a garage already,” pointed out engineer Dave Davignon of Schneider, Davignon and Leone, Inc. “There’s nothing unusual or out of the ordinary about it.”

Marion’s Health Director Karen Walega had no objection to the plans, Davignon added, nor did the town’s Conservation Commission.

“I’d prefer to leave this hearing open so that other board members will have a chance to hear and ask questions if they have any,” said ZBA Chairman Marc LeBlanc.

ZBA members opted to continue the application until the next meeting.

Raymond and Natalia Whitney then presented their own application seeking a variance to tear down an old garage on their property at 534A Point Road to build a new non-conforming garage.

“It’s straightforward,” said Davignon, also representing the Whitneys. “The plan proposed to remove an existing garage that is in very poor shape and build a two-car garage with storage.”

While Walega again had no objection to the plan, a communication from the Planning Board noted that ZBA members should pay attention to the size and scale of the proposed structure.

The house currently on the property is also non-conforming, board members pointed out. It’s unclear if a special permit for construction of the house was granted; records were lost years ago.

“I’d really like to get [Marion Building Commissioner] Scott Shippey’s input here,” LeBlanc said. “If we leave this open, other board members will also get a chance to review it, which I’m more comfortable with.”

The Whitneys’ proposal was also continued to the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for February 16 at 6:30 pm at the Marion Town House.
Principal Shows How RMS Assesses Student Skills
Rochester School Committee
By Jean Perry

The Rochester School Committee on January 9 listened to a brief presentation from Rochester Memorial School Principal Derek Medeiros about the way teachers and school administrators assess student performance and skill growth beyond MCAS score data.

During the last month’s meeting, Medeiros presented the RMS MCAS data, which Medeiros was relatively proud of; however, School Committee Chairman Sharon Hartley was not as impressed with the results, which led to her questioning whether any analysis of the data was performed in order to make changes to curriculum and instruction to improve student performance.

Medeiros explained during that meeting that the school would continue to utilize its school-wide “flex-time” for intervention to target specific skills and areas of learning where individual students struggle, and that the MCAS does not quite capture all the evidence of growth in students’ learning.

RMS teacher Tara Nelson also spoke out that night against putting too much emphasis on MCAS scores as the most important assessment of students’ overall performance in school, advocating for the inclusion of other data such as report cards, teacher comments, and other proof of performance.

Medeiros asserted that he and his administration and teachers are “constantly looking at [student performance]” and “constantly looking at ways to improve.”

On January 9, Medeiros presented the school’s main medium for performance assessment in Math and ELA, an online platform called Freckle, that collects data

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generated from students completing assignment questions in targeted areas that are then looked at by teachers and both the principal and vice-principal.

Using that data, students are grouped and oftentimes assigned a different teacher as a group during the students’ flex-time. Teachers, Medeiros, and West then meet twice a month as a group to review the data to assess student performance and skill proficiency in each grade level.

The Freckle assessments can then shift to practice assignments students complete at the individual level on a computer, which is then used for further reassessment.

Freckle, said West, is aligned with the school’s Math curriculum, *Go Math!*, and used to supplement the curriculum.

“Which is a nice option to have and can be utilized in a number of ways,” said West, adding that this platform leads to more targeted intervention methods.

This system is only used for grades 2-6, Medeiros said, since it is not practical for the younger students at RMS.

Medeiros assured the committee that the Freckle data is looked at closely every six to eight weeks as a whole team and discussed.

“It’s one of the major focuses of planning time,” said Medeiros.

West added that teachers appreciate the ability to have conversations as a team to reassess benchmarks, identify where students are struggling to keep up, and how to set learning goals.

“We’re now heading back in as we approach [MCAS],” said Medeiros. “Teachers are starting to think about what they’re going to be doing in preparation for that as well, and how we can support them as well.”

The next meeting of the Rochester School Committee is scheduled for February 6 at 6:30 pm at
OC Boys Basketball Avenge Lone Loss of Season
High School Sports Update
By Nick Friar

Just before the holiday break, Old Colony boys basketball was handed its first loss of the 2019-20 season by Tri-County in a 52-44 finish. Since that loss on December 20, the Cougars have not lost again, and they recently had an opportunity for payback against Tri-County.

Old Colony took full advantage of the opportunity.

The Cougars won comfortably thanks to a strong third quarter, in which they held a 30-point lead at one point.

“The team played well together. We had a point to prove,” Old Colony boys basketball coach Matt Trahan said. “I think we proved our point.”

By the end of the night, Old Colony held a 17-point lead in the 63-47 finish.

The Cougars’ margin of victory, oddly enough, equaled Hunter Soares’ scoring production exactly. The
senior co-captain led Old Colony with 17 points, while fellow co-captain Jojo Cortes scored 12 points. The Cougars also had strong efforts from Jaret Taylor, who scored 13 points, and Caden Letender, who finished with 11.

Tri-County’s scoring output alone speaks to Old Colony’s defensive efforts, but the Cougars turned things up in the second quarter and carried that into the third. After the first quarter, Tri-County held a 15-13 advantage. Old Colony proceeded to hold their opponent to a combined 15 points between the second and third quarters.

With the exception of their lone loss this season, each of Old Colony’s games has wound up being a double-digit decision – including their 58-43 win over Sacred Heart, which came before the Cougars’ win over Tri-County. Soares had a strong showing in that win, as well, finishing with 15 points. But it was Cortes who led the Cougars in scoring, finishing with 22 points and three 3-pointers to his name.

Old Colony is now 7-1 on the season.

Old Colony girls basketball didn’t have the same luck against Tri-County on Monday. The Cougars took an early-10-9 lead through into the second quarter, but could not maintain that level of offense the rest of the way and wound up on the wrong side of the 41-21 finish.

Olivia Perry was Old Colony’s leading scorer with six points. Isabel Souza was second in scoring with five points. Both knocked down one 3-pointer apiece, as did Dakota Richard.

Old Colony is now 4-3 in 2019-20.

Old Rochester Regional

Isabelle Stone had herself a strong showing in Old Rochester Regional’s girls hockey’s sizable win over Marshfield. She finished with four points, scoring three goals and logging one assist in the Bulldogs’ 5-1 win. Old Rochester is now 4-3-2 on the season, 3-1-1 in the Southeast Massachusetts Girls Hockey League.

Orr girls basketball continues to be the force of the South Coast Conference with their latest win coming in a 60-18 finish against Apponequet. Jill Higgins and Meg Horan each scored 11 points apiece for the Bulldogs. Cadence Johnson also finished in double figures, scoring 10 in the win. Logan Fernandes had a team-high three 3-pointers in her nine-point performance.

Tabor Academy

After an extended lull in their schedule for the holiday season, Tabor girls hockey finals got back to
Groundhog Cover Contest

The Wanderer is once again holding our Groundhog Day Cover Contest. The winner’s artwork will appear on the cover of our January 30, 2020 issue. The winner will also receive a cash prize of $100!

Create an original work of art to be displayed on the cover of The Wanderer. Anything that can be displayed on the cover is acceptable, photos, drawings, paintings, etc.

Entries are due in The Wanderer office, 55 County Road, Mattapoisett by noon on January 24.

Remember, all artwork should be tall to best fit on our cover.

All entries must include a signed copy of the Official Entry Form which can be picked up at The Wanderer office, 55 County Road, Mattapoisett or downloaded at www.wanderer.com

Voting will start on January 25 and end on January 28. To vote, visit our web page at: www.wanderer.com. The winner will be on the cover of our January 30, 2020 issue.
action on Saturday. The Seawolves made sure to pick up right where they left off, winning 4-2 over Williston Northampton. They remain undefeated on the season, improving to 9-0 with the win.

Enter the **Wanderer Groundhog Day Cover Contest**!

Calling all aspiring artists! It’s time once again for the annual Groundhog Day Cover Contest!

Your original work of art might win you $100 cash and the front cover of the January 30 edition of your favorite weekly community newspaper, *The Wanderer*, for all to see!

Grab your paints, markers, pens, crayons, computer mice, cameras – whatever your preferred implement of creativity might be – and submit your best rendering of a Groundhog Day-themed work of art. You could be the winner of the 2020 Groundhog Day Cover Contest!

You can obtain a copy of the official entry form in person by visiting *The Wanderer* office at 55 County Road in Mattapoisett, or by visiting www.wanderer.com and downloading a copy to print.

All submissions must be original works of art (we check, so no cheating) and accompanied by a signed official entry form. Participants may enter just one original artwork into the contest.

Artwork that is formatted in a tall, portrait format will look best on the cover of *The Wanderer*.

Deadline for submissions is Friday, **January 24** at 12:00 pm. Online voting will begin on Saturday, **January 25**, and will remain open until Tuesday, **January 28**.

The cover contest winner will be announced in the January 30 edition and will be contacted to retrieve their cash prize.

Full contest details can be found at www.wanderer.com.

Celebrate the midpoint of winter with *The Wanderer* on Groundhog Day and hope for an early spring! Now go, get those cover submissions ready and get them to us before it’s too late!

**News Submission Policy**

*The Wanderer* gladly accepts any and all news and press release items from local nonprofit organizations for publication on a weekly basis. The deadline for submission of news items is Monday at noon for publication in that week’s edition. Due to the increasing number of submissions, however, publication of press material is never guaranteed. *The Wanderer* will make every effort to publish timely news items and announcements as the subject warrants and as often as spacing allows. All press material must be submitted by email to news@wanderer.com, and must be either in a text or Word file. We are not able to retype, correct, or hunt down information to repair incomplete press releases, and we are not able to retype or reformat posters or bulleted lists that are not in readable paragraph form. We cannot accept any handwritten material or news items via telephone, no matter how brief.

Photographs of area events and newsmakers are also accepted and encouraged. *The Wanderer* accepts well-lit and clearly-defined photographs for publication provided that they include a brief summary of the event or subject. We cannot return photographs. Like news items, the deadline for photos is Monday at noon, and the publication of photographs is also subject to spacing constraints and cannot be guaranteed.

All submitted copy is subject to alterations and/or condensation as space allows at the editor’s discretion. All submissions become the property of *The Wanderer* and are assumed to be submitted for the purpose of publication. Submissions cannot be returned; therefore, please make sure to retain copies.

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**Letters to the Editor**

The views expressed in the “Letters to the Editor” column are not necessarily those of *The Wanderer*, its staff or advertisers. *The Wanderer* will gladly accept any and all correspondence relating to timely and pertinent issues in the great Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester area, provided they include the author’s name, address and phone number for verification. We cannot publish anonymous, unsigned or unconfirmed submissions. *The Wanderer* reserves the right to edit, condense and otherwise alter submissions for purposes of clarity and/or spacing considerations. The Wanderer may choose to not run letters that thank businesses, and *The Wanderer* has the right to edit letters to omit business names. The Wanderer also reserves the right to deny publication of any submitted correspondence.
To the Editor;

January 21, 2020 is the 10th anniversary of the Supreme Court’s 5-4 Citizens United v. FEC ruling. The Justices declared government restrictions on “independent” political spending by corporations, unions and billionaires to be unconstitutional. The majority opinion declared that the 1st Amendment protects the “act of speech” by incorporated entities, whether we consider them to be people or not. It also granted constitutional rights to artificial entities which use them to avoid compliance with democratically enacted laws. They might as well have changed the first three words to the Constitution to “We the Corporations.”

Not surprisingly, this decision and other related Supreme Court decisions, has opened the floodgates to big money in our elections, and it is corrupting our democracy. As President Barack Obama said at the time, the decision “gives the special interests and their lobbyists even more power in Washington – while undermining the influence of average Americans who make small contributions to support their preferred candidates.” Ten years is long enough to live with the folly of this decision!

Only a Constitutional Amendment can overturn a Supreme Court decision and, at this point in time, only the We the People Act (HJR-48 in the House) has the requisite language to fix the problem. Representative William J. Keating is a co-sponsor of HJR-48 in the House. We’re hoping one of our two senators, Edward Markey or Elizabeth Warren, will introduce similar legislation in the Senate.

For the sake of our democracy and for the average citizen to have a voice in our system of self-government, I urge you to support what will be the 28th Amendment to our Constitution by calling Senator Warren’s office at (202) 224-4543 and Senator Markey’s office at (202) 224-2742 and asking them to introduce or co-sponsor a bill
To the Editor;

A Proposed Reconfiguration of US Route 6 in Marion Gateway Area.

Marion Village is accessed primarily by Front St. South of I-195 at Exit 20, crossing US Rt. 6 (also called MA Rt. 105). The main intersection region of Front St. and Rt. 6 with surrounding streets is known as the “Gateway” area to Marion. Our desire now is to update the Gateway by reconfiguring Route 6 to improve connectivity across, and improve safety on Rt 6, plus add a bike/intermodal lane, all within the existing curb width. We believe there is an economical, effective and practical solution that could appeal to MA DOT which has not yet been included in the studies recently presented in Marion. This would also include much-needed updated sidewalks, improving safety and appearance. Plus, we can address special concern & relief for traffic entering or leaving Rt. 6 businesses.

We have proposed a 3-lane layout with two travel lanes, central left-turn-only lane, and intermodal (“bike”) lane on the village side, but only in the central Rt 6 Gateway area of Marion, starting at Ryder Lane, Eastbound by Spring & a signalized Front St., continuing over the hill and descending to Creek Rd. The bike lane would then meet up with the Creek Rd. bikeway and beyond into E Marion, This intermodal connection was also identified as an important need in the recent Marion Master Plan. At Front St, the central lane would be a signalized LT lane, greatly improving safety there plus room for possible small island areas for pedestrian relief. The remainder of Rt. 6 would remain the same, but of course all drains and pavements would be repaired and restored to permit smooth travel near the edges, which is not the case now in most areas, diverting fast-moving traffic to the center lane.

This 3-lane layout would allow all 3 lanes to be wider than the present ones, also eliminating very close opposing traffic in the center as at present. Also, this would allow a 6+ft bike lane, and increased setbacks of the sides from the curbs. (This is similar to central Mattapoisett but with standard lane widths, allowing the bike lane.) These features received support by several attendees at the recent well-attended Rt. 6 meeting in the Marion Sippican School, feeling that a generous, well-marked bike lane on the pavement would be safe and a major improvement.
There would be appropriate transitions at each end, and significantly address the present “no warning” and inadequate sightlines of close, fast-moving traffic for vehicles attempting to enter Rte 6 from adjacent businesses, especially in the curve between Ryder Lane and Front St.

Present-day traffic counts averaging about 10,000 vehicles per day (occasional summer or rush-hour peaks under 15,000) are easily handled by single-lane travel through this limited area with a reduced—and appropriate speed limit, possibly 30-35 mph. Also, the high spot on Rt. 6 in vicinity of the Hilltop and Over-55 housing impairs visibility ahead both ways, making safe entry and turning near these Marion facilities difficult. Updated sidewalks, improved safety, and appearance are also essential and are included.

For some reason, this configuration which has been circulated in Marion and Rte 6 meetings for over a year was not included as an option in the recent studies of options to improve Rte. 6. I and others have urged that this be added to the choices, and in my opinion, remains the best balance of safety, economy, and ease of construction. Drivers in a single-lane area would naturally travel slower and abide by a reasonable posted limit. The
center LT-only lane naturally provides some merging and departing space for travelers.

In summary, there are many benefits to Marion if we can adopt this or a similar layout for Rt. 6, which today divides our town, providing a badly-needed and much-desired bike/intermodal portion, and dealing with the daunting and sometimes dangerous traffic situations we now encounter in this most important area of Marion. Please participate in the continuing gatherings in Marion to improve our town. Thanks!

Steve Kokkins, P.E. (Ret.), Marion

**Academic Achievements**

Colby-Sawyer College has named Marissa Williams of Mattapoisett to the Dean’s List for fall 2019. Williams majors in nursing and is a member of the class of 2020. To qualify for the Dean’s List students must achieve a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours in graded courses.

Emily Faulkner, of Rochester and Casey Allaire, of Mattapoisett have been named to the Plymouth State University President’s List for the fall 2019 semester. To be named to the President’s List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.7 or better for the Fall 2019 semester and must have attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester.

Ana Amaral Lavoie of Marion and Caitlyn Kutash also of Marion have been named to the dean’s list at the University of Vermont for the fall 2019 semester. To be named to the dean’s list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.

**Sippican Historical Society**

In 1998, the Sippican Historical Society commissioned an architectural survey of Marion’s historic
homes and buildings. The survey was funded half by the Sippican Historical Society and half by the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Due to the limits of funding, not all of the historic buildings were surveyed, but over 100 were cataloged and photographed. The results of the survey are in digital form on the Massachusetts Historical Commission’s website and in four binders in the Sippican Historical Society’s office (and at the Marion Town Clerk’s office).

Marion (Old Rochester) is one of the oldest towns in the United States, and the Sippican Historical Society maintains an extensive collection of documentation on its historic buildings. The Sippican Historical Society will feature one building a week so that the residents of Marion can understand more about its unique historical architecture.

This installment features 391 County Road. The home at 391 County Road is said to have been
a wheelwright’s shop. Around 1830, it was enlarged into a Greek Revival cottage to become the residence of Oren Vose, a farmer. Oren Vose was probably related to a leading family doctor in Wharf Village in the late 19th century, Dr. Albert C. Vose of 45 Main Street. Oren Vose lived in the house on County Road until at least the mid-1850s. Benjamin F. Vose operated a garden market and poultry farm on this property from the 1870s until his death on May 7, 1926.

**Mattapoisett Master Plan**

In 2020 the Town of Mattapoisett will embark on a new Master Plan process. Twenty years have passed since the last Master Plan, and it is time to take a fresh look at the opportunities, challenges, and vision for our town. The Planning Board is seeking volunteers to engage in this interactive endeavor, which will explore Mattapoisett’s history, examine our present and chart a course for the future. If you are interested in being a member of the Mattapoisett Master Plan Project Team, please contact Mary Crain, Planning Administrator, at (508) 758-4100 Extension 215 or email planning@mattapoisett.net.

**It’s a Global Community - Basic Language Lessons**

Language is a gateway to a culture. Come to the Mattapoisett Free Public Library and learn some friendly greetings and conversational phrases in other languages. Townsfolk in the community will share some of these basics from their native languages in a casual informal setting. One class for each language for thirty minutes – no pressure – and leave with a list of words and phrases so you can practice them and try them out with your neighbors or on your travels. All are welcome.

This will be an ongoing program with more languages to come so check back! First round: Japanese – Sunday, February 2 from 1:00 to 1:30 pm
Spanish – Sunday, February 2 from 2:00 to 2:30 pm
Chinese – Wednesday, February 12 from 6:30 to 7:00 pm
Portuguese – Sunday, February 16 from 1:00 to 1:30 pm
French – Sunday, February 23 from 1:00 to 1:30 pm

The Library is located at 7 Barstow Street and is handicapped accessible.
Lenine M. Gonsalves, 92, of Rochester passed away on Saturday January 11, 2020. He was the loving husband of Beatrice (Rogers) Gonsalves; they had been married for 67 years.

Born in New Bedford, he was the son of the late Manuel and Maria Augusta (Mendes) Gonsalves. Following his graduation from New Bedford High School in 1946, he joined the U.S. Army Air Force where he was a GCA technician. During this period, he was selected to attend the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland from which he graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering in 1952. He later received his Master’s degree from Northeastern University. He also completed post-graduate work at Brown University, Boston University, MIT, and City College of New York.

Len had been a Professor of Electrical Engineering at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. He began his long and distinguished teaching career in 1953 at the New Bedford Textile School. Throughout the years he helped to build the electrical engineering department into a world class educational operation. At the time of his retirement in 1991, he had taught for close to forty years, half of those as the chairman of the Department of Electrical Engineering.

In 1969 Len went to Saudi Arabia for two years where he helped establish an electrical engineering program and outfit the electrical engineering laboratories at the Saudi Arabia College of Petroleum and Minerals. He later spent the 1979-1980 academic year at the Institute for Electronics and Electricity in Boumerdes, Algeria, again helping to establish a new program.

He was a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, and the American Society of Engineering Education. He had also been a registered Professional Engineer in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

He is survived by the love of his life, Beatrice; two sons, Jerrold Gonsalves and his wife Opal of Florida, and Mark Gonsalves and his wife Donna of Georgia; his daughter, Jan Marie Aarsheim and her husband Knute of Marion; nine grandchildren, Eric Aarsheim and his wife Courtney, Kirby Apjohn and her husband Andrew, Keith Aarsheim, Stephanie Fritts and her husband Seth, Jeremy Gonsalves and his wife Monica, Taylor Gonsalves, and Sarah, Tyler, and Tobin Blatchford; and five great-grandchildren, Kenzie, Rylan, Gavin, Cameron, and Olivia.

He was predeceased by his son, Dennis Gonsalves and his brother, Tony Gonsalves.

Family and friends were invited to attend visiting hours on Monday, January 13, 2020 at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett. His funeral service and burial in St. John’s Cemetery in New Bedford will be private. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, 51 Blossom St., Boston, MA 02114. For guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Surrounded by his family, Edward Wright Sylvia, 83, of Mattapoisett, passed away on January 9, 2020 from complications of Alpha One Antitrypsin Deficiency.

Born in New Bedford to Joseph E. and Helen Wright Sylvia, Ed is survived by his wife and best friend Sandra (LaStaiti) Sylvia.

Ed received his Bachelor of Science degree from NBITT (now the University of Massachusetts) where he was a member of the Delta Kappa Phi fraternity. He was inducted into the UMass Tennis Hall of Fame in 2007. He served for seven years in the Army National Guard.

Ed had a long and successful career in the wholesale beverage industry in both management and sales and was a prior owner of Trio Liquors and Ocean Vending.

Ed was a man of tremendous energy and enthusiasm. When he got his first rowboat at age 7, boating became his passion and continued throughout his life. Nothing made him happier than being on his boat Moonstruck cruising Buzzards Bay and the Islands with his family and Cuttyhunk Cruising Club friends.

A member of the Bay Club of Mattapoisett and the Country Club of New Bedford, he was an avid tennis player and in his later years a so-so golfer. He was also a prior member of the Prince Henry Society and the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Most importantly, Ed was a husband, father, friend and adored “Poppy” to his grandchildren. He loved people and will best be remembered for his tremendous loyalty to his family and friends.

In addition to his wife Sandy, Ed is survived by his children Pam Callanan and Barry Sylvia and a large extended family including Lisa and Harry Segalas, Laurie and Nick Bolintiam, Duncan and Gretchen MacDonald and Brendan and Maite MacDonald. Poppy had numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren including Meaghan Olejarz, husband Andrew, and children Lila and Teddy, Alyssa Irvine and husband Brian, Matthew Sylvia, Chris Sylvia, Kyle MacDonald and Jonathan Knoll, Haley Sheets, husband Cody and daughters Kimberly and Olivia, DJ MacDonald, Brendan, Zane, Annie and Mack Segalas and Nelson MacDonald.

Family and friends are invited to attend a memorial service on Saturday morning June 6th at the Bay Club of Mattapoisett. A private family service was held on Saturday Jan. 11th at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals. Burial with military honors followed in Riverside Cemetery, Fairhaven. Donations in his memory can be sent to Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency Foundation.
with ASD including: communication, sensory, social, executive function problems, and behavior.

Please register by January 22. Light refreshments served.

All programs are free and open to the public. If special accommodations are needed, please contact the library at 508-758-4171 for assistance. For more information on up-coming children’s programs, please visit our website at www.mattapoisettlibrary.org/children.asp.

MNHM After-school Program
The Marion Natural History Museum will hold the program; Rock-Hound 101 on Wednesday, January 29 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Cost is $6 for members, $8 for non-members.

Jim Pierson will be in to talk about his favorite topic, rocks, minerals, and fossils. A geology enthusiast, Jim continues to be passionate about collecting these artifacts. He will be sharing his interest with us by showing us some specimens from his own collection, as well as looking at some specimens from the museum’s collections.

Please go to www.marionmuseum.org, to see
Sarah Jane Madison, formerly of Marion, MA, passed away peacefully in Windham New Hampshire on December 3, 2019.

She is deeply missed by her three daughters, two sons-in-law, five grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and Miss Molly, her faithful dachshund.

Sally was born in 1937 in Toledo Ohio, older sister to her beloved brother, Pastor Charles Smith. Her parents, William and Ruth Beard Smith, preceded her in passing.

Sally completed her Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees at the University of Arizona. As an Air Force wife, she moved her young family eight times in twelve years, until settling down in New England. A well-respected U.S. History teacher at Chelmsford High School, she later became Coordinator of Social Studies. She also co-authored Study America, published by Bantam Books in 1976, and was elected president of the Massachusetts Council for Social Studies in 1983.

A proud liberal and feminist, Sally worked on the campaigns of Governor Michael Dukakis, and senators Paul Tsongas, and Bob Kerry. She also marched in support of passing the Equal Rights Amendment. In 1978, the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination and the Civil Liberties Union together represented Sally against the Chelmsford Public Schools in one of the first sex discrimination cases lodged against a secondary school.

Later in life, Sally became a Certified Financial Advisor for Waddell and Reed, winning numerous awards, including “President’s Circle.” She was very proud to see her clients (many former teachers) achieve their financial goals. Ever the teacher, she also mentored many new Advisors.

Sally moved to Marion in 1993. An avid sailor in her H12, “Eliza Loveland,” she enjoyed racing as a member of the Beverly Yacht Club. She was also an active member of the First Congregational Church of Marion where she sang in the choir and served at times as Treasurer and Deacon. Every summer she enjoyed hosting musicians for the Buzzards Bay Musicfest.

In addition to conquering the worlds of education, and finance, Sally loved to challenge herself in other ways as well. She ran the Ocean State Marathon in 1977, biked the Pan Mass Challenge twice in her sixties, and, at age 72, purchased a small RV in which she drove across country to visit her California daughters and grandchildren each winter.

As a third generation educator, Sally actively supported her children and grandchildren in their pursuit of higher education, and was extremely proud of their success. Her family will fondly remember how she loved desserts, her loyalty to her favorite stores, and her wise sayings. Some favorites are “Always try your best,” “Travel light,” and “This too shall pass.” Her last words were “I love you all.”

A memorial service is being planned for June at the First Congregational Church in Marion. Donations in Sally’s memory may be made to the Alzheimer’s Foundation of America.

Shirley G. (Blasenak) Cronan, 81 of North Easton died January 9, 2020 peacefully at home.

She was the wife of the late Paul H. Cronan.

Born in Norwood, MA the daughter of the late Werner H. and Lillian M. (Garland) Blasenak, she lived in Walpole and Mattapoisett most of her life before moving to North Easton. She was a communicant of Holy Cross Church in South Easton.

She enjoyed knitting, gardening and crafts.

Survivors include her 2 sons, Michael Cronan of Bellgrade, MT and Daniel Cronan of Marion; and several cousins.

Her Graveside Service will be held on Saturday, January 18th at 10 am at St. Anthony’s Cemetery in Mattapoisett. Visiting hours are omitted. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Ronald P. Noonan, 88, of Marion passed away Wednesday, January 8, 2020 with his family by his side after a brief period of declining health.

Born in Somerville, MA, son of the late Arthur and Edna (Roma) Noonan, and predeceased by his brother Barry of Winsor, CT. Ron lived in Weston, MA for most of his life and later settled in Marion, MA, after his retirement.

Ron was a graduate of Harvard University with a degree in physics. Ron played 4 yrs. as a defensive back for the Football team, and boxed his freshman year. Following his graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, and attended Officer Candidate School in Washington, D.C. He later became the CIC Officer of the U.S. Naval Destroyer Amin.

Following his Naval service, Ron was employed by Honeywell, ECRM, and DEC. He later joined Francis Lee, a
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upcoming programs and to fill out the registration for this program.

Rochester Council on Aging
The full monthly newsletter and calendar are available on our website www.rochestermaseniorcenter.com. Like us on Facebook! www.facebook.com/rochesterma

The Rochester Senior Center will host the monthly Senior Book Club on Tuesday, January 21 at 10:15 am. The meeting is led by Gail Roberts, Director of the Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester. The book being discussed this month is, The Daring Ladies of Lowell, written by Kate Alcott. It is the story of the original mill girls of Lowell, their friendships, hardships, and bravery. The story takes place at a mill in Lowell where single young women work cotton looms in the early industrial age. They are considered pioneers, and although this gives them opportunity and freedom, the working conditions can be dangerous. The mill girls strive for better, safer conditions, and this is met with complications and conflict. Next month’s book is Silas Marner and will be discussed on February 18.

The Fitness Room at the Rochester Senior Center has new hours. The new hours are; Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, and Tuesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The fitness room is open to all seniors. There is a monthly fee of $10 to join. Please call the Senior Center at 508-763-8723 for details.

The Rochester Senior Center is hosting college friend, and assisted with the establishment of Lexicon Corp., eventually becoming the CEO. Under Ron’s tutelage, Lexicon became revolutionary in the music and movie industry with major advancements in reverb sound analytics which eventually won them an Emmy Award in 1985.

Ron enjoyed skiing, and more so racing, and cruising his beloved Wildflower throughout New England and the Caribbean. He mostly enjoyed sharing his knowledge of sailing with anyone that had a desire to learn. He was the winner of many races including a 2-time overall winner of the Marion/Bermuda race, 5-time Rolex St. Thomas Regatta winner, multi-time Buzzards Bay Regatta winner, PHRF New England Champion, and multiple Figawi class winner. Ron was recognized for his consistent success in sailboat racing both regionally and internationally. Sailing was such a metaphor of his life. There’s competition, adventure, at sea, and more importantly social enrichment. His intellectual discipline at the helm of his beloved Wildflower mirrored his business skills, and accomplishments. His leadership involved a vast knowledge guided by experience, sound judgment, and strong communication skills. He had it all in spades.

He had been an active member of his beloved Beverly Yacht Club since 1978 and member of The Harvard Club.

Ron is survived by his wife, Ina Anderson; his son Richard Noonan and his wife Dorthe of Gloucester; his daughter Michelle Pope and her husband Jonathan of Mattapoisett; three grandchildren, Jonathan, Nancy, and Madeline Pope; his first wife, Michaline Flaherty of Annisquam, MA; his sister Carol Driscoll of Arlington, MA; and many nieces and nephews.

His Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 11 am at St. Rita’s Church, 115 Front St., Marion, with everyone meeting directly after at the Beverly Yacht Club, 99 Water St., Marion.

Visiting hours and burial are omitted. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ron’s memory may be made to Community Boating Center, 1641 Padanaram Ave., New Bedford, MA 02740. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

OBITUARIES

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508-758-9055, or by email at office@wanderer.com.
AARP trained tax-aide volunteers for Free Income Tax Preparation Appointments in February. Free tax preparation is provided for all moderate-low income individuals with special consideration for those over 60 years of age. This service is offered every other Wednesday beginning in February and ending April 15. Please call the Rochester Senior Center to schedule an appointment in advance. You must bring all pertinent paperwork with you to your appointment. This is a very popular program, so appointments are required to meet with a trained tax-aide volunteer. Please call 508-763-8723 for information or to make an appointment.

**In Pursuit of Silence**

*In Pursuit of Silence* is an award-winning documentary film that explores silence and the impact of noise on our lives. The film takes us on an immersive cinematic journey around the globe—from a traditional tea ceremony in Kyoto, to the streets of Mumbai, the loudest city on the planet—and inspires us to both experience silence and celebrate the wonders of our world.

The film will be screened at Anchor Yoga Studio, for a small donation to Project Wheelhouse, to encourage conversations around mindfulness and meditation.

A statement posted on the film’s website from Director Patrick Shen states, “*In Pursuit of Silence*, is a meditative film that I also consider a piece of devotional work about a subject that many have tried to encapsulate in some form or another for ages. Rather than encapsulate, we’ve tried in a sense to free it, paying homage to the ineffable qualities of silence. The film was shot and edited in a way that mimics our experience of the world when we are still; you won’t see any crane moves, sweeping drone shots, or pans. The overall rhythm of the film was carefully crafted with the human metabolism in mind. Ultimately, I hope that the film challenges audiences to slow down and on some level make the world new again for them.”

The screening will be held at the yoga studio at 32 County Road on Monday, **January 27**, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. A moderated discussion will follow the film screening. Free popcorn will be provided and 100 percent of the donations will go toward supporting Project Wheel House, a local non-profit that provides yoga and mindfulness programming to underserved communities in New Bedford.

To learn more about how Project Wheel House’s mission and programs, visit their website at
Buzzards Bay Swim Registration Open

Make your New Year’s resolution to have a great time for a good cause at the 27th anniversary Buzzards Bay Swim on Saturday, June 27 in New Bedford and Fairhaven. Registration is open at savebuzzardsbay.org/swim, with 40 percent off sign-ups through Friday, January 31.

The Buzzards Bay Swim is an exciting outdoor experience that welcomes swimmers of all abilities and fitness levels ages 11 and up. Four hundred or more
See a Little Light

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com


Among about 51 other things, The Lighthouse may be Robert Eggers’ idea of a stoner comedy. This writer-director, who debuted with 2015’s indelible The Witch, has decided this time out to move away from severely pious 16th-century Puritans and shake hands with severely strange 19th-century “wickies,” or lighthouse keepers. The excessively bearded Thomas Wake (Willem Dafoe) is in charge — “I tend the light,” he growls — and the younger Ephraim Winslow (Robert Pattinson) is his assistant, charged with such chores as swabbing the floor and making sure the cistern is free of human waste and seagull carcasses. The two men quarrel and drink and share many sullen meals and drink and fight and drink and dance. Eventually they run out of drink and get into the turpentine, which Ephraim cuts with honey. Stuff gets trippy.

The Lighthouse was shot old-school — like, ancient-school — on black-and-white 35mm film, in the square Academy ratio of 1.19:1. So it looks like an experiment from the silent era, except that it isn’t silent; a foghorn rattles and hums throughout the proceedings as it might in a David Lynch movie, and indeed The Lighthouse might be one of the few films imaginable on a plausible double bill with Lynch’s Eraserhead. In both movies, the universe — a shared, understood reality — seems dizzyingly akilter, the world a lump of Play-Doh shaped by incomprehensible and inhuman hands. Both are works of gnarled beauty, rooted in the muck and runoff of human industry, almost atremble with fierce sexual impaction. You could say that The Lighthouse is the story of men driven mad by the encroachment of post-humanity, and Eggers might be fine with that. You could say it’s about repressed homosexuality and how it surfaces as fear of women — mermaids, seagulls, tentacles — and Eggers might nod at that, too.

With a few brief exceptions, the whole movie is Dafoe and Pattinson, who dig hungrily into the situation and the opportunities it affords to go hog-wild. Dafoe’s Thomas is a blustering, one-legged stereotype of a sea dog, but the actor burrows into it and makes Thomas a man of guttural poetry. Pattinson counters with an almost entirely physical performance (“I ain’t much fer talkin’,” says Ephraim) that ramps up into fear and loathing. Both men, Eggers hints, may or may not be dangerous. When they come to blows, we fear for Ephraim the most, even though Thomas is older and disabled, because Dafoe is traditionally intimidating. But Pattinson’s Ephraim has the edge in terms of delusion fed by horror and guilt. The creatures of nightmare around them may be supernatural or psychological, but the implication is that the men, individually, have played this battle out before, and were only awaiting each other so that the lunacy could come to full fruition. A thousand thousand slimy things live on, and so do they.

The Lighthouse has echoes of Melville and Lovecraft as well as Coleridge and Greek mythology, all stirred together in a psychedelic stew, or a cup of turpentine and honey. The honey is the film’s sumptuous aesthetic — Jarin Blaschke’s sharp, finely grained photography; Mark Korven’s score, shrieking like seagulls or booming like a kraken; Craig Lathrop’s unfriendly-to-human-consciousness production design. (The lighthouse itself, it surprises me not at all to learn, was built for the film.) There is also fart humor — I told you this was Eggers’ stoner comedy — and squalor involving human and seagull scat, and a prosthetic that, we are told, was “based on shark labia.”

If, by this point in the review, The Lighthouse sounds like your thing, it most assuredly is; if not, then boisterously not. By the end of the film, when we see the lighthouse’s working Fresnel lens — historically accurate, we are assured, though it looks like a spaceship engine — the luminescent awe and horror recall the soul-blasting finales of 2001 as well as Eraserhead, before the very final shot, which evokes the legend of Prometheus. The Lighthouse is like an entire literature-and-film course whittled down to an hour and forty-nine minutes, but fun as all get out, capped off with an (of course) authentic shanty that will corkscrew its way into your temporal lobe for a day or so. Go look for this thing, or don’t; you know where on the spectrum you fall.
swimmers will complete a scenic 1.2-mile point-to-point open watercourse from New Bedford’s South End, past the iconic Butler Flats Lighthouse and New Bedford Hurricane Barrier with a crowd of hundreds watching and cheering.

At the finish line at Fort Phoenix State Reservation in Fairhaven, swimmers and their guests are welcomed with a beach party featuring a live steel drum band, pancakes cooked to order, gourmet coffee, free massages, local craft beer, and awards and prizes. First-time and beginner swimmers can swim with a personal kayak or paddleboard escort for added support.

South Dartmouth resident Martha Yules and her husband tried the Swim for the first time in 2018. “We loved it — what a fun and memorable experience! This event should be added to the proverbial ‘bucket list’ for everyone living on the Southcoast.”

The $15 early-bird registration for the Buzzards Bay Swim is available through Friday, January 31. Swimmers commit to raising a minimum of $150 each, although most find they can raise much more. Last year, 347 swimmers raised $187,000 for clean water in Buzzards Bay, including first-time swimmer Xan Williams, a member of top fundraising team SPLASH from Rochester,
COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM
Monday, Jan 20: Holiday – No meal served
Tuesday, Jan 21: Beef picadillo, Spanish rice, mixed vegetables, multigrain bread, fresh orange
Wednesday, Jan 22: Chicken & green bean stir fry; noodles, snowflake roll, pineapple
Thursday, Jan 23: Roast pork with apple gravy. Whipped sweet potato, Roman vegetables, oatmeal bread, applesauce
Friday, Jan 24: Broccoli bake, hashbrowns, stewed tomatoes, fruit loaf, peaches

CENTER SCHOOL
Monday, Jan 20: Holiday – No school
Tuesday, Jan 21: Taco nacho: choice of chicken or beef, shredded lettuce, tomato, salsa, cheese sauce, fiesta rice, black bean & corn salsa
Wednesday, Jan 22: Waffles, sausage, hash browns, tomato wedge, mixed berries & cream
Thursday, Jan 23: Spaghetti & meatballs, garlic bread stick, green beans
Friday, Jan 24: Personal round pizza, fresh tossed salad, fruit cup

OLD HAMMONDTON
Monday, Jan 20: Holiday – No school
Tuesday, Jan 21: Taco nacho: choice of chicken or beef, shredded lettuce, tomato, salsa, cheese sauce, fiesta rice, black bean & corn salsa
Wednesday, Jan 22: Waffles, sausage, hash browns, tomato wedge, mixed berries & cream
Thursday, Jan 23: Spaghetti & meatballs, garlic bread stick, green beans
Friday, Jan 24: Chicken tenders (buffalo or plain), lightly buttered noodles, brainy broccoli

OLD COLONY REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH
Monday, Jan 20: Holiday – No school
Tuesday, Jan 21: Taco nacho: choice of chicken or beef, shredded lettuce, tomato, salsa, cheese sauce, fiesta rice, black bean & corn salsa
Wednesday, Jan 22: Waffles, sausage, hash browns, tomato wedge, mixed berries & cream
Thursday, Jan 23: Spaghetti & meatballs, garlic bread stick, green beans
Friday, Jan 24: Personal round pizza, fresh tossed salad, fruit cup

SIPPICAN SCHOOL
Monday, Jan 20: Holiday – No school
Tuesday, Jan 21: Taco nacho: choice of chicken or beef, shredded lettuce, tomato, salsa, cheese sauce, fiesta rice, black bean & corn salsa
Wednesday, Jan 22: Waffles, sausage, hash browns, tomato wedge, mixed berries & cream
Thursday, Jan 23: Spaghetti & meatballs, garlic bread stick, green beans
Friday, Jan 24: Personal round pizza, fresh tossed salad, fruit cup

Regional Lunch Menus

For a full PDF of the three towns’ police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.
which raised $6,350 in 2019. “The Swim is a great opportunity to push yourself and see what you can accomplish, and even better to do so for a worthy cause,” Williams said. Funds raised support the Coalition’s ongoing work to prevent pollution and protect water quality in the community.

This year, the Swim promises to be bigger than ever. Participants will help the Coalition raise an additional $75,000 for clean water, through the final year of a generous four-year challenge grant from the Fish Family Foundation via long-time swimmer and West Falmouth resident Larry Fish. To meet the terms of the challenge, the swimmers must collectively raise $200,000 for Bay conservation efforts.

Make your New Year’s Resolution to have a great time for a good cause at the 27th anniversary Buzzards Bay Swim on Saturday, June 27! Sign up today at www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim.

If your business would like to sponsor the Swim, contact events@savebuzzardsbay.org.

The Buzzards Bay Coalition is a membership-supported nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection, restoration, and sustainable use and enjoyment of Buzzards Bay and its watershed. The Coalition works to improve the health of the Bay ecosystem for all through education, conservation, research, and advocacy and is supported by more than 10,500 members.

New Hours and Programs at the MNHM
The Marion Natural History Museum will be offering programs for adults and seniors starting in 2020! The museum will be open Wednesday mornings starting in 2020. Check our website and Facebook page for upcoming programs. Additionally, the museum’s virtual reality set is available during this time by appointment.

The museum is handicap accessible and has new more comfortable chairs for our programs courtesy of the Island Foundation. Program participants should contact us in advance so we know how many chairs to set up. The museum phone number is 508-748-2098 and our email is director@marionmuseum.org.

The museum will not be charging for these programs, however donations are always appreciated. The museum is located at 8 Spring Street, on the second floor of the building we share with the Elizabeth Taber Library.

Our first program of 2020 will be February 26 at 10:30 am. The “Butterfly Man”, Yarmouth resident Joe Dwelly, will be visiting the Marion Natural History Museum to share what he knows about our local species. Mr. Dwelly will give advice about where they can be found and how community members can attract them to their own backyards. Not only will he teach attendees about particular habitat and migration patterns, but Dwelly will also profile plant and butterfly “pairings,” which can run the gamut. And for the southeastern Massachusetts area, he will highlight a handful of his favorites, including Monarchs and milkweed; the Spicebush Swallowtail and sassafras; and the Mourning Cloak and hackberry. “We are limited up north because of...
SALOME’S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) That lower-than-acceptable performance you’re getting from others in your group might be the result of miscommunication. If so, correct it before serious problems arise later on.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An unexpected situation could call for a change of plans. If so, you might feel that this is unfair. But it’s best to make the needed adjustments now. There’ll be time later for rescheduling.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The new year brings opportunities you might want to look into. Some might be more interesting than others. But take time to look at all of them before you make any decisions.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It’s a good idea to be careful about expenses until you’ve worked out that pesky financial problem. You might find it advisable to get some solid advice on how to proceed.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Romance looms large over the Leonine aspect. Single Lions looking for love should find Cupid very cooperative. Paired Cats can expect a renewed closeness in their relationships.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Making contact with a former colleague might not be high on your list of priorities. But it could pay off personally as well as professionally. Avoid bringing up any negatives about the past.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A personal relationship could face added stress because of a situation involving someone close to both of you. Be supportive and, above all, try to avoid playing the blame game.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might well find some lingering uncertainties about a decision. If so, take that as a warning that you might not be ready to make that move yet. More study would be in order.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Music is a dominant theme for Sagittarians right now, and it should remind you to make a greater effort to restore some much-needed harmony in that very special relationship.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Although family matters might demand much of the Sea Goat’s attention this week, you’ll want to try to make time to handle those all-important workplace situations as well.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A recurring unresolved issue might need to be revisited before you can move forward. Consider asking someone familiar with the situation to act as an impartial counselor.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Ignore pressure to make a decision. Keeping your options open is still the wisest course, at least until you’re sure you’ve learned all you need to know about the matter at hand.

BORN THIS WEEK: You’re capable of great loyalty to those around you, which is one reason you can count on devotion from friends and family.
our particular climate,” Dwelly says. “But by becoming familiar with the exceptional grasslands and plant habitats, we can support a diverse range of unique butterflies.”

Mattapoisett Woman’s Club

The Mattapoisett Woman’s Club (MWC) is pleased to have Jennifer McIntire, President of the Mattapoisett Historical Society, as our guest speaker at our first meeting of 2020. Ms. McIntire will talk about Mattapoisett’s rich history and the role of Mattapoisett women in the community.

Our meeting is on Thursday, January 16 and is held at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, beginning at 11:00 am and concluding around 2:00 pm. An informal luncheon is provided by our members. We welcome anyone who wishes to attend our meeting(s) and/or join our Club.

For more information, contact Christine Voss at 508-758-3348 or visit our website at mattapoisettwomansclub.org.

Elizabeth Taber Library Winter Children’s Programs

Winter Story Time for children between the ages of three and five runs through February 24. Children are invited to enjoy stories, finger-plays and crafts Monday mornings at 10:30 am.

Winter Lapsit, for children birth through 23 months and their caregivers runs through February 25. Each Tuesday morning program begins at 10:30 am and includes a 20-minute “story time” followed by 20 minutes of socializing. One child per “lap”, please!

Winter Tales for Twos, for children 24-36 months, runs through February 26. Children must be 2 years old by January 1, 2020 to attend and must be accompanied by enthusiastic adult companions. The half-hour of stories, finger-plays and crafts take place at 10:30 am on Wednesday mornings.

Pre-registration is required for these programs; please sign up by stopping by the library, calling (508) 748-1252 or by e-mailing Ms. Grey, Children’s Librarian, at rgrey@sailsinc.org.

Marion Community Preservation Act Funding

Applications for Community Preservation Act funding are now available in the Town Clerk’s office at the Marion Town House located at 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738. The Community Preservation Act is a Massachusetts Law that allows participating cities and towns to adopt a real estate tax surcharge supplemented by State matching funds in order to fund community preservation. Eligible projects must be directed toward open space/recreation, historic preservation or community housing. Applications must be received no later than February 7, 2020, to be considered for presentation at the May 2020 Annual Town Meeting.

Past Community Preservation funds have been used to:

• Design of an accessible boardwalk and viewing platform at Osprey Marsh.
• Secure nine affordable housing units having affordable housing deed restrictions for ninety-nine (99) years.
• Design and secure permits for Phase I of the Marion Pathway (bike path).
• Install playground equipment at Washburn Park, the Point Road playground and Silvershell Beach.
• Protect Marion’s drinking water supply through the purchase of lands and conservation interests in the Mattapoisett River Valley.
• Catalog the Sippican Historical Society’s archives and complete the town’s architectural survey.
• Restore Marion’s historic 1937 Maxim fire truck.
• Restore the Marion Town House

Mariner Youth Soccer Scholarships

The Mariner Youth Soccer Association, which has provided soccer instruction, skills clinics and both recreational and competitive soccer opportunities
Diane Kelley’s ‘Mother Earth Vessel’ is one of three of her works now at the MAC.

John Magnan, woodcarver and member of the Marion Art Center, is exhibiting his work ‘Artemis’ as part of the 2020 Winter Members Show. Photo by Marilou Newell

Sippican School Into Orbit Space Club, students in grades 5 and 6 and teachers Sullivan (left) and Lawrence (right) and Jr High Volunteer Aidan Costa (right)

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com
to children 4-18 in the communities of Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Marion, Rochester and Acushnet for over 25 years, is pleased to announce that it will be offering a scholarship opportunity to Mariner Youth Soccer Alumni this Spring. Criteria at a minimum: the child must be a high school senior living in one of the above-listed communities and must have played for Mariner Youth Soccer for a minimum of four years. The scholarship deadline is April 11, 2020.

Applications can be requested by emailing: marinerscholarship@gmail.com or on our website: www.marineryouthsoccer.com

Music at the Marion Art Center

The Marion Art Center announces an evening of music on Saturday, January 25 beginning at 7:30 pm, featuring New Bedford-based band Morrissey Blvd. The four-sibling band consists of the four young Morrisseys – Zan (19), Zoelle (17), Henri (15), and Wilson (12). The siblings, all musicians, have been playing as a band since 2017. They have performed at multiple benefit events, festivals, and community concerts over the years. While the band often performs cover songs, they will also be debuting new original music during the MAC concert.
Tickets, available now, are $18 for MAC members and $20 for non-members. A limited number of cabaret tables are available (seating for four). Reservations are strongly recommended. While beverages are not provided, attendees may bring their own refreshments to enjoy with the music. Doors open at 7:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased by phone, at the MAC, or online at www.marionartcenter.org/musicatthemac.

**Young Adult Programs at the Mattapoisett Library**

On Saturday, **January 25** at 1:00 pm, Dungeons and Dragons will meet again to continue their quest. New players always welcome, and this session is recommended for ages 12 and up.

Game Lounge will be open Tuesday, **January 21** at 4:00 pm. Craft Tuesday continues every Tuesday at 4:00 pm with a new craft. Stop by for some fun and a quick craft!

Please contact Michelle Skaar at mskaar@sailsinc.org or call the library for more information. All programs are free and open to the public. If special accommodations are needed, please contact the library at 508-758-4171 for assistance.

**South Coast Chamber Music Series**

The South Coast Chamber Music Series (SCCMS) presents a weekend of Beethoven to mark the legendary composer’s 250th birthday. The program for “Beethoven CCL” includes his Second Symphony – for piano trio – as well as his G Major violin and piano sonata of 1803, which honors the traditions of Mozart and Haydn while gently “rocking the boat.” The program closes with a kaleidoscope of emotions in the dramatic and theatrical C Minor Quartet, which demonstrates why Beethoven is truly immortal and forever beloved.

On Saturday, **January 25**, the Chamber Music performance will take place in Marion at St. Gabriel’s Episcopal Church (124 Front Street). On Sunday, **January 26**, the venue is in South Dartmouth at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church (351 Elm Street). Both concerts begin at 4:00 pm. Tickets are $20 at the door or pre-purchase online at https://nbsymphony.org/chamber-series-season/.

This SCCMS weekend features NBSO musicians Jesse Holstein, violin; EmmaLee Holmes-Hicks, violin; Anna Griffis, viola; Leo Eguchi, cello; as well as SCCMS Artistic Director Janice Weber, piano. This Gift of Music concert is sponsored by Patty Plum Wylde in memory of...
TOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing pursuant to Chapter 140, sec. 57-59 of the Massachusetts General Laws, at Rochester Town Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 21ST, 2020 at 6:10 pm to address the application of TONY M. DEBALSI, located at 203 High Street (Assessors Map 20 Lot 1A) who is applying for a new Class II Used Car Dealer License. Plans are available for viewing in the Board of Selectmen’s Office during regular business hours. 1/2 (online only), 1/9, 1/16

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA regarding an application for the construction of a mixed use development under the Cranberry Highway Smart Growth Overlay District filed by STEEN REALTY & DEVELOPMENT CORP., 3 Ledgewood Boulevard, Dartmouth, MA 02747 for properties located at 22 Cranberry Highway, designated as Lots 41C and 50 on Rochester Assessors Map 17.

The applicant proposes the construction of a development consisting of 208 residential units and commercial space within the Cranberry Highway Smart Growth Overlay District. The applicant’s representative is Allen & Major Associates, Inc., 10 Main Street, Lakeville, MA 02347. The property owner of record is Rochester Crossroads, LLC, 158 Tihonet Road, Wareham, MA 02571.

The application and associated submittal documents are available for review at the Planning Board Office at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road between the hours of 8:30 am - 6:00 pm Monday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm Tuesday through Thursday and 8:30 am - 1:00 pm Friday.

Arnold Johnson, Chairman 1/9, 1/16

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC NOTICE #1147

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of JONATHAN CROWELL for property located on 694 Snipatuit Road, identified on Assessor’s Map 43, Lot 5D, who is seeking 2 Variances under Chapter 20.40, Section E.2., (Formerly Section VIII.C.2.), to install an interconnected ground mounted PV system, (1) less than 40’ from the rear property line and, (2) to be located in the front yard area.

The public hearing will be held on January 30, 2020 at 7:30 pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall at 1 Constitution Way. David Arancio, Chairman 1/9, 1/16

TOWN OF MARION
BOARD OF HEALTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 3:15 pm in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House on the variance request submitted by G.A.F. ENGINEERING, INC. pertaining to the property located at 459 Point Road, further identified as Map 2, Lot 182.

The following variance is requested to Title 5 of the State Environmental Code:

310 CMR 15.405: To allow the use of a sieve analysis report rather than a percolation test.

John B. Howard, MD, Chairman 1/16, 1/23

TOWN OF MARION
BOARD OF HEALTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 3:30 pm in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House on the variance request submitted by G.A.F. ENGINEERING, INC. pertaining to the property located at 310 Point Road, further identified as Map 2, Lot 5 & 19P.

The following variances are requested to Title 5 of the State Environmental Code:

310 CMR 15.212: Depth to Groundwater:
Requesting a variance to install the bottom of the soil absorption system 3 feet above the maximum seasonal high groundwater rather than the 4 feet requirement.

M.S.C. 4.60.2: Sewage System Flow Design Criteria:
Requesting a variance to design the leaching area for 343 gallons per day vs. the minimum 400 gallons per day requirement of the M.S.C.

John B. Howard, MD, Chairman 1/16, 1/23

TOWN OF MATTAPOOSEIT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 27 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall on the Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by STEPHEN J. NAPOLITANO/RALPH COTELLESSO 67 Pleasant Street, Holliston, MA 01746. The proposed project is to secure all necessary permits for the building of one single family dwelling per Lot 56 & 57. The project is located at Brandt Island Road, and is further identified as Lot 56 & 57 on Assessor Map 14., 1/16

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her brother Matt Plum.

The NBSO is a professional orchestra that annually presents a concert series of classical and pops music with internationally acclaimed guest artists, as well as an outstanding chamber music series. In addition, the NBSO’s innovative and nationally recognized educational programs reach 10,000 students each year. The NBSO is dedicated to building a community of music on the South Coast. Visit www.nbsymphony.org for more information.

Peter Hodges Memorial Scholarship
The Mattapoisett Lions Club, a member of Lions International the world’s largest service club organization consisting of 45,000 clubs and more than 1.3 million members worldwide, is pleased to announce the availability of two (2) $2,500 scholarships to be awarded this year to a graduating high school senior or homeschooled student residing in Mattapoisett, Marion or Rochester.

The funds for the Peter Hodges Memorial Scholarship are raised through fundraisers held by the Mattapoisett Lions Club throughout the year, including Harbor Days, an annual Arts and Craft Festival held in Shipyard Park, Mattapoisett every third weekend in July.

The Lion’s Club motto is “We Serve”. One of the largest charitable causes of Lion’s International includes raising funds for eye research in an effort to end preventable blindness throughout the world, eradicating measles worldwide in partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and here at home, providing services for those in need in our communities.

To qualify for this scholarship, a graduating student or homeschooled student shall be accepted to, and intend to attend, their first year of a recognized institution of higher education, must be a resident of the Tri-Town area, and must have demonstrated service to the community.

To obtain an application, learn more about this Award, or to learn how to become a member of the Lions Club, visit www.mattapoisettlionsclub.org. Award applications are also available through the guidance department at your high school.

Applications must be received by March 21, 2020.

FHS Class of 1960 Graduates
The reunion committee for the Fairhaven High School graduation class of 1960 is searching for contact information for the following classmates: Cynthia (Fleming) Bradley, Ann Bumpus, James Arruda, Barbara (Ellis) Lear, Kathie (Langlois) Rounds, Gerard Dumoulin, Joyce (Holmstrom) Picard, Margaret (Justley) Bartholomy, Louise (Valladoa) Selkowe, and David Reid.

The reunion will be held in June of 2020. Any information helping us to connect to these classmates would be greatly appreciated. Please call Diane at 508-993-7378. If there is no answer, please leave a message.

Public Ice Skating at Tabor Academy
Once again, Tabor Academy has been generous and supportive of the many youth programs that the
Seeking a reporter with some experience to cover Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester evening board and committee meetings and write an article about the meeting. Must possess writing skills, be able to prioritize news items, take good notes and accurate quotes, and be prepared to ask follow-up questions of town officials when needed. Some photography experience a plus. Flexible schedule and own transportation required. Pay will reflect experience. Further feature story writing opportunities possible. Email a letter of interest and resume to the news editor at news@wanderer.com

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Marion Recreation Department offers throughout the year. This year is no exception. The recreation department will be offering public ice skating at Tabor Academy until March 1, 2020. Public skating sessions will run from 12:00 to 2:00 pm. The cost is $5 per skater. 100 percent of the proceeds will go to Marion Recreation Youth Programs. Program dates include: January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23, and March 1.

Marion Establishes Emergency Fund for Veterans
Marion Veterans Agent Barry Denham is pleased to announce that an emergency fund has been established to further assist veterans and their spouses in times of need.

The creation of the fund was approved by the Marion Board of Selectmen on October 15.

The fund will be used to help Marion veterans and their spouses who have short-term financial needs.

The fund will be controlled by the Marion Veterans Services Office and Marion Council on Aging. Disbursement of the funds will be evaluated by both agencies on a case-by-case basis and will be released if the
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James Santos January 21
Julie Hillier January 21
Lily Ambrosi January 21
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Nathan Perry January 21
Rachel Zirmfus January 22
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need cannot be met by the day-to-day services provided by local, state or federal veterans assistance programs. “Sometimes there are tools that we do not have in our toolbox to assist a veteran or their families,” Denham said. “We wanted to establish this fund in order to provide a lifeline to help when resources are not available through other means.”

Any Marion resident who meets the state’s eligibility requirements to be considered a veteran is eligible to request to receive funds. A veteran’s widow or widower may also request funds. Proof of residency must be provided.

The veteran’s fund will be funded solely by donations. Those who would like to donate to the fund can send a check written out to the “Town of Marion” with “Veteran” in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to the Council on Aging office at 465 Mill St., Marion, MA 02738.

Anyone with further questions can contact the Marion Veterans Services Office at 508-758-4100, Ext. 7.

**Drop n Shop**

Need some time alone to get some shopping and errands done? Want to have date night with your significant other without the kids? Marion Recreation will host “Drop and Shop” days! Led by trained First Aid/CPR Summer Program Counselors, these three-hour drop-in events will include games, crafts, movies, along with pizza and drinks. Drop-in events will take place on the following Saturday evenings: January 18, February 15, March 21, April 18, May 16 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Cost per participant $30, for kindergarten through sixth grade only. The event is limited to 12 participants. Must register online five days prior to session. Register at: Marionma.gov/recreation. Location Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center, 465 Mill Street Marion.
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To enhance the education of Marion students, the Town of Marion has two funds. Both funds are supported entirely by donations of generous Marion residents.

The Scholarship Fund awards money to deserving Marion students as they head off to their first year of college. Applicants are asked to submit their transcripts, a list of extra-curricular activities and community service, and letters of recommendations. This year the Scholarship Committee received 13 applications and made the very hard decision as to whom to award the scholarship. If sufficient funds are available, multiple award winners are named.

The Educational Fund contributes money to the Sippican Elementary School for items that are not covered under regular budget line items, but have been requested by teachers. This year we funded a special cart for overnight storage and charging of Chrome Book computers. This is an essential component to make full use of the computers which are an important part of the students’ curriculum.

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All donations should be addressed to the Marion Scholarship Fund, 2 Spring Street, Marion MA 02738.

Marion Scholarship Fund Committee: S. Cook, J. LeFavor, C. Pierce, M. Soden, D. White (Superintendent of Schools)

Friends of the Mattapoisett Council on Aging

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Council on Aging (FOTMCOA), a non-profit, non-governmental group, has been aiding COA programs and supplementing the needs of senior citizens in the community for many years. During that time, the FOTMCOA has purchased furnishings, appliances, and televisions that the COA
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has used in its social rooms for the benefit of seniors frequenting the COA.

In the community, the FOTMCOA has provided financial support to seniors in need of such items as a new refrigerator or kitchen stove.

The group also sponsors the monthly COA newsletter “Seasonings,” as well as hosting various special event luncheons throughout the year giving seniors the opportunity to meet up with other seniors for a bit of fun and food, social and emotional support enriching the lives of Mattapoisett’s senior population.

The fundraising work of the FOTMCOA supports COA programs, education, and other needs for which public funds are either not available or need supplementing.

Due to a decrease in membership, new members are now urgently needed to carry on the mission of the FOTMCOA.

Can you help? If you can share an hour once a month to attend the FOTMCOA meeting or wish to assist in any way possible, please contact Anne Bartnowski at 508-758-4603 or email at annebartswife@yahoo.com.

**Friendly Visitor Program**
The Friendly Visitor Program of the Marion COA seeks to maximize independence and enrich the quality of life for isolated seniors within the community. The program provides screened and trained volunteers to visit seniors in their homes. Visitors support seniors through weekly contact, providing social support, and a connection to the community. All volunteers are screened through a CORI (Criminal History Systems Board) check.

For more information, please contact Linda Aguiar at 508 748-3570.

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The Regain Addiction Family Support Group will be starting a new group session in Mattapoisett. This peer discussion group will provide encouragement and information to anyone who has been affected by another’s addiction. Each session has a Certified Naloxone/Narcan trainer, Addiction Recovery Coach, and faith-based ministry group host to answer questions. Meeting groups are being held in the Southeast Massachusetts area now.

Please contact us for information if you are interested in joining one of our new summer support group sessions.

For more information contact us: Telephone: 774-328-6196, e-mail: Healing@regainsupport.com, Facebook: Regain addiction support group.

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Phases of the Moon

Last Quarter: January 17th
New Moon: January 24th
First Quarter: February 1st
Full Moon: February 9th

Local Tides

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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 online 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 and Click on I Found the Aardvark

In the January 9, 2020 edition the Aardvark was on page 3!
We’re Hiring!

We have an amazing team here at Plumb Corner and we’re looking to add a new team member to our growing business!

Position: Deli – PM Shift (example 1pm-8pm) with flexibility to fill other shifts. Hours per week: 20-40

Benefits include: 401k Plan (with company match), 20% store discount. Come in and fill out an application – we would LOVE to meet you!

Quality Meats, Deli & Prepared Foods

Farmer’s Focus Organic Whole Chicken $3.79 lb.

Allen’s Bone-In Chicken Thighs $1.49 lb.
Allen’s Bone-In Chicken Drumsticks $0.89 lb.
Boar’s Head London Broil $11.99 lb.
Boar’s Head - Vermont Cheddar Cheese $6.99 lb.

Allen’s Rotisserie Chicken $7.99 ea.

Grocery & Bakery

Kellogg’s Raisin Bran Cereal $0.79
15.9-16.6 oz. Selected Skippy Peanut Butter $0.59
15-16.1 oz. Selected Duncan Hines Cake Mix $1.99
12-16 oz. Selected Prince Pasta $0.59
18-19 oz. Selected Vegetable Classics Progresso Soup $0.99
24 oz. Selected Prego Pasta Sauce $2.39
9.25-11.25 oz. Selected Doritos Tortilla Chips $0.79
7.75-9 oz. Selected Ruffles Potato Chips $0.79

Fresh Store Baked Apple Pie $0.99

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVINGS THIS WEEK!
It’s Easy to Shop at Friends’ Marketplace at Plumb Corner
Be sure to check out our selection of prepared foods to make mealtimes easy & delicious!
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Rochester, MA 02770
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• Plenty of Parking
• Friendly Service
• Weekly Specials

SALE EFFECTIVE: Friday, January 17 – Thursday, January 23, 2020

Blockbuster Savings!

Friends’ Premium Black Angus
1855 Lb. New York Sirloin Steak
$6.99 lb.

Friends’ In-Store Baked Turkey Breast
$7.99 lb.

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

Talenti 16 oz. Selected Gelato
$4.99

Lord Hobo Brewing 12 oz. Cans Freebird Golden Ale
18 Pack $17.99

750 ml New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc
Oyster Bay Wine $11.99

Quality Produce

Strawberries $3.99
Pint $2.99
Seedless Red Grapes $2.99 lb.
Crisp Broccoli Crowns $1.69 lb.
Sweet Onions $1.29 lb.
Organic 8 oz. Pkg. Grape Tomatoes $2.99

Wine & Beer

750 ml California Wine Sauvignon Blanc Bogle $9.99
1.5 Liter California Wine Assorted Beringer Main & Vine $10.99
3 Liter Box California Wine Assorted Corbett Canyon $11.99
750 ml California Wine Chardonnay Kendall Jackson $13.99
750 ml Oregon Wine Pinot Noir Whole Cluster $20.99
16 oz. Cans 4 Pack, All Varieties Stormalong Cider $12.00

All Beer is Plus Deposit
We have over 75 varieties of wine (12 more coming) that are only 3/$15 or $5.99. Mix & Match wines from California, France, Italy, Argentina, Chile, & Australia!

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