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Nelson Eager to Be Another Kid’s Lighthouse

By Mick Colageo

By the testimony of colleagues, job references and other observers, Mike Nelson always had leadership qualities so it should not come as a shock that he is scheduled to become Massachusetts’ youngest superintendent of schools upon the June 30 retirement of Old Rochester Regional Superintendent Doug White (more on that below).

“For me, going to school was almost like a home away from home,” said Nelson in an interview with the Wanderer on Tuesday. “My schooling experience was always one of the most reinforcing aspects of my life being surrounded by positive people who were helping me achieve my goals. I remember being in high school thinking, ‘I want to be in education. This is what I want to do.’”

At 6-foot-6, basketball was Nelson’s game growing up, but he left sports behind to focus on his education at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. A political science major, he always wanted to be in education and was 99.9 percent sure it would be in the public schools.

His journey was founded upon the intention to take all the impact that educators made on his life and figure out how to pay it forward.

“When I reflected prior to the last interview (February 29), I really thought about ‘Why am I applying for this position?’ And that’s when I shared the comments about the analogy that educators can be lighthouses for children,” Nelson said. “I thought about how fortunate I was not only to have one lighthouse but many different lighthouses who were educators throughout my life. And I said, ‘That’s the reason why I believe I ended up interviewing for this position,’ because in some ways it helps me come full circle in terms of what people gave to me.

“Now, in terms of being a professional, (I am) being able to work with those people hand-in-hand in terms of helping other kids, and (I am devoting) my life to doing the same thing.”

Nelson, 36, grew up in New Bedford and later Wareham, where he attended the public middle school and high school. His father is a facilities supervisor at Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School and his mother worked in the mortgage business.

Technically a millennial, of more relevance is his standing among his peers.

According to the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, of the 237 listed for public school districts in the state, the youngest superintendents for the 2019-20 school year include two at age 38 and four others at 39.

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Nelson learned quickly the many areas at which the Central Office is looked upon for facilitation.

“We’ve had some changes in positions and rollovers and some vacancies in Central Office in the last couple of years,” he said. “Even though those were challenging times in some ways, for me personally as a professional it meant I was actually able to step in and take on some responsibilities that typically wouldn’t have fallen on my plate, if you will. And it helped prepare me, at this point having served as the director of student services and then the assistant superintendent, it helped me prepare to have a base knowledge of having my hand in all those different responsibilities.”

Originally hired as director of student services, Nelson was promoted to assistant superintendent last year with the retirement of Elise Frangos. Since then Nelson has taken on more and more, and in doing so spread his wings and has become more widely relevant at fresh developments, the state will have a new titleholder, according to independent non-profit based in Bedford of which all superintendents are members and benefit from professional development, legal services, policy, etc.

“At the crux of it... I knew a goal of mine was to become a superintendent. At some point I would have to become a superintendent for the first time,” said Nelson. “At one point (in the interview process) I listed the different titles that I have maintained here from a responsibility standpoint.”

While many districts allow a director of special education or student services to focus exclusively on that job description or area of programming, Nelson considers himself fortunate.

“It’s also one of the reasons that I wanted to come here. I believe that the director of student services was going to be used to work with all students and on behalf of all students and families,” he said. “That’s why I mentioned I’ve been designated the civil-rights coordinator for the district, the special-education director, the homeless liaison, the foster-care point of contact. I have had my hand heavy in designing professional-development opportunities, working with the curriculum teams.”

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Nelson’s background in special education served as an important starting point, not only because of the impact he was able to provide in that role but because it helped form an inclusive philosophy that is core to the district’s belief system. In turn, relationships formed and were strengthened, setting the table for the tremendous outpouring of support during the selection process completed on March 5.

“I did not anticipate the level of support that I was given from staff, administrators and teachers and paraprofessionals, right through the ranks including parents and stakeholders when I initially applied for this position, and... I said, ‘Wow, it’s just incredible to know that when you commit yourself to do something that all the relationships and all the time and all the effort that you put into it... it was just such a powerful experience to have that level of support, and I’m extremely grateful for it,” said Nelson.

Presuming successful contract negotiations, there will be a reintroduction period next school year in which
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Nelson will become known as the superintendent of schools at ORR. During his February 29 finalist interview with the joint school committee, he was asked about the challenges that accompany emerging from inside.

“What does that mean moving forward? When I said that I might have had hard conversations, what I meant is that I would like to think that some of the reasons I’ve been able to establish those relationships is because I’ve always been transparent and honest in terms of listening to others’ points of view but also providing them feedback in terms of why I may have taken a position of using all the data points available in terms of making the best decision,” he said. “I’ve built these relationships in a way that I can continue to build off of them, and I will continue to do a lot of the things that I’ve done in terms of working collaboratively with all the stakeholders and make sure they feel valued in terms of shared decision making.

“So when I think about bringing in a new assistant superintendent and possibly a new director of student services, I think about that I can actually speak from my experiences, think about their skillset and their philosophy and really help them learn about our communities and our communities will learn about these new individuals as well.”

Nelson drives 30-35 minutes to and from ORR from his home in the south end of Plymouth, where he lives with his wife Jessica, a special education teacher, and their two sons and two stepchildren ranging from high school junior and sophomore to a first grader and a three-year-old now attending ORR’s preschool program inside the high school.

Nelson says he has received some advice from White, including the need to devise an entry plan, to focus first on negotiating his contract. Once that is behind him, the more personal sharing and dispensing of pearls of wisdom will commence.

Nelson may be on the on-deck circle, but his philosophy only awaits his at-bat.

“One way I would like to use my skillset is in communicating from the superintendent’s office in real-time in terms of here’s the information we have, we want to share it with our communities,” he said. “I think that that will help build a level of trust between all the different community players in our three towns and a new superintendent.”

Until then, Nelson is appreciative of the support he has received, and regardless of what lies ahead he remains confident based on the focus around him and ability to naturally collaborate toward “what’s best for the kids.”

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By George B. Emmons
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They were brought to this country at the beginning of the 19th century to authentically decorate our parks, estates and wildlife reservations with royal-courtyard images, formerly owned by the queen of England, on display floating on the moats around Windsor Castle. Yet they are not entirely mute but have a

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By the turn of the next century, they were doubling their population every 10 years, and subsequently with bad environmental habits, close to being labeled as an invasive species.

They would tip up along the shore to reach down three feet under the water to wipe out underwater plants essential to lesser waterfowl. In addition, they can become very ornery and territorial around their nests and young. After a hissing warning alarm, called a basking, they would attack dogs or children with an injuring wing beat.

Subsequently, in the year 2003, U.S. Fish and Wildlife proposed to reduce their numbers accordingly. However, animal rights countered that Mute Swan fossils here go back thousands of years and are proven to be indigenous and could not be reduced as invasive. They are now protected under both state and federal laws.

They also have some very admiral qualities of exemplary well-known behavior. According to Norse mythology, they originally established their purity white reputation by drinking from the mythically pristine waters of the historical well of Urd. This cleansed their plumage and also the image of their character. They are said to mate for life, unless one of the pair dies or is somehow lost. Both male Cob and female Pen are also known to faithfully look after the young Cygnets until they are ready to choose mates themselves.
Mute Swans make frequent appearances in Literature, such as “The Ugly Duckling” by Hans Christian Andersen. Shakespeare wrote more about love, jealousy, and revenge in swan behavior than any other poet. Tennyson wrote a ballet of a dying swan singing its own death song. And even today, Mute Swans are known to vocally mourn for themselves or others in death.

Carolyn Longworth, the director of the Millicent Library in Fairhaven, is an avid and accurate bird watcher and reports, “A dead Cygnet was seen floating on a nearby pond, and two adults and others came over to form a circle around the dead bird. Then they all started making a mourning conversation and all pointed their heads up into the heavens.”
At our new location, when the chilled stillness of a pale blue sky of a spring dawn is broken by the shrill clarion of a skein of Snow Geese winging high overhead towards the Arctic Circle, it is an annual sun sign that a renewed season is just over the horizon.

Soon Mute Swans that have nested in the marshes around Eel Pond across the bay will bring their young on their backs or in tow to show them off to Ned Point park visitors. And the SouthCoast harbors will unfurl white sails on Buzzards Bay and launch their recreational flagships of spring.

In Celebration of Women
Mattapoisett Free Public Library
By Marilou Newell

March is Women’s History Month. That statement in and of itself says two things: We’ve come a long way, but we still have a long way to go – it should simply be history. That point and many others were the topic of author Barbara Berenson’s presentation at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library.

Berenson is herself a statement of what women can accomplish when given the space to do so. She is a retired senior attorney for the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, a historian, and the author of four books on the themes of Boston-based history, women’s history, and abolition.

On March 7 she spoke about her latest book titled *Massachusetts in the Women’s Suffrage Movement* (2018, The History Press). The presentation, while delving into the role of Massachusetts women in the quest to obtain the right the vote, positioned local women as the first to push for such rights.

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for those who believed that slavery should be abolished. Many of those forward-thinking humanitarians were women. Berenson pointed to the long path, the years of struggle, the foundation of the suffrage movement that all took place in the commonwealth primarily by women. “It shows the importance of never giving up,” she said.

Berenson said she wrote the book to highlight the very beginnings of the suffrage movement and the role of women from this area. Not so much to cast dispersions on better-known women of the movement such as Susan B. Anthony but to bring forward such great Massachusetts luminaries as Lucy Stone.

From 1843 to 1847, Stone attended Oberlin College where she heard William Lloyd Garrison, the well-known abolitionist, speak. His speeches brought out men and women, which was, “…a huge revolutionary impulse for those times,” Berenson stated. Garrison’s message struck a chord in Stone that translated into her becoming a lecturer and protagonist against slavery. While speaking on behalf of abolition, she also began to speak on the issue of voting rights for women.

Prior to Stone’s emergence as a forceful public speaker, there were the Grimke sisters. Angelina and Sarah Grimke were raised by a prosperous plantation owner in South Carolina, yet their thinking turned against owning humans. They were outspoken activists and acknowledged by Garrison as critical to his campaign to end slavery. They traveled far
and wide speaking out against slavery.

Berenson said that many women who were abolitionists also set the stage for what would become the women’s rights movement. But, she said, “…in order to understand what came to pass we need to understand the groundwork.” The early protagonists speaking out for the women’s right to vote were doing so by the 1830s, she said.

Years later in Seneca Falls, New York, new voices were being heard. “A new spirit was growing across the land,” regarding women’s rights, Berenson said. Those voices were coming from Cate Stanton and Lucretia Mott, who helped to publish a manifesto titled a Declaration of Sentiments which made the claim for women’s equality.
The year was 1848. "Susan B. Anthony didn’t come on the scene until 1852 after attending the 1850 Worcester First National Women’s Rights Conventions," Berenson said.

So why then do we so closely associate suffrage with Anthony versus Stone? Berenson’s explanation was clear. “Anthony and Stanton wrote six volumes on women’s suffrage.” Stone did not.

There was another point Berenson made that spoke to how one’s point of view influences how one spends his or her energy. Stone continued to speak out against slavery while also speaking out for women. Anthony and her group focused on women, white women.

Stone preceded Anthony in death, and her flame dimmed over the preceding decades. Today her voice is once again being recognized, and her work on behalf of all those struggling under suppressive laws rings anew.

While the Civil War and the Gilded Age further suppressed attempts for women to gain the vote, times did slowly change. And in spite of the early women’s movement “making a pact with the devil” to get the right to vote passed for white women, eventually that right expanded – by 1965 all women and all men could vote.

What began humbly in Massachusetts in the 1830s is celebrated today at both the state and federal levels, and with renewed hindsight, the messages of all the suffragists are now being heard. To learn more visit www.womenshistory.org. To learn more about the author visit www.barbarafberenson.com.

Music in His Soul
This Mattapoisett Life
By Marilou Newell

It arrived after a treacherous 3,000-mile journey, being tossed, heaved and otherwise mistreated. But it arrived on my doorstep only a little worse for the wear.

It was wrapped in a cardboard sheath secured by ropes. Some of the cardboard had been damaged in transit and some of the ropes were about to lose their grip. Yet it arrived mostly intact – a magnificent Panasonic stereo system complete with a turntable.

The trip from Onset to Long Beach, California via the U.S. Postal Service was one built on faith. In Dad’s imagination, it was possible to wrap an expensive sound system in cardboard and ropes, ask for help at the post office to add the shipping address, and miraculously the gift would arrive in one piece. He was right to believe.

He imagined the delight of his daughter and small grandson upon the gift’s arrival. We were thrilled, amazed. Dad was not one to lavish gifts upon his children, but when he did give us something it was something substantial. His gifts always intended to be useful and, yes, joyful.

In his line of work, he had access to entertainment systems – Dad was a TV repairman. That might be a bit of an understatement. He fixed things, many things. He made a living installing TV antennas and repairing TVs and other electronic equipment. He also fixed the family fleet in his narrow driveway, the gasping oil burner in the dirt cellar, the shingles on the roof.

Gingerly removing the cardboard from the stereo components, it defied logic that the thick plastic turntable cover wasn’t crushed to a million pieces. The only damage was to a single sliding lever on the face of the tuner. Bent but not broken.

It wasn’t Christmas or any other major holiday. I’m not sure he knew when any of our birthdays were so it wasn’t a belated acknowledgment. It was just something he wanted us to have, to enjoy, or to remind us we were loved and missed.
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The stereo arrived on the doorstep about a year after we landed in that little duplex unit on the aptly named Pacific Avenue. I was scraping by. But the sun shone nearly every day, hometown friends who had relocated to the west coast previously were fairly close by. I was working and making new friends. My son was enrolled in the neighborhood school. I refused to acknowledge that none of it felt right.

My little boy missed his loving family members. And though expressions of love were few and far between for me, I too missed the reassurance having family close by can impart regardless of the bad taste or irrational triggers oftentimes present. They were still my family.

Back in the living room of the tiny sun-drenched duplex that stereo sang out. We played 45s and albums from my stash of Motown tunes and those little follow-along children’s stories. I played the entire Peter and The Wolf symphonic fable by the Philadelphia Orchestra, over and over again. We tired of nothing. The home was filled with music thanks to Dad. We danced away the loneliness and longing.

Dad’s musical tastes were basic, country and western, old hymns, folk tunes and the like. He watched Lawrence Welk and Hee Haw washed down with a strong dose of Billy Graham’s televised come-to-Jesus revivals. His beloved grandmother had played an old upright piano where, no doubt, the love of music was born in his soul. During his adult life, no one recognized or cared that he loved music, Dad lived an isolated life in a house filled with people. But that stereo represented so much more than music, it represented a soul in search of empathy and connection.
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I realize now it simply might have been that he wanted to be able to sit in his room at night after a long day of pleasing his customers and earning a buck, and slip away imagining us sitting beside the stereo thinking of him – someone was thinking of him. Many times, we were indeed doing just that.

As the years go by, as I think about my father, I know him better and love him more. Perhaps that’s what happens to us all. Those we leave behind develop 20-20 vision, seeing all our good intentions and understanding us better while forgiving all our missteps.

I am glad I was able to thank Dad for that stereo and all the gifts tangible and otherwise that he gave to us while he lived. I don’t care that he might have had ulterior motives, like wanting me to return to that tiny patch in Onset. I would have felt the same way if my grandchild had been removed far from my wanting arms.

He came to visit us in California, driving his Winnebago across the country, alone, to say hello. As he left a mere two days later to make the trek back east, he said, “Let me know when you’re ready to come home, I’ll come getcha.” How empty the world felt as he drove away, leaving us standing on the sidewalk under a palm tree waving goodbye and wiping away tears.

When I called him a year later there was no surprise in his voice, just a stoic, “Yup, okay; I’ll be there in two weeks.” That trip home was filled with music my son and I still felt deep in our souls.

Public Venues Ramp-up Precautions
COVID-19 Update
By Marilou Newell
On March 10, Old Rochester Regional School District Facilities Director Gene Jones spoke to the procedures taking place to disinfect public schools and other public spaces in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

“We have the electrostatic spray equipment,” said Jones, who went on to describe disinfecting tablets that kill a wide spectrum of pathogens, including those that have been fully identified and those that are emerging via the use of a fine-mist spray. “That way our staff doesn’t have to wipe down everything, which can cause cross-contamination.”

The electrostatic spray works by charging the mist particles or positively charging the mist, which allows the particles to cling to and coat the sprayed surface. The process allows the disinfectant in the mist to coat surfaces for a sufficient amount of time to kill the pathogens.

Jones made it clear that the steps currently being taken are the same steps normally taken to ensure that the schools are as clean as possible especially during the flu seasons. “We are using the recommended methods and making sure all the hand-sanitizing stations are up and operational,” he said, adding that dispensers are filled with anti-bacterial soaps.
“We are always ahead of things like this,” Jones stated. He went on to say that a second spraying will be taking place at Center and Old Hammondtown schools over the weekend. Mattapoisett’s Council on Aging, located in a wing of Center School, is included in the cleansing process, he said. Jones said that Old Rochester Junior and Senior high schools have both been cleaned, as well as Sippican and Rochester Memorial elementary schools.

Karen Gregory, director of the Marion Council on Aging, said, “We are in the business of engaging our senior citizens, but the COVID-19 (virus) is making it difficult.” She said that, while socialization is a critical element to all the programs offered at the COA, helping transport people to and from doctor appointments and shopping centers is critical.

“People still need to see their doctors and get their groceries – we don’t want them isolating themselves,” said Gregory. She said that if the center had to close, some services would have to continue to be provided.

Gregory confirmed that the Marion COA building was scheduled to be electrostatically disinfected on March 11.

Rochester’s Council on Aging Director Cheryl Randall-Mach said, “We have increased our sanitation processes including our transportation.” She said that some group activities had been canceled, “…out of an abundance of caution,” but that “…people will still
go places on their own.” She noted that the popular Boston Flower Show was one of the activities that was eliminated.

The Ivy League men’s basketball tournament scheduled to be hosted by Harvard University was canceled; the league declared regular-season champion Yale University its lone participant in the upcoming NCAA Tournament.

Mattapoisett’s Public Library Director Susan Pizzolato said, “We closed down use of our Lego table.” She said it would simply be too difficult to clean. But she said that the library staff is cleaning surfaces much more frequently including the wiping of handrails and doorknobs. Printed documents on safe hygiene and proper handwashing practices have been posted and are available to patrons, and floors are being washed daily.

“We’re taking extra precautions,” Pizzolato said.

Sippican Healthcare Center in Marion, the Tri-Town area’s only nursing home, is managed by Whittier Health Network. The Wanderer reached out to the company seeking information on any established procedures to deal with potential coronavirus diagnoses or symptoms, and Whittier relayed a no-comment and was not available to discuss the matter.

Library Seeks New FT Employee
Marion Financial Committee
By Mick Colageo

The Elizabeth Taber Library is seeking a 25 percent increase in funding for Fiscal Year 2021, according to the budget presented to the Marion Financial Committee at its March 4 meeting at Town Hall.

While Town Administrator Jay McGrail informed FinCom that the library’s original request for funding could not fit into Marion’s balanced budget, what was presented to FinCom on March 5 does.

“They worked pretty hard to get to where they are today. There was significant give and take... so I don’t want the committee and the board to think this is where we started. We did quite a bit of work to get to what was presented to you,” McGrail told FinCom.

According to McGrail, the town approves part of
the library’s budget and funds a portion of the library’s budget through one line item in the town budget. The library has other revenue sources to establish other parts of its budget.

“The library employees are public employees, so I think people should be aware... We own the building, too,” said FinCom Chairman Peter Winters.

“We own the building and we maintain the building, and that’s separate from the (library) budget,” McGrail reiterated.

Jennifer Jones, the president of the Board of Trustees of the Elizabeth Taber Library, presented the budget to FinCom. Jones said that Library Director Liz Sherry was unable to attend due to illness.

Jones noted that the Taber Library is among only a handful that are not entirely funded by their towns, heightening the importance of establishing alternative revenue sources.

In 2020, Marion contributed $171,090 to library funding and, if approved, will in 2021 contribute $213,460. Together with donations, fundraising events, grants, fees and fines, and investment income, the library projected a total of $303,443 in income for 2021 against $261,837 for 2020.

Expenses also increased from $261,267 in 2020 to a projected $303,070 for 2021. The lion’s share of the hike in expenses is in payroll and taxes, where the library will spend $211,426 in 2021, an increase of $42,542 over
$168,884 in 2020.

Jones presented comparative data from 2018, demonstrating that the library takes 0.6 percent of the town budget in Marion, which is significantly less than what library budgets take up in other towns.

The state’s average appropriation in 2018 for towns ranging in population from 4,000 to 6,000 was $357,000; in 2018, the Elizabeth Taber Library received a $163,000 appropriation.

Marion Assistant Town Administrator Judy Mooney pointed out that the library is better supported than those numbers suggest.

“Keep in mind, part of the facilities budget, $14,300, is appropriated for the library,” said Mooney. “The other piece is town insurance... that, too, is part of the general fund. Electricity, that comes out of the town utility budget.”

Mooney estimates such “extras” raise town support of the library to “a little over $200,000.”

Jones says the library is up to four fundraising events per year, reinforcing the difference between Marion and other towns.

“We’ve experienced explosive growth,” said Jones, stating that patronage of the Taber Library has jumped by 100 percent over the past year. Circulation has jumped approximately 30 percent.

Sherry, according to Jones, has done wonderful things in her first year on the job. Jones listed many library programs addressing the needs of seniors and teenagers. “The public computers are used heavily by seniors,” she said.

The library’s eight-person staff includes two full-time employees with benefits packages, the library director at 35 hours per week, and the children’s librarian at 30.

Six part-time employees average 2.5 days per week and are subject to a high rate of turnover due to a lack of career-growth pathways and low wages.

Staff limitations impact weekends, according to Jones, a safety concern when the library is staffed with only one employee.

“We have also had incidents with very challenging patrons,” explained Jones. “I think we’ve had two incidents this year. One was an ongoing incident in which we had to put in a restraining order.”

A library associate/senior technician starts at $14 per hour at Taber, with the potential to eventually earn $16 per hour. In 2018, the average minimum hourly wage across the state for the same position was $18.55.

“Now we are just asking for a very modest increase just to stay in step with the increase in minimum wage this year,” said Jones.

For FY2021, the library is requesting a full-time employee with benefits at $31,915 and raises for part-timers in step with the projected minimum wage increase over the next three years.

Jones was asked if she could foresee any circumstances, on top of success with the library’s FY2021 budgeting request, coming back in a year with the request for an additional full-time employee.

“I would not anticipate that in the next year or two years or so,” she said. “As I said we would be coming back with the requests for the step-up for the part-time employees, but I think having an additional full-time employee would lend tremendous amount of consistency in the services that we offer, our ability to apply for more grants, and we’d be able to hire someone who has had some experience with that sort of thing as well.”

Winters thanked Jones for all the work done by the Library.
"The Library, obviously, it’s a great asset to the town and you guys do a wonderful job there," he said.

Capital Improvement Planning Committee Chairman Paul Naiman appeared at McGrail’s request, and took the opportunity to explain the CIPC, a committee that has been in place for approximately 10 years.

“What we do, our role here, we don’t approve capital plans, our role is to organize them,” said Naiman, addressing FinCom. He said that their role was to ask a battery of questions, including project description, cost, funding source, reason (i.e. to meet a regulation, for safety, as a replacement, an improved capability, efficiency), the life of the project, and whether it would fit with Master Plan priorities.

“It helps us understand as a town what’s coming up. It helps them plan for their upcoming years for what they... need for their capital projects or items,” he said. “We take each project and we evaluate it. The idea is to be as objective as possible... try to take out our opinions.”

Points are assigned for each question, and the CIPC’s seven members submit scores and an average is created. The idea is to minimize the impact on the rate payers.

For instance, the Community Center furnace has failed, and electric space heaters were used this winter to heat the kitchen space. It is now in the capital plan.

McGrail considers the following projects essential: the town’s main street sewer assessment on Front Street; the emergency connection to water in Wareham; an upgraded phone system at Sippican School; and a six-wheel truck. McGrail told FinCom that for the first time Marion is working on including the school resource officer at Old Rochester in the school assessment.

In its next meeting scheduled for March 11, FinCom was expecting to hear from DPW Director David Willett for a second look at water and sewer expenses.

Facility improvements at the Council on Aging were discussed.

The minutes from FinCom’s last two meetings on Feb. 12 and Feb. 26 were approved.

FinCom expects to meet every Wednesday night at Town House through April 1.

Old Colony Cannot Expand Without New Water Tank
Mattapoisett Capital Planning
By Marilou Newell

Vocational education has come a long way from its humble beginnings. Just ask Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School Superintendent-Director Aaron Polansky. Polansky met with Mattapoisett’s Capital Planning Committee on March 5 to discuss not only the changing complexion of vocational education in the 21st century, but the needs of the aging school.

Polansky proudly stated that the school has a 99-percent graduation rate with a daily attendance rate of

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97 percent. Continuing with the good news, he said that 91 percent of graduates either continue their education or secure employment in their field of study.

Regarding college opportunities, Polansky said there are programs for students that allow them to earn articulated college credit while still in school. Today’s vocational schools have rigorous academic standards, he said, and that 68 percent of the Old Colony student body participate in more than one sport. The school has earned eight sports-related championships in the last two years.

But there are some very real challenges ahead, given the age of the school. While the school’s reputation has increased, as programming has expanded, the school-aged living in member communities are also increasingly seeking enrollment.

“We received 330 applications for 150 slots,” Polansky said of the coming school year. Adding more slots is not an option for the school, he said. Expansion of programming and the school’s footprint are in the conceptual expansion stages. But nothing progressive can happen until the physical needs of the school are addressed, Polansky explained.

OCRVTHS was built in the town of Rochester in 1975 in an area of the community that is not serviced by public water supply. Polansky laid out the dire reality, expansion cannot take place until the water tank is replaced.

The freshwater well was constructed the same year the school was built, Polansky said. The 6,000-gallon, underground water-storage tank is 10-years past its expected lifespan and now showing signs of deterioration. It needs to be replaced. Cost estimates received in 2016 for a full replacement were $73,000. Associated with the water well is the need for new water pumps. Polansky did not have replacement-cost estimates for that equipment.

Polansky said he would be reaching out to the Massachusetts School Building Association with a letter of intent to file for a grant. The letter will outline the need for immediate financial assistance to ensure the school remains open, but he is also looking at member communities for funding.

Mattapoisett Town Administrator Mike Gagne said that presently there is not a funding mechanism for the school’s capital needs, an issue that has also been raised with Old Rochester Regional School District. But he added that the town’s financial planning should include capital needs, stabilization plans, and the setting aside of funds that can be used to chip away at the school’s infrastructural repairs and improvements. He said that the school’s capital needs will be added to the 10-year plan, a move that has never been taken in the past.

Other capital projects Polansky outlined include a security vestibule in the main lobby, flooring, kitchen grease traps, replacement of the public-address systems including phones, asphalt repair, and storm-water drainage systems.

OCRVTHS’ member communities, along with Mattapoisett and Rochester, are Acushnet, Carver, Lakeville, and tuition-based slots from Freetown residents. The school offers 13 vocational programs.

The committee also met with Henri Renauld, Water and Sewer superintendent. On the 10-year Water and Sewer Enterprise plan in the FY21 column, Renauld listed $195,000 representing water-related projects such as village water-main replacement at $150,000, $15,000 for truck replacement, and $30,000 for risk assessment. The plan in the sewer enterprise column totals $2.205 million. Planning for sewer connections on North Street from the Route 6 intersection to Industrial Drive represents $1.8 million of the total. Another $320,000 is needed for plant and piping upgrades, Renauld listed.
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Renauld discussed the possibility of utilizing his staff to tackle projects versus subcontracting the work, the latter expected to result in a much larger expense to the town. He demonstrated the point by evaluating expenses and found a difference of over $150 per foot in savings to the town. He listed prevailing wages at $181 per foot versus staff installation at $36.47 per foot in the analysis.

Renauld said of the North Street sewer expansion, “We’ll never go over the Route 195 overpass.” He said that notices would be sent to property owners to gauge their interest in tying into the public system. Previous attempts had failed to garner a majority of interest, he said.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Capital Planning Committee is scheduled for March 19 at 6:30 pm in the town hall conference room.

Agenda Slashed by Continuances
Mattapoisett Conservation Commission
By Marilou Newell

As the clock advanced towards 6:30 pm on March 9, it looked like the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission might not reach a quorum, but with two minutes to spare, Commissioner John Jacobsen sped through the door, bringing the committee members in attendance to three, along with Trevor Francis and Chairman Mike King.

The agenda for the evening had been rather full, but as the day and time of the meeting neared, applicants were asking for continuances, bringing the hearing schedule from four to just one.

Continued until March 23 were two Notice of Intent filings: Sandy Toes Realty for 27 Nashawena Road for the construction of a new home in the flood zone and Christine and Stephen Coughlin, 40 Prince Snow Circle, for the construction of a single-family home within the buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetlands.

Also continued to the March 23 meeting was a Request to Amend a Notice of Intent filing by Jesse Davidson, 22 Pine Island Road, to permit changes to a plan of record.

The commissioners did open a Notice of Intent
hearing for an application filed by the Mattapoisett Land Trust and Georgia Glick for property located at Noyes Avenue and Dyar Road to remove phragmites, an invasive plant species. The non-native variety is problematic throughout the region and requires aggressive and consecutive treatments over several growing seasons to remove, said Mike Huguenin of the MTL.

Huguenin said that salt marshes in and around the property in question were being impacted by freshwater runoff from the neighborhood. He said that he had been in discussion with property owners, “…encouraging the neighborhood to address freshwater drainage,” saying that the freshwater runoff was helping to create, “…the best-looking phragmites around.” He stated that a licensed company employing environmentally acceptable techniques and chemical compounds would be engaged and that a long-term maintenance plan would be developed.

“We plan to do this into perpetuity,” Huguenin said, adding there was neighborhood agreement. “They are highly motivated.” The commissioners conditioned the NOI.

A Certificate of Compliance was issued to Kelly Barley, 14 Melissa Anne Lane, with a request from the commission to clean-up trash and other discarded materials in jurisdictional areas.

On the topic of filling open seats on the
commission, Chairman Mike King introduced his new neighbor Carl Bonnell, who recently expressed interest in ways to volunteer in the community. King said he invited Bonnell after he sent a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen regarding a slot on the commission. Bonnell said he recently purchased a home in Mattapoisett where he now lives with his family. Other family members live in nearby towns, he said.

Bonnell shared his background, which includes being an Air Force veteran having served in Iraq, his early years growing up in Attleboro, and his career in pest control.

King said that a second candidate had also been invited to attend the meeting but was not present. King explained to Bonnell that the selectmen appoint members to the commission but that the commission makes its recommendations.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is scheduled for March 23 at 6:30 pm in the town hall conference room.

Solar Projects Confront Hurdles

Rochester Planning Board

By Mick Colageo

Pedro Rodriguez of Solar MA Project Management LLC in New Milford, Connecticut, gained approval from the Rochester Planning Board for requested changes he made to his plan for properties located at Walnut Plain and Old Middleboro roads during the Planning Board’s March 10 meeting at the Town Hall.

In the public hearing segment of the meeting, Planning Board Chairman Ben Bailey posed questions about the construction sequence and blasting.

“I would like to see a construction plan that mimics our sequence,” said Bailey, reiterating stipulations previously made regarding the trimming of trees for an access entry and a site visit. “I would like to see this construction thing modified to match the written decision.”

“We’re going to have it for sure,” said Rodriguez, who indicated that work on Old Middleboro Road will be done once affected stretches are no longer in use.

Rodriguez was also reminded that permits and other approvals notwithstanding, blasting is not allowed without prior approval from the Planning Board. He was also asked to comply with and include in his plan stipulations related to working off-peak hours on weekends.

Bailey also asked Rodriguez to specify the fence surrounding his work, including not only the mesh being black but also the posts.

Rodriguez noted that the Rochester Conservation Commission will not be meeting next week so he will appear before ConCom on April 7. He described his timeline as “two or three months... sometime this summer. One of the things that we do not do is start construction
before there is permitting,” he said.

In a continued public hearing regarding a 208-unit residential development and commercial space proposed for construction at 22 Cranberry Highway, Phil Cordeiro presented an update and sought the feedback of the Planning Board with support from Ken Steen of Steen Realty and Development of Dartmouth.

Planning Board Vice Chairman Gary Florindo offered observations about the road design inside the project, pointing to alternatives that limit throughways and result in better traffic flow.

“Lincoln Park in Dartmouth does that,” said Florindo. “You go so far and you have to come back out.”

Steen pointed to the constraints of the 10.3-acre space.

“We would have liked to have sprawled this... but there was no wiggle room on the 20 units per acre,” he said. “This was by far the best layout... the courtyard to the middle.”

Planning Board member John DiMaggio said he likes the design and the ability for a person to be able to exit the property to go to work even if there is a rescue truck, for instance, on the road. DiMaggio also asked about speedbumps, but Cordeiro said there is not sufficient runway for vehicles to gain the speed necessary to introduce speedbumps.

Bailey asked about a second access road, without which a site visit would be pointless.
The case was continued to the Planning Board’s next meeting on March 24.

Informal discussion took place, as Clean Energy Collective presented its solar plan for 28 Sarah Sherman Road and Beals and Thomas presented four different plans for solar projects, on Featherbed Lane, Featherbed Lane South, Snipatuit Road, and Cushman Road.

All the discussed plans were in developmental stages and seeking the guidance of the Planning Board where it concerned wetlands, tree clearing, fencing, and construction.

One of the projects, a 3.7-megawatt project on a 57-acre site approximately 300 feet from Robinson Road, was altered to remove a couple of panels so that the work would not extend across the town line into Acushnet.

**Nelson Chosen as Next ORR Superintendent**

**ORR Joint School Committee**

**By Mick Colageo**

March 5 was Super Thursday at Old Rochester Junior High School for Assistant Superintendent Mike Nelson, who was voted in as Doug White’s replacement as ORR superintendent of schools by a 6-3 margin among the ORR School Committee and by a 5-3 count among Superintendency Union 55.

A minimum of five votes on both the region and the union sides were needed for a decision.

After a spirited debate pitting the overall experience of Westport Superintendent Dr. Gary Reese against what Nelson has shown in his six years at ORR, the joint committee decided the ORR school district’s future in one round of voting.

In an emotionally charged auditorium full of spectators to the public meeting, observers were cautioned by region-side committee chairman Cary Humphrey against outbursts since members of the committee needed to be able to interact without distraction. A spectator asked at one point if the audience would be allowed to participate. Humphrey said no, citing the complexity of the task and the time it might take to complete.

Humphrey admitted arriving to the meeting...
undecided and addressed the divided voting body at the start of proceedings.

“Clearly we’re not all on the same page,” he said. “The fact is I’m less concerned about who you vote for as I am how you treat the people that don’t agree with you so I just ask for respect, professionalism, and understanding as we go through the process.”

Shannon Finning, chairperson on the union side, thanked both sides for their involvement.

“We’re very fortunate to have three very well qualified candidates, and I think to Cary’s point as we discuss candidates not just because it’s being recorded and it’s a public forum, but I think it’s of the utmost importance we’re mindful that there are professional ramifications for comments that are made here that could be long-standing and affect people,” she said. “We can certainly debate different issues, but we can be mindful. And ultimately the decision that we’re making is about the future of our schools... I’m certain that you all as I do take that very seriously.”

The battle lines of the debate were well established as discussion commenced. Reese was the candidate with matching experience in two different towns. Nelson as assistant superintendent was the candidate with relationships in and familiarity with the ORR district.

Dartmouth Assistant Superintendent Michelle Roy, the third finalist, was praised by multiple committee
members for her professionalism, but the decision came down to the candidate with the most experience (Reese) versus the candidate with the inside experience (Nelson).

Three joint-committee members were assigned to check the references of each of the three finalists. All three yielded glowing results.

On the union side, ORR School Committee member Carole Clifford of Mattapoisett said she called on Nelson’s three references and additional people recommended by those references. Relaying some of the feedback, Clifford noted Nelson’s “stand-out” history at every level of his development in education, and additional comments suggested unqualified confidence in his ability to function in the role of superintendent of schools.

“One of the quotes was ‘He sees things not from 30,000 feet above the problem, but down into the problem,’” said Clifford. “All the different things I asked about budgeting, curriculum, they had no fear that he would be the best candidate to do all of those things, and actually they thought we were lucky to have him as one of our candidates.”

In the comments portion of the meeting, ORR School Committee member Sharon Hartley of Rochester focused on selection criteria in her pitch for Reese.

“It seems that we have two candidates that meet the selection criteria and one who exceeds the criteria, and that person is Gary Reese,” said Hartley, elaborating on Reese’s credentials including having fully developed budgets for two school systems. “His conversation with us, his interview with us, was compelling.”

Furthermore, Hartley openly considered it “irresponsible” of the joint committee to pass on the opportunity to hire someone as vastly experienced as Reese.

While several joint-committee members praised Reese for an excellent interview, the majority felt Nelson was the right person for the job.

With at least three joint-committee members having arrived to the meeting undecided, Nelson’s supporters needed to convince them that his limited experience applied to the top job. Reese’s supporters needed to convince them that his broader experience has decisive value and also that he would remain committed to ORR despite having left his Amesbury job after three years and being ready to leave Westport after two.

Both Nelson and Reese have teaching backgrounds in special education, but Nelson’s participation at ORR beyond that scope swayed those on the fence into believing he was the right choice.

None of the three finalists for the position, Nelson, Reese or Roy, were present at the meeting. All three had sat in the same room to interview with the joint committee on February 29.

James Hardy, field director representing the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, was present to guide the process and recommended that votes be alternated on each side. Members were given the option of voting for any of the three finalists or “present,” meaning that they had weighed in for the opening round without a decision.

The votes in Nelson’s favor were met with roars of approval and hugs in the auditorium.

After a short recess, Finning announced
that pending negotiations Nelson had accepted the committee’s offer for the position.

Citing the emotional outpouring of support for Nelson, Humphrey said, “We need your group to support Mike in a way higher than you’ve ever supported somebody because the only way this district improves is with the team, as I mentioned earlier, working together, and he’s going to need your support more than ever.”

White, ORR’s 10-year superintendent of schools, will retire from the position at the expiration of his contract on June 30.

Hardy noted after ORR reached a decision in one round of voting that the Silver Lake Regional District recently needed six rounds to reach a decision. He reiterated the appreciation that Diana Russo was shown earlier in the meeting for her hard work.

The meeting opened with a moment of silence in honor of Pat Harriman, who passed away on March 1 at age 70 after a brief illness. The Marion resident was a school teacher for 47 years, including 40 years as an English teacher to seventh and eighth grades at ORR Junior High.

Representing Mattapoisett and Rochester, respectively, Finning and Humphrey, sought a Marion-based representative from the joint committee, and Michelle Smith agreed to join with them to negotiate a contract with Nelson. If successful, the contract will be brought before the ORR School Committee at its next scheduled meeting on Monday, March 23, at 6:30 pm at the ORR Junior High School.

Correction

The March 5 issue of The Wanderer article, “ORR Superintendent Finalists Interviewed”, contained incorrect reporting about the resume and experience of Old Rochester Regional School District finalist for superintendent of schools, Gary Reese. Reese has been a school superintendent for the past five years, having preceded his current two years as superintendent of Westport Community Schools with three years as superintendent in Amesbury. He also

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reported comprehensive experience to the ORR school committee in his February 29 interview, summarizing and highlighting that experience in answer to a question posed by Sharon Hartley of the Rochester Memorial School Committee based on an online survey in which responders were clear in the importance of ORR’s next superintendent demonstrating financial knowledge and significant experience with the budget process from preparation to presentation for support from school committees, boards of selectmen, finance directors, finance committees, and to citizens at town meetings. “Yes, I meet that criteria,” answered Reese, who elaborated by sharing examples of relevant experience from the past 10 years. “Obviously, my past five years as superintendent, that’s been my major role,” he said.

March Programs at Plumb Library
Fill a bag and make a difference - The Friends of Plumb Library are collecting: clothing, accessories, shoes, linens, and handbags as a Friends fundraiser. Deliver bagged items to the library during business hours from now until April 3. Use standard kitchen-sized trash bags. Do not use the pink bags from the Town. The library located at 17 Constitution Way, Rochester.

Items will be delivered to Savers in New Bedford early on Saturday, April 4. Help is needed to move the bags upstairs after school on Friday, April 3. Drivers are needed to convoy to Savers on April 4. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Library Director.

The COA Book Group will discuss The Lager Queen of Minnesota, by J.Ryan Stradal on Tuesday, March 17 at 10:15 am at the Rochester COA on Dexter Lane. Books are available at the library. A talented baker running a business out of her nursing home reconnects with her master brewer sister at the same time her pregnant granddaughter launches an IPA brewpub.

“Just the Facts” Nonfiction Book Group will discuss I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World, by Malala Yousafzai on Thursday, March 19 at 6:30 pm. This book documents the educational pursuits of the Nobel Peace Prize winner who became a symbol of hope and inspiration when she challenged the traditions of her Pakistan community, offering insight into the influential role of her courageous father.

Cafe Parlez Book Discussion Group will discuss Mr. Penumbra’s 24-Hour Bookstore, by Robin Sloan on Thursday, March 26 at 6:30 pm. After a layoff during the Great Recession sidelines his tech career, Clay Jannon takes a job at the titular bookstore in San Francisco, and soon realizes that the establishment is a facade for a strange secret.

Book Buds Book Discussion Group for ages 8-13 will discuss Lalani of the Distant Sea, by Erin Entrada Kelly on Friday, March 27 at 4:00 pm. A fantasy debut by the author of the Newbery Medal-winning Hello, Universe finds a young girl embarking on a quest normally reserved for boys in the hope of saving her village from life-threatening hazards, including a deadly plague affecting her mother.

PJ Poulin Back to Work in Spring Training
By Nick Friar

Although PJ Poulin was drafted out of University of Connecticut in the 11th round of the 2018 Major League Baseball Draft by the Colorado Rockies, 2019 was his first spring training. With the draft taking place toward the end of college baseball’s regular season, the Marion native started his professional career with short-season Boise (Idaho).

After a strong first season of professional ball (1.96 earned-run average, 12.9 strikeouts per nine innings, 1.09 walks plus hits per inning pitched aka WHIP), Poulin came back in 2019 and found plenty of success while moving up to Low A Asheville (North Carolina). He started the season as a middle reliever but later moved to the back end of the bullpen, logging 13 saves, a 2.90 ERA and a 10.2 K/9. At age 23, he enters Rockies minor league spring training, which only just began, unlike big league camp, having an understanding of the preseason and what is ahead for the regular season.

“It’s definitely nice to know what to expect in terms of the day-to-day operations stuff,” Poulin said. “There was a little bit of a learning curve with that the
first year. In that regard, yeah, it’s a little easier to get back into the routine.”

Getting a firm grasp on the daily spring training routine was still only part of the right-hander’s adjustments in 2019. Asheville’s regular-season schedule is 140 games long. Even though Poulin played summer ball in New Bedford after his freshman year at UConn, then in Bourne after his sophomore season, followed by his experience in Boise after what was his final season at UConn, Asheville’s slate of games forced Poulin to monitor his health more strictly than ever.

“The biggest thing is staying healthy,” he said. “Knowing what your body needs to get ready to go every day. Because if you’re not out on the field, you can’t perform, you can’t make jumps. That’s so huge, I found that out last year for sure. Just how to listen to my body and have a really good routine that gets me ready to go every day.”

Now Poulin’s arm felt great. He took a couple of months off from throwing altogether to recharge for 2020 as he hopes to move up the ranks again.
But that’s not all the Tabor Academy graduate did in the offseason. He also dumped his go-to pitch from college: his splitter.

“It was giving me a little more trouble than it was doing me good,” Poulin said. “And the changeup had just gotten so much better over this past offseason that it was time to let (the split-finger fastball) go.”

Last season, Poulin complemented his 90-93 mile-per-hour fastball primarily with his slider. He will still go to that plenty throughout the year, but he intends to incorporate his circle change a fair amount, as well.

Poulin should also have a better understanding of how to go about his business when it comes to taking care of himself and performing on the field. Not just because of his experience either. He’s getting the chance to learn from fellow UConn Husky, Massachusetts native (Tewksbury) and Rockies reliever Scott Berg, who has been with the big-league club since 2015 and found his groove in 2018.

“He’s helped me a lot with some mechanical things,” Poulin said. “I was just sitting down with him the other day. We were looking at my stuff on the computer, some video stuff. He was sitting there taking me through some stuff for a good hour. He took a solid hour out of his day to just sit there with me and look at pitching mechanics and talk pitching. That was really cool.

“That just talks to the kind of guy he is.”

Poulin continues to give himself the best chance to succeed; now he just needs to go out and prove to the Rockies organization once again that he was worth the investment. So far, that has not been an issue for him in the slightest.

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To the Editor;

Thank you for your coverage on Bike Path progress dated Feb 29. It’s important to note that the Friends of Mattapoisett Bike Path are writing grants for Phase 2B in the context of a Town project to upgrade
Industrial Drive and a privately funded project to expand sewer service there.

There will be a public meeting March 18, 6:30 pm at Center School to review design of the entire project, which supports smart development (development on previously developed parcels and healthy transportation options).

Friends are assisting with grant writing for three grants. Design is ongoing, overseen by the Town. A grant (written by SRPEDD) for road, intersection and drainage construction has been received. Construction on bike path will only proceed if construction grants for that work are received.

Bonne DeSousa
Friends of Mattapoisett Bike Path

To the Editor;

As spring approaches, the Marion Scholarship Committee begins to receive applications from worthy Marion seniors heading off to college. For many of these

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OBITUARIES

Patricia A. Harriman, 70, of Marion, died Sunday, March 1, 2020 at Tobey Hospital in Wareham after a brief illness. She was the wife of the late Nelson Franklin Harriman, III.

Born in Wareham, Mrs. Harriman graduated from Old Rochester Regional High School in 1967 and received her bachelor’s degree from Southeastern Massachusetts Technical Institute, now UMass Dartmouth in 1971. She was a teacher for 47 years and taught 7th and 8th grade English at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School for 40 years. She retired in 2018.

Affectionately known as “Mother H” or “Mother Harriman” to her students, she taught multiple generations of families in the tri-town school district. She loved gardening, sewing and making teddy bears, many of which adorned her classroom. If a student was having a difficult time, they were known to stop by her room to borrow a teddy bear.

As a teenager Mrs. Harriman was Beach Director and a lifeguard at Silvershell Beach in Marion. She loved the beach and could be regularly found there with her children and her little red wagon.

She is survived by her daughter, Heather M. Cotton and her husband Derek of Mendon; her son, Heath Z. Harriman and his wife Kim of Fairhaven, Gary LeBlanc, Glenn LeBlanc and Craig LeBlanc, all of Mattapoisett; a daughter, Paula Franco and her husband Luis of Acushnet; a daughter-in-law, Cary LeBlanc of Mattapoisett; five grandchildren, Tara LeBlanc, Alec Franco and his wife Shelby, Dawson Franco, Kara and Zach LeBlanc; a great-granddaughter, Alaina Franco; and one nephew, Rob Burbank.

She was the sister of the late Martha Burbank and Carl “Lefty” Coates and sister-in-law of the late Robert Burbank.

Her Graveside service will be held on Sunday March 15th at 1 pm at Cushing Cemetery. Visiting hours are omitted. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. In lieu of flowers, donations in Edna’s memory may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.


Born in New Bedford, daughter of the late Carlton and Mary Jane (Hilton) Coates, she grew up in New Bedford and moved to Mattapoisett in 1972.

She was a graduate of New Bedford Vocational High School, class of 1956.

Mrs. LeBlanc was formerly employed by AT&T and retired from Fresenius Medical Care in December 2010.

She attended the Mattapoisett Congregational Church.

Mrs. LeBlanc is survived by four sons, Barry LeBlanc and his wife Kim of Fairhaven, Gary LeBlanc, Glenn LeBlanc and Craig LeBlanc, all of Mattapoisett; a daughter, Paula Franco and her husband Luis of Acushnet; a daughter-in-law, Cary LeBlanc of Mattapoisett; five grandchildren, Tara LeBlanc, Alec Franco and his wife Shelby, Dawson Franco, Kara and Zach LeBlanc; a great-granddaughter, Alaina Franco; and one nephew, Rob Burbank.

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George B. Bassett Jr, 55 of Marion passed after a brief illness on February 17, 2020 surrounded by loved ones at Morton hospital in Taunton. He was born May 16, 1964. He was the son of Janice L. (Valle) Bassett and the late George B. Bassett Jr.

The father of Glenn and Dean Bassett. Grandfather of Jayden and Gavin. Brother of Mary (Bassett) Melanson and her husband Scott. Uncle of Kassandra Noble and her son Mason. He also leaves behind a special friend, Lori.

He was a graduate of Old Colony Regional Vocational High school and worked as a machinist at Louis M. Gerson company for more than 26 years. He enjoyed music and was always testing his family to see if they knew who sang it. He also loved Boats, Fishing and Clammering. He was a kind hearted man who will be missed by Family and Friends.

A celebration of life will be held on March 21, 2020 11am-3pm at Fireside Grill in Middleboro.

Thelma C. (Currier) Drake, age 93, of Rochester passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on March 7, 2020.

She was the wife of the late Charles P. Drake with whom she shared 40 years of marriage.

Born in Malden, daughter of the late Allen Dale Currier and Marion P. (Phillips) Currier she lived in Rochester most of her life.

Thelma loved spending time with her family, visiting Maine with her family, knitting and reading. She enjoyed teaching knitting at the Robin’s Nest and watching her grandchildren skate at the rink.
students, financial aid becomes an important part of the equation. Most of us are aware that the cost of education has increased rather dramatically in the last few years and this is why it is more important than ever to support scholarship efforts.

Last year the Committee received eighteen applications and made the difficult decision as to whom to award the scholarship. With sufficient funds, multiple award winners will be named. Please think about the Scholarship Fund and please know that we are grateful for your help.

The Marion Scholarship Fund is supported entirely by the donations from generous Marion residents. A donation in any amount can be mailed to: Scholarship Committee, Town of Marion, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738, attention Scholarship Fund. Any help, regardless of the amount, is appreciated. Just think: if everyone in town donated one dollar we would be able to help a really large number of students!

Sincerely,
The Marion Scholarship Committee - Steve Cook, Jessica Govoni, Julie LeFavor, Marthe Soden, Doug White

Academic Achievements
The following Tri-Town students have been named to the UMass Dartmouth fall 2019 Dean’s and Chancellors Lists:


Lilian Frank, of Mattapoissett, Celeste Hartley, of Rochester, and Emily Kiehl, of Marion have been named to the fall 2019 Dean’s List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean’s List that

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Survivors include her daughters, Cindie Aadland and her husband Magnus of Rochester, Lois Fernandes and her late husband Henry of Waltham; a son, Robert Drake and his wife Anne of Ashland; 5 grandchildren, Sarah Gill and her husband Jimmy of East Providence, Ben Richards and his partner Jenn Black of South Carver, Wendy Malaguti and her husband Dave of Waltham, Todd Fernandes and his wife Jessica of Somerville, and Scott Drake and his wife JoAnne of Waltham; and 2 great-grandchildren Owen and Donald Malaguti.

She was the sister of the late Madelyn Foresythe and the grandmother of the late Alicia Fernandes.

Her visiting hours will be on March 26th from 4-7 pm at the Saunders- Dwyer Funeral Home, 50 County Rd., Mattapoissett. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Community Nurse Home Care at www.communitynurse.com/donate/

For directions and guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Albert P. Costa (Al), 85 years, passed peacefully February 27, 2020 after a brief illness. He leaves his loving wife Pauline (Bonneau) Costa with whom he shared over 61 wonderful years of marriage. Born in New Bedford, MA he was the son of Antonio and Carolina (Avila) Costa. Al lived in Dartmouth before moving to Marion in 1992. A graduate of N.B.V.H.S., he served his country in the Armed Forces stationed at Fort Bliss, TX in their missile program. He was a member of I.B.E.W. local 223 since 1955. Al was also the owner of the former “Wave” restaurant in Marion for over 25 years. In addition to his wife he is survived by his daughter Rhonda Ackerman and husband Gary of Carver, MA, his son Mark and wife Kim of Dartmouth, MA, six grandchildren-Carolina Viveiros (Dave), Chad Ackerman (Heather), and Katherine Shipps-Kelly (David), Braeden, Owen and Lilah Costa, four great grandchildren-remaining grandchildren-Jeannette, Logan and Kaden Viveiros, and Cole Ackerman, two-siblings-Antone Costa (Jean) of Naples, FLA and Carol Dagenais of Dartmouth, many nieces and nephews all of whom he dearly loved and many dear friends. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TENN, 38105 in his memory. His services were private.

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.
Fallen Angels

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com


Should you find yourself detained by the 2019 Charlie’s Angels reboot, there’s something I’d like you to look for. Some movies have an injury-to-the-eye motif; this Charlie’s Angels has an injury-to-the-throat motif. People, usually faceless minions, are knocked out with a carotid pinch; others are decommissioned by trank dots from an Altoids tin, stuck, of course, to their necks, or shot in the neck by trank darts; there’s a scene where an Angel-in-training is captured and restrained by a metal collar fastened around, yep, you guessed it; and when an Angel gets her wings, the official tattoo goes on the back of — where? Got it in one. What this means, I have no idea, other than that perhaps the movie’s writer, Elizabeth Banks, who also directed, had a sore throat.

I remember very little else about Charlie’s Angels an hour after watching it, and I really want to; I really wanted to like it. I am, after all, on record as enjoying not only 2000’s Charlie’s Angels but also its sequel; this has gotten me, I suspect, disqualified from many friendships, disinvited from the best parties. But those movies’ director, McG, along with Angels-of-the-day Drew Barrymore, Cameron Diaz and Lucy Liu, delivered wedges of pop cheese that also spoke raucously for grrl power. Yes, there was a certain amount of “male gaze” going on (though not as much as you’d think), but it was always respectful, in its way, and assured its audience that women could be sexy and kick ass. Well, that lesson’s been learned, and now we get Angels whose dress-up scenes seem to carry a mildly … icky undertone. The camera no longer moves back to show them off; it moves close, sometimes in media res, to emphasize the sexy outfits are just costumes to be discarded along with their accompanying identity. The movie seems more awed by the promise of a huge wardrobe — of an abundance of choice — than by the actual stuff in it.

It’s not that this Charlie’s Angels is grim and gritty, like The Rhythm Method or something. It’s as light and fluffy as its predecessors, timed more for comedy than for action thrills. Banks and veteran cinematographer Bill Pope keep the proceedings warmly lit by the sun or by generous indoor light. It’s not dark and junky-looking, and Kristen Stewart, whose work I gave up on years ago, surprises with a wild-child performance that has the side benefit of adding some stealth queer energy. She seems to be keeping herself mildly amused, but her co-workers, newbie Naomi Scott and hardened MI-6 veteran Ella Balinska, don’t have a lot of personality or quirks — not even something like Cameron Diaz’s daffy daydream of dancing on Soul Train. The previous Angels risked looking like goofballs (indicative of the knockabout sensibility of Drew Barrymore, who exec-produced the other two films and retains that role here). Here, they have no womanly foibles (like, say, Drew’s habit of falling for terrible men). They’re positioned as you-go-grrl action figures to represent persistence and rebellion.

The newbie Angel’s life is a miserable porridge of mansplaining and male assumption of credit for her ideas before the Angels swoop in and save her. Men are even less useful here than in the other two; heteronormative affection seems an afterthought. I’m all for what the movie is trying to express, but the MacGuffin (a gizmo that provides constant sustainable energy but can be weaponized) is tattered spy stuff, and when the script attempts to make us second-guess a character that anyone with a brain can figure out is on the level, it’s a bit insulting. Like I said, I wanted to enjoy this, to shelve it alongside the other two. But nothing in it really pops. It’s loaded with sugary grrl-power songs on the soundtrack (heavy on Ariana Grande), but those don’t pop, either. It’s like watching people pretending to have fun, instead of actually having fun and sharing it with us. Going back to that throat motif, the movie really does feel pinched, constrained, tranquilized — much the way a female filmmaker might feel when making a $48 million movie for a major corporation. It needed more of Drew Barrymore’s messy what-the-hell brio, but maybe, sadly, this isn’t the time for that.
Sippican Historical Society

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. In 1998, the Sippican Historical Society commissioned an architectural survey of Marion’s historic homes and buildings. Over 100 were cataloged and photographed. SHS will feature one building a week so that the residents of Marion can understand more about its unique historical architecture.

This installment features 26 Main Street. Few pure examples of the Federal style exist in Wharf Village.

The c. 1820 Henry Kelley House at 26 Main Street is one of Marion’s best examples of that style. Henry Kelley, together with his brother Lucius Kelley, the owner of 6 Main Street, were ship caulkers. During the late 19th century, Lucius Kelley inherited this house and named it Jennie Bell’s, after his daughter, Jennie, who married Charles Bell Blankinship.
**Tri-town Police Logs**

**MARION**

**Log highlights March 2-March 8**
- River Rd – EMS/medical
- Ryder Ln – Missing person
- Front St - Fraud
- Spring St – Animal complaint
- Wareham Rd – Larceny/past
- Mill St – Found property
- Quelle Ln - Follow up investigation
- Alden Rd – Missing person
- Derby Ln – Officer wanted
- Mill St – MV collision
- Pleasant St – Lost property
- Converse Rd – MV collision
- Converse Rd - Transport
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Front St – Parking enforcement
- Hermitage Rd – Officer wanted
- Village Dr – Noise complaint
- Cottage St - Lockout
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Mill St – Warrant arrest
- Route 195 East – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Lost property
- Converse Rd – EMS/medical
- Village Dr – Noise complaint
- Delano Rd – Health/welfare

**MATTAPoisett**

**Log highlights March 2-March 8**
- Main St – MV crash
- Brant Beach Ave – MV crash
- Depot St - Disturbance
- County Rd – Health/welfare
- Massasoit Way - Notification
- Acushnet Rd – MV lockout
- County Rd – Domestic disturbance
- Holly Woods Rd – Assist citizen
- Stoney Hill Rd - 911 abandoned
- County Rd – MV crash
- Alderberry Ln – Peace officer
- Church St – MV crash
- Marina Dr – 911 abandoned
- Upland Way – Open door
- Park St – Health/welfare
- Seabreeze Ln – Health/welfare
- Marion Rd - Notification
- Fairhaven Rd – Structure fire
- County Rd – Medical/assist
- Jowick St – Peace officer
- Shaw St – Unwanted person
- Jowick St – Larceny/orfegy/fraud
- Angelica Ave – Peace officer
- Water St - Disturbance
- Ocean View Ave – Medical/assist
- Beach St – Health/welfare
- Linhares Ave – Medical/assist
- Prospect Rd - Soliciting
- Lyndfield Ln – Medical/assist

**ROCHESTER**

**Log highlights March 2-March 8**
- Braley Hill Rd – Suspicious MV
- Roussville Rd – Animal control
- Mayflower Ln – Suspicious activity
- Cushman Rd – Medical emergency
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/warning
- Marion Rd – MV lockout
- Cranberry Hwy – MV accident
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation
- North Ave – 911 call
- North Ave – Medical emergency
- Featherbed Ln – Medical emergency
- Neck Rd – MV stop/written warning
- Neck Rd – 911 call
- Roussville Rd – Animal control
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Negus Way – Suspicious M
- Dexter Ln – Gas leak
- Snipatuit Rd – MV accident
- Marion Rd – Animal control
- New Bedford Rd – Suspicious MV
- High St – MV accident
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Braley Hill Rd – MV disabled
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/warning
- Marion Rd – Medical emergency
- Hartley Rd – Medical emergency
- Cushman Rd – Medical emergency
- North Ave – MV stop/citation
- Neck Rd – Medical emergency

**Regional Lunch Menus**

**COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM**
- Monday, March 16: Mexican chicken, Spanish rice, country vegetable blend, dinner roll, peaches
- Tuesday, March 17: Corned beef hash, cabbage & carrots, turnips, raisin bread, pistachio cookie, diet: graham warlie
- Wednesday, March 18: Meatloaf w/onion gravy, au gratin potatoes, garden peas, multigrain bread, Mandarin oranges
- Thursday, March 19: Roast turkey w/ gravy, cranberry sauce (2), parsley mashed potatoes, winter squash, oatmeal bread, mixed fruit
- Friday, March 20: Whole grain vegetable lasagna roll up, tomato basil sauce, broccoli florets, whole wheat roll, pineapple

**CENTER SCHOOL**
- Monday, March 16: Chicken bacon ranch sub, sweet potato fries, pickle spear 2nd choice: Bagel fun lunch
- Tuesday, March 17: Taco Nacho: choice of chicken or beef, fiesta rice, roasted chic peas, black bean & corn salsa, pot o’ gold jell-o 2nd choice: Bagel fun lunch
- Wednesday, March 18: Ham & cheese croissant, potato wedges, savoy green beans, berries w/whipped topping 2nd choice: Bagel fun lunch

**OLd HamMONDTOWN**
- Monday, March 16: Chicken bacon ranch sub, sweet potato fries, pickle spear 2nd choice: Bagel fun lunch
- Tuesday, March 17: Taco Nacho: choice of chicken or beef, fiesta rice, roasted chic peas, black bean & corn salsa, pot o’ gold jell-o 2nd choice: Bagel fun lunch
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**OLd ROCHeSTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH**
- Monday, March 16: Chicken bacon ranch sub, sweet potato fries, pickle spear 2nd choice: Bagel fun lunch

**ROCHESTER MEMORIAL**
- Monday, March 16: Chicken bacon ranch sub, sweet potato fries, pickle spear 2nd choice: Bagel fun lunch
- Tuesday, March 17: Taco Nacho: choice of chicken or beef, fiesta rice, roasted chic peas, black bean & corn salsa, pot o’ gold jell-o 2nd choice: Bagel fun lunch
- Wednesday, March 18: Ham & cheese croissant, potato wedges, savoy green beans, berries w/whipped topping 2nd choice: Bagel fun lunch

**Sippican SCHOOL**
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- Wednesday, March 18: Ham & cheese croissant, potato wedges, savoy green beans, berries w/whipped topping 2nd choice: Bagel fun lunch

**OlD COLONY REGIONAL**
- Monday, March 16: Crispy chicken bowl w/mashed potato, corn, gravy & dinner roll
- Tuesday, March 17: Mozzarella sticks, fries, marinara sauce, baked beans & bread
- Wednesday, March 18: Early release
- Thursday, March 19: Steak & cheese sub, tomatoes & onions & fries
- Friday, March 20: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

**For a full PDF of the three towns’ police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.**
She followed the custom of adding her husband’s middle name to hers, so that she became Jennie Bell Blankinship. Lucius Kelley lived here in retirement until his death in 1917. By 1926, this dwelling had become Lena Kelley’s boarding house.

Marion Election Calendar

In a recent Letter to the Editor, Tinker Saltonstall listed the election dates for the Town of Marion but some of the dates were inaccurate. The following is a list of the correct dates:
Correct Schedule and Dates:
Now: Candidates’ papers available - Town Clerk’s Office
March 23: Candidates’ papers due in Town Clerk’s Office (by 5:00 pm)
April 30: Candidates’ Night- Music Hall, 7:00 pm
May 11: Annual Town Meeting - Sippican School, 6:45 pm
May 15: Town Elections - Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center (8:00 am to 8:00 pm)

American Legion: Florence Eastman Post

All SouthCoast Active Service Military, Reservists and Veterans are invited to join the monthly meeting of the American Legion: Florence Eastman Post #280, Serving the Tri-Town area and Beyond. We meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 1900 (7:00 pm). Florence Eastman Post located at 3 Depot St, Mattapoisett. Commander: Rachel Perron and Adjutant: Barry
These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

TriTown Happenings

Kristen Eastman, left, a member of the local League Leadership Team, assists author Barbara Berenson, seated, at a book signing following a lecture on Berenson’s recently published book Massachusetts in the Women’s Suffrage Movement at the Mattapoisett Library on March 7. Mattapoisett resident and member of the League Leadership Team Luana Marie Josvold awaits her purchased autographed copy. Berenson retired from her position as senior attorney at the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court in June 2019. The program, celebrating the 100th Anniversary Women’s Right to Vote established in 1920, was co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters SouthCoast and the Purrington Lecture Series. Photo by Susan Pizzolato

On March 6 at approximately 10:09 am, the Mattapoisett Fire Department was dispatched to 141 Fairhaven Road for a reported structure fire. Fire Chief Andrew Murray arrived on scene at 10:11 am and reported heavy fire and smoke showing from the rear of the structure. At the time, a first-alarm assignment was requested to the scene, bringing in engines from Marion and Fairhaven Fire. Rochester Fire responded to Mattapoisett fire station for station coverage. The fire was brought under control in approximately 25 minutes with 22 firefighters. No injuries were reported. The fire and smoke damage is estimated to be at $100,000. At press time, the cause of the fire was still under investigation by the Mattapoisett Fire Department and Massachusetts State Police Fire Investigation Unit. The Red Cross was called in to assist the three adult occupants that live in the home. The last fire unit cleared the scene at 2:46 pm. Photos by Mick Colageo
Denham. For more information contact Moe Molander at SippicanBay@gmail.com.

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation’s largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.

**Rochester Rabies Clinic**

There will be a Rabies Clinic on Sunday, April 5 from 12:00 to 2:00 pm at the Grange Hall on Hartley Road in Rochester. The cost is $12 per shot. All animals must be properly restrained. All dogs must be leashed, including all cats in carriers. Licensing will be available for Rochester residents; $10 for intact male or unspayed female animals, and $7 for spayed or neutered. Contact Anne Estabrook, ACO @ 508-649-9813 with any questions.

**Easter Community Carnival at FCCR**

Come one, come all to the second annual Easter Community Carnival to be held at First Congregational Church of Rochester, 11 Constitution Way in Rochester, on Saturday, March 28. Doors open at noon for two hours of family-friendly fun that includes carnival foods and
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If you would like to share your travel photos with our readers too? All you have to do is take along a copy of The Wanderer (or your favorite aardvark) and submit your photos by email to: support@wanderer.com or by mail to P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. You can also drop photos off at our office at 55 County Road (Route 6) in Mattapoisett.

(Above) Teresa and Mark Dall recently visited the islands in the Caribbean, as seen here enjoying a beautiful view overlooking St. Lucia.

(Above) The Wanderer made it to Palmdale, California. From left: Joseph Roza, Ollie Roza, Danny Rosa, and Liam Rosa.

(Left) The Maloof Family at the Polynesian Village Resort in Disney World. Holly Maloof, a reading specialist at Center School, Timmy, a first-grader at Center School with Pluto, Timmy’s little brother Joey, and father Patrick enjoyed a week away from the cold. Timmy made sure everyone brought along a copy of The Wanderer.

(Above) Morgan and Jillian Osborne brought along The Wanderer on their vacation to Jamaica (outside of Montego Bay). Photo by Andrea Osborne
games with lots of prizes and candy-filled eggs, a bouncy house, face painting, balloon animals, and the Easter bunny. While this is a free event brought to you by FCCR and many local merchants, please bring one canned good per person as an entry “fee” to benefit The Family Pantry - Damien’s Place in East Wareham. For questions or more information, call the church office at 508-763-4314. You can pre-register at vbspro.events/p/eastercarnival2020 for this rain or shine event. Hope to see you at the Carnival.

It's a Global Community- Conversational 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 about 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. Attend one or attend them all!

This will be an ongoing program with more languages to come, so check back!
Czech – Sunday, April 5 from 1:00 to 1:30 pm
Gaelic – Sunday, April 5 from 2:00 to 2:30 pm
Norwegian – Sunday, April 19 from 1:00 to 1:30 pm
The Library is located at 7 Barstow Street and is handicapped accessible.

Rochester Historical Society Looks Back

The Rochester Historical Society museum has several family scrapbooks from long time Rochester families. These scrapbooks hold a wealth of local information on a variety of topics of days gone by. Our March monthly meeting will have these scrapbooks on display for everyone to browse through on Wednesday, March 18 at 7 pm at the museum 355 County Road. These scrapbooks are a look into life in Rochester in a different time.

Some members will be bringing their personal family scrapbooks to share. Scrapbooks can be of family recipes, photos, news clipping, etc. It is interesting to see how different local news was handled in years past. People, past and present, have different interests and these scrapbooks reflect what was important to them at that particular time.

Please free to bring your own family scrapbooks to share. There is no charge for the evening and everyone is welcome to attend.

Spotlight on Annie

March is designated Women’s History Month, and the year 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women’s constitutional right to vote. Author and researcher Hannah Kimberley, Ph.D. will speak about women’s suffrage and her book A Woman’s Place is at the Top, a biography of Annie Smith Peck. One of the most accomplished women of the twentieth century, however, few know the story of this remarkable woman. An early feminist and accomplished adventurer, Peck led an incredible life. She
SALOME’S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Change is still dominant for Rams and Ewes, both in the workplace and their private lives. This is also a good time to look at a possible relocation if that has been one of your goals.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Doing things for others is what you do well. But don’t forget that Bovines thrive on the arts, so make some time for yourself to indulge your passion for music and artistic expressions.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) While the Romantic Twin considers where to go for his or her upcoming vacation, the Practical Twin will start making travel plans now to take advantage of some great bargains.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your sensitive nature helps you deal with a difficult emotional situation. Be patient and continue to show your sincere support wherever (and for whomever) it is needed.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You’re making progress as you move through some unfamiliar territory. And while there might be a misstep or two along the way, overall you’re heading in the right direction. Good luck.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Some good news arrives -- and just in time to remind you that you’re making progress. Perhaps things aren’t moving as quickly as you’d prefer, but they’re moving nevertheless.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) This is a good week to step back and assess the facts that have recently emerged to see where they can be used to your advantage. Also, don’t hesitate to make changes where necessary.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You should begin to experience some support from those who now agree with your point of view. This should help counter the remaining objections from die-hard skeptics.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Don’t let your aim be deflected by trivial matters as you try to resolve a confusing situation. Take the time to find and thoroughly assess the facts before making any decision.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The possibility of moving to another location has come up. But before you dismiss it as unworkable, it’s worth checking out just in case it does have some merit after all.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) New relationships -- personal or work-related -- show mixed signals. Best to assume nothing. Let things play themselves out until you have something substantive to work with.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your ability to make needed changes without causing too much, if any, negative ripple effect comes in handy when dealing with a sensitive matter either on the job or in the family.

BORN THIS WEEK: Although you like things to go smoothly, you’re not shy about making waves when you believe the situation calls for it.

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Students vs. Staff Charity Basketball Game

Come watch the sixth-grade students as they take on the Old Hammondtown School Staff at the ORR High School Gymnasium on March 13. Doors open at 6:00 pm, and tip-off is at 6:30 pm. Admission: cash donation or non-perishable food item. There will be a PTA-sponsored 50/50 raffle, pizza, and bake sale.

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was a scholar, writer, lecturer, mountain climber, who first gained fame for scaling the Matterhorn – not for her daring feat, but because she climbed wearing pants.

She was ardent feminist, marched in suffrage parades, was president of the Joan of Arc Suffrage League in New York City, and was a political speaker on women’s right to vote. Hannah Kimberley is recognized as an expert on Annie Smith Peck, and in her empowering biography, she brings Peck’s entire life to the page.

Ms. Kimberley will be with the Sippican Woman’s Club on Friday, March 13 to present her work. A book signing will follow her talk.

The presentation will be at Handy’s Tavern, the clubhouse for the Sippican Woman’s Club, 152 Front Street, Marion. There will be a light finger lunch at 12:30 pm before the program. Guests and new members are always welcome! If you would like to join us, call Jeanne Lake at 508-748-0619. Parking is across the street on Island Wharf.

Young Adult Programs at the Mattapoisett Library

On Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 pm, join us at our TechConnect Workshop: Novelist Plus. Novelist is a free online service brought to you by the library that connects readers with their next favorite book. Join us to learn everything you need to know about Novelist Plus. Recommend for ages 12 and up. Please register.

On Saturday, March 21 at 11:00 am, join us for Old CD Tea Light Holder Craft. Let’s get creative with old CDs! At this event, we will be making a tea light holder with CDs. The library will provide all of the supplies you just need to bring the creative genius. Inspiration will
TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Matta-
poissett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings held in the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference room; 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted) New format of meetings; start time is 6:00 pm.

Case #1444: Application of: MAU-
REEN L. ST. ARMAND, 20 Crook’s Way, Mattapoisett, MA 02739; RE: 20 Crook’s Way. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under section 5.1.5.4.5.2 as provided by Section 7.2.2 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to construct ownership of a family related apartment to the new homeowner. The property is further described as Plot 19, Lot 63, on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, March 19, 2020.

Case #1445: Petition of: CHARLES H. & KAREN DUPONTE, P.O. Box 375, Matta-
poisett, MA 02739; RE: Prospect and Pine Island Road. The applicant is seeking a Permits to further identify as Lot 20B on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #7. 3/12

Case #1446: Application of: JOHN J
GRANT JR., 105 Lyman Road, Milton MA 02186; RE: 5 North Road. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under sections 3.1.2.2 and 3.1.2.3 as provided by Section 7.2.2 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to demolish and rebuild a single-family home in conformance with flood zone requirements. The property is further described as Plot 4, Lot 173, on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, March 19, 2020.

Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours.
Sincerely,
Susan Akin, Chairperson
Mary Anne Brogan, Kenneth Pacheco, Colby
Rottler, Anthony Tranfaglia 3/5, 3/12

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TOWN OF MARION
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Board of Selectmen, acting as local licensing authority, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 7:15 pm in the Conference Room of the Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, Marion, on the application of FIELDSTONE FARM MARKET for a retail package goods license for the sale of wine and malt beverages.

Randy L. Parker, Chairman 3/12, 3/19

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TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #76

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, March 26, 2020, in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House, on the application of ST. GABRIEL’S PARISH, INC. and ALBERT J. MENINNO and JULIE A. MENINNO for a Variance from section 230-5.1 of the zoning by-law to allow the division of the lot consistent with the historical lot line as depicted on a plan endorsed by the Planning Board on May 4, 1956, allowing the current owners to gift the “parking lot” parcel to the church.

The property, located at 36 Main Street, is further identified on Assessors’ Plan 16 as Lot 90.
Marc Leblanc, Chairman 3/12, 2/19

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TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the main conference room at the Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, on a Request for Determination of Applicability (File # 41D-1753) submitted by GREAT HILL MARION, LLC., to continue monitoring and treating five acres for phragmites by chemicals applied by a licensed company. This will be the fourth year of treatment at North Great Hill Drive.

The site is further identified as Lot 1 on Marion Assessors’ Map 4. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Jeff Dobbvara, Chair 3/12

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 23, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall on the Request of Applicability submitted by DANNY & KATE MARMELO & JANICE ENGEI, 5 Tinkham Lane, Mattapoisset, MA. The proposed project is to replace a failed septic system within maintained lawn at the rear of the home. The project is located at 185 Acushnet Road, and is further identified as Lot 22 on Assessor Map 57A. 3/12

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 23, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by MICHAEL A. ESPOSITO & CYNTHIA A. REDEL.

The Applicants propose to perform maintenance to the face of the seawall and pier abutment structures consisting of filling in voids and/or cracks with small stones and cement.

The work will occur along a Coastal Bank and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE (El. 21).

The address where the activity will occur is 18 Ned’s Point Road which is further identified as Lot #116A on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #7. 3/12

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be provided as well. Recommended for ages 12 and up. Please register by March 14.

On Saturday, March 28 at 11:00 am, representatives from the Bow Seat Ocean Awareness Programs will be visiting the Mattapoisett Library. At this special event, you will learn about the Bow Seat Ocean Awareness Programs and how they are inspiring today’s youth to use their words, art, and ingenuity to combat one of today’s greatest issues: climate change. Through their annual contest, Bow Seat Ocean Awareness Programs puts the future in the hands of young adults and shows them they have the power to incite change. After the presentation, you will have the opportunity to try your hand at inspiring change by creating a postcard with the theme of climate hope. Recommended for ages 11 and up. Please register by March 21.

On Saturday, March 28 at 1:00 pm, Dungeons and Dragons will meet again to continue their quest. New players always welcome, recommended for ages 12 and up!

Game Lounge will be open Tuesday, March 17 at 4:00 pm. Craft Tuesday continues every Tuesday at 4:00 pm with a new craft. Every Saturday, stop in the library anytime to partake in the Take Apart Table - no reassembly necessary.

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.

‘Intelligent Trees’ at the MNHM

The Marion Natural History Museum will show “Intelligent Trees” on March 25, from 10:30 to 11:30 am, the showing is free. Do trees speak to each other? Do they have family ties and care for their young? German forester Peter Wohlleben, author of The Hidden Life of Trees and scientist Suzanne Simard (The University of British Columbia, Canada) have been observing and investigating the communication between trees over decades. The museum will be showing the Vimeo “Intelligent Trees” which features the main observations that are covered in Peter Wohlleben’s book. The presentation is free and the museum is handicapped accessible. Please remember to contact the museum director beforehand so we set up enough chairs for everyone. Museum contact information is: Director@marionmuseum.org or call us at 508-748-2098 and leave a message before the date of the program.

Adult Night Out

The Mattapoisett PTA invites the community to join us at our eighth annual “Adult Night Out” fundraiser event on Friday, April 3 at the Walrus & Captain in the Ropewalk starting at 7:00 pm.

Donations of raffle prizes and silent auction items are needed. Please contact Michelle Skaar at mskaar@sailsinc.org or call the library at 508-758-4171 for assistance.

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TOWN OF MARION
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

BIDS

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Marion shall receive General Bids at the Town of Marion Department of Public Works Office, 50 Benson Brook Road, Marion, Massachusetts 02738 for the Construction of the Mary’s Pond Well Field Pump Station Upgrades, Contract No. 10, until 2:00 pm prevailing time, Thursday, April 9, 2020, at which time bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Bids submitted after this time will not be accepted.

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Marion shall receive Bid Sub-Bids at the Town of Marion Department of Public Works Office, 50 Benson Brook Road, Marion, Massachusetts 02738 for the Construction of the Mary’s Pond Well Field Pump Station Upgrades, Contract No. 10, until 2:00 pm prevailing time, Tuesday, March 31, 2020, at which time bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Bids submitted after this time will not be accepted.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 10:00 am at the Mary’s Pond Wellfield Pump Station, located at 17 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett. 3/12

The Work of this Contract generally consists of furnishing and installing upgrades to the existing Mary’s Pond Wellfield Pump Station, piping, variable frequency drives, motor control center, instrumentation, selective demolition, HVAC, roof rehabilitation, CMU building rehabilitation and modifications, painting, electrical, and SCADA modifications. Site work includes furnishing and installing three (3) submersible well pumps, motors, 3-inch and 4-inch water main, valves, fittings, hydrants, electrical and communication conduit and wiring, chain link fence, abandonment of existing tubular wells, and loan and seed. Work also includes well cleaning at two gravel packed wells.

Contract Documents may be obtained electronically through Tata & Howard, Inc. by contacting Carissa Mak at cmak@tatahoward.com.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations: Town of Marion, Department of Public Works, 50 Benson Brook Road, Marion, Massachusetts 02738, and Tata & Howard, Inc., 67 Forest Street, Marlborough, Massachusetts 01752.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security in the amount of 5% of the total bid amount and in the form described in the Instructions to Bidders. A Performance Bond and Labor and Materials Payment Bond each in the amount of 100 percent of the contract price will be required in the form described in the Instructions to Bidders.

No Bidder may withdraw his bid within 30 days (Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded) after the actual date of the opening of the General Bids. Complete instructions for filing bids and sub-bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders. The bidding and award of the Contract will be under the provisions of “Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 149, Sections 44A-44J (MGL c.149, ss.44A-44J).”

They general bid must be accompanied by a DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility for Pump Stations and an Update Statement in accordance with MGL c. 149, s44D. Each sub-bid must be accompanied by a DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility for Pump Stations and an Update Statement in accordance with MGL c. 149, s44D.

Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of Department of Workforce Development under the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Sections 26 to 27D, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the bidder, before bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades people and additional classifications who may be employed for the proposed work under this contract.

If the bidder views/obtains the plans and specifications from a source other than those noted in this Advertisement for Bids, the accuracy and/or completeness of the bid documents cannot be guaranteed and the bidder assumes the responsibility for obtaining any additional information regarding the project, including addenda, that may be required for bidding. Failure to acknowledge addenda issued during bidding shall designate a bid as non-responsive.

A copy of this advertisement is available on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association (MNPA) website (http://masspublicnotices.org/).

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 23, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by WHITMAN HOMES, INC., 1200 Turnpike Street, Canton, MA 02021. The proposed project is to construct a single family home including utilities, driveway, and site grading. A portion of the work is within the buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland. The project is located at 38 Prince Snow Circle, and is further identified as Lot 25 on Assessor Map 23.A. 3/12

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
PUBLIC NOTICE

A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18th, 2020 at 6:30 pm at which a briefing will be presented on the improvements proposed for the area of the Industrial Drive and North Street. Following the presentation a question and answer period will be held. The meeting will be held in the Center School Cafeteria at 6:30 pm located at 17 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett. 3/12

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Tickets to the event will be available at the door for $20 each. A delicious assortment of hot appetizers will be served throughout the night as well as a cash bar.

The proceeds from this event will provide Mattapoisett students with education enrichment in the classroom including arts and humanities programs, science exploration, and additional technology exploration opportunities. Questions, comments, or willing to provide a donation? Contact ptamattapoisett@gmail.com. We thank you so much for your support and see you on Friday, April 3.

The Fox on the Fairway Opens
The Marion Art Center is pleased to present its first Theater production of the year, Ken Ludwig’s The Fox on the Fairway, directed by Stephanie LeBlanc. The production opens Friday, March 13 and runs for two weekends with seven performances.

A tribute from playwright Ken Ludwig (Be My Baby) to the great English farces of the 1930s and 1940s, The Fox on the Fairway takes audiences on a hilarious romp, which pulls the rug out from underneath the stuffy denizens of a private country club. Filled with mistaken identities, slamming doors, and over-the-top romantic shenanigans, it’s a furiously paced comedy that recalls the Marx Brothers’ classics. A charmingly madcap adventure about love, life, and man’s
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The cast includes Ricardo Aguiar, Alane Carbone, Stephanie Lawrence, Ashley E. Payne, Chris Podrecca, and Ian Vincent. Performances are scheduled Friday, March 13 through Sunday, March 15 and Thursday, March 19 through Sunday, March 22. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday performances will begin at 7:30 pm, while Sunday matinees will begin at 2:00 pm. Tickets are available now in person, by phone, or online at marionartcenter.org/theatre. The cost for MAC members is $18 each, while the cost to nonmembers is $20 per ticket. There are a limited number of cabaret tables (seating for four) available. Advanced purchases are strongly recommended.

SLT Signs of Spring Walk

Sippican Lands Trust is leading a Signs of Spring Walk on Saturday, March 14 at 10:00 am at our Hagemann Woods property on Point Road in Marion. The walk will explore the various plants and animals as spring comes to life on the property. Hagemann Woods is a 23-acre parcel of land acquired by Sippican Lands Trust in 1998 and features white pines, oaks, red maples and mixed wetlands providing a wide...
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range of wildlife habitat. The parking area for Hagemann Woods is located off of Point Road (approximately) two miles south of the intersection of Route 6 ( Wareham Road) and Point Road in Marion.

The walk is free for SLT members with a suggested $5 donation for non-members. If the Signs of Spring Walk is canceled due to inclement weather, then the information will be posted to SLT’s website and Facebook page. For directions or further information visit sippicanlandstrust.org or call Sippican Lands Trust at 508-748-3080.

Marion Town Party Returns
The Marion Town Party Committee is pleased to announce that the event will return this summer. The Committee has decided to be proactive and plan the party earlier in the day to avoid having to cancel like last year. The party will be at a new venue this year and will have a new start time as well.

Join us at Silvershell Beach beginning at 2:00 pm until dusk on Saturday, August 22. To kick off the party we will have a “Touch a Truck” event that will be held from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm on the field at Silvershell Beach. Fire, Police, Harbormaster and other vehicles will be on hand. Scheduled activities include rock wall climbing, inflatable games, moonwalk, music, and face painting. Food and drinks will be available for purchase beginning at 2:00 pm.

Once again, organizers are seeking corporate sponsors. This is a great opportunity for local businesses to get the word out and advertise their businesses. More details about the sponsorship levels will be available soon.

Donations from the community are needed to help underwrite the event. Food, services, cash or any other in-kind donation would be greatly appreciated. All contributions are tax-deductible.

To stay up to date with all event details please “Like” our Facebook page – Marion Town Party. Marion Firefighters Association will partner with the Marion Harbormaster Department. All proceeds are for the local community and departmental needs.

For more information or to donate please contact Donna Hemphill at 508-748-3515, or email mariontownparty@gmail.com or you may send a check (made out to Town of Marion) to the Marion Town House, c/o Marion Town Party, 2 Spring Street, Marion, Massachusetts, 02738.

Mattapoisett Woman’s Club
The Mattapoisett Woman’s Club is pleased to have Diane Gilbert of the Dartmouth Heritage Preservation Trust as the speaker at our meeting on Thursday, March 19. Our meetings are held at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church’s Renyard Hall, located at the corner of Church and Mechanic Streets, beginning at 11:00 am. An informal luncheon is provided by our members. We welcome anyone who wishes to hear our speaker or attend our meetings.

If you would like more information, please feel free to view our website, www.mattapoisettwomansclub.org, or feel free to contact Christine Voss, at 508-758-3348. Diane Gilbert, who possesses a clear vision, courage, integrity, and humility, takes a leadership role in assisting the Town of Dartmouth to attain its community preservation goals. In November 2018, Preservation Massachusetts awarded Diane the K. Julie McCarthy Community Spirit Award for her work.

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showcasing a restoration project of the Elihu Akin House from the foundation up, a project that is listed on the State Register of Historic Places and deemed eligible for listing on the National Register. The Elihu Akin House, one of the oldest houses in the Town of Dartmouth, Massachusetts, was built in 1762 by housewright Job Mosher and purchased by Elihu Akin in 1769; the Akin House is older than America. The age of the house alone would give the house architectural importance; however, the house also has historical significance. The Akins were one of Dartmouth’s founding families who were instrumental in the development of the town, and the homestead remained in the Akin family for 234 years.

The Akin House was one of a few houses that survived the invasion of the British and the subsequent burning of much of Dartmouth, New Bedford, and Acushnet during the American Revolution. As the direct result of the raid, the Akin family lost everything except the house on Potter’s Hill and surrounding land. Elihu moved his wife and children there.

To quote Diane Gilbert, “Every time an important historic house or structure is lost or demolished, we lose another connection to our history, the people who settled our coastal areas over the centuries and their culture. We have already lost too many architecturally significant buildings and structures, and as a result, the special character shaped by our history has been diminished.” And to put it pragmatically, preservation is a tool for
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Don’t forget to wish these people a Happy Birthday!

Collin Hodges March 12
Norman Holt March 12
Sabrina Cunningham March 12
Ann Marie Tobia March 13
Jeff Burnham March 13
Larry Risko March 13
Reese Souza March 13
Sam Gryska March 13
Alex Wright March 14
Patrick D Fraine March 14
Victoria Rogers March 14
Genevieve Spinaile March 15
Jaxon Resendes March 15
Ray Malo March 15
Shannon Lynch March 15
Bob Saunders March 16
Claudette J. LeRoux-Bolduc March 16
Daniel Kenneth Hall March 16
Kelly Hall March 16
Michael Lee Mendes March 16
Rebecca Milde March 16
Brianna Lynch March 16
Debra Leubke March 17
Grace Greany March 17
Keira Kelly March 17
Lori-Ann Mello March 17
Lynn Mourao March 17
Noah O’Connor March 17
Wendy A Gilbert March 17
Elizabeth Bungert March 18
Gladys Charron March 18
Marie DeCosta March 18
If you would like The Wanderer to announce a birthday for yourself, a friend or family member, please submit your information online to us at www.wanderer.com. To submit information by regular mail, please send the person’s name (month and day) along with your name and phone number so we can confirm the information to Birthdays, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. You may submit birthday announcements anytime during the year and they will be published/posted during the appropriate week.

WOOOOD SNOB

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stabilization of property values, economic development, and sustainability.

In 1921, the Akin House became a part of film history as a location for *Down to the Sea in Ships*. The silent film classic contains rare footage of a whaling voyage filmed on the *Wanderer* and the *Charles W. Morgan*, and clearly shows the condition of the Akin house in 1921.

**Fairhaven Homecoming Day Fair**

The Fairhaven Homecoming Day Fair sponsored by the Fairhaven Improvement Association, 40 Center Street Fairhaven, will be held on Saturday, **June 27** from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

There will be more than 175 booths featuring artists and craftsmen from all over New England. There will be an art exhibit, food, kids’ games, fire engine rides, music and live entertainment for the entire family. Free admission. Handicap parking is available. Booth spaces and art exhibit spaces are available.

For information please email fairhavenhomecoming@gmail.com or visit: www.fairhavenimprovement.org and www.facebook.com/FairhavenImprovementAssociation

**Romeo and Winifred at ORRJH**

The Old Rochester Regional Junior High Drama Club is proud to present *Romeo and Winifred*, a family-
A Powerful Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, who light all roads so I can attain my goals, who give me the divine gifts to forgive and forget all evil against me, in this short prayer to thank you for all things and confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you, even in spite of all material illusions. I wish to be with you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. The favor requested will be granted. This prayer must be published immediately after the favor is granted. Don't mention the favor. Only your initials shall appear at the bottom. P.L.

A PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). O Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Amen. Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish; it will be granted to you. P.L.
friendly production for all audiences in the tri-town and beyond.

Opening night will be Friday, March 20 at 7:00 pm at the Junior High School auditorium, with an additional performance to be held on Saturday, March 21 at 2:00 pm.

Tickets will be sold at the door only. Adults: $10, kids 5-18 and senior citizens: $5, Under age 4: free; $25 per family

The concession stand will be open with a variety of snacks available for purchase during intermission. Come join us for an entertaining time.

The ORRJHS Drama Club is run by parent volunteers. If you would like to learn more about our club and who runs it, contact us at orrjrhighdrama@gmail.com

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**Open Table**

Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day a little early at Open Table on Friday, March 13 in Reynard Hall at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. The menu is a surprise, but it will be something delicious for the Lenten season. There is no charge for the meal, although donations are gratefully accepted. At Open Table, it is all about the food, fun, and fellowship. Doors open at 4:30 pm and the meal will be served at 5:00 pm. This is a community event and everyone is welcome.

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**Mattapoisett Woman’s Club Scholarship**

Mattapoisett Woman’s Club is pleased to offer three $2,500 scholarship awards to Mattapoisett residents who are high school seniors, graduating June 2020.

In addition, there will be a $1,000 scholarship granted to a Mattapoisett resident who is reentering the academic world after graduation and is in pursuit of a post secondary degree. Please go to the website (listed below) for further information and/or to obtain the application for this scholarship.

The Mattapoisett Woman’s Club is a philanthropic organization that plans and executes fundraising events to help generate the revenue for these scholarships and other charitable donations. In offering these scholarships, the club supports educational leadership and helps to support the community whom has partnered with the club in its fundraising efforts.

For high school seniors, the scholarship application will be available in the Guidance offices of Old Rochester Regional High School, Bishop Stang High School, Old Colony Vocational Technical High School, Tabor Academy, Bristol County Agricultural and online at www.mattapoisettwomansclub.org for those not attending the above schools.

Final deadline for returning completed applications is March 31, 2020. No one will be considered after this date.

If you have any further questions you may contact the Mattapoisett Woman’s Club at P. O. Box 1444, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

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### Real Estate Transactions

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Visit us at [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com) to search past Real Estate Transactions with our searchable database.
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

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Grocery & Bakery

| 9-12 oz. Selected New England Coffee | $5.99 |
| 5.25-10 oz. Selected (Excludes Long Grain & Wild Rice & Quinoa) Near East Side Dishes | $1.99 |
| 6 Roll Pkg Bounty Essentials Paper Towels | $5.99 |
| 12-16 oz. Selected (Excludes Protein Plus & Gluten Free) Barilla Pasta | $1.69 |
| 24 oz. Selected Prego Pasta Sauce | $2.39 |
| 9 oz. Selected Ken's Steak House Dressing | 4/$5 |
| 7.2 oz. Selected Snack Factory Pretzel Crisps | 2/$5 |
| 7.10 oz. Selected Frito Lay Cheetos or Fritos | 2/$6 |
| 18 oz. Loaf Irish Soda Bread | $4.99 |
| Fresh Store-Baked Irish Soda Bread Apple Pie | $4.99 |

Superior Quality Produce

| 5 lb. Bag, Maine Grown, All Purpose White Potatoes | $2.49 |
| California Navel Oranges | $1.29 lb. |
| Juicy Minneolas | $1.29 lb. |
| Seedless Green Grapes | $2.49 lb. |
| ORGANIC 1 lb. Pkg Carrots | $1.29 |

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVINGS THIS WEEK!
St. Patty’s Day Savings!

Buckley Farms
Corned Beef
$4.99 lb.
Point Cut
$3.99 lb.

Friends’ In-Store Baked
Ham
$7.99 lb.

Cabot
16 oz. Salted or Unsalted Butter Quarters
$3.99

Häagen-Dazs
14 oz. Selected Sorbet or Ice Cream
$4.99

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

750 ml California Pinot Noir
Mark West Wine
$9.99

Wine & Beer
750 ml California Wine, Merlot
$8.99
Bogle
$12.99
1.5 Liter California Wine, Assorted
Woodbridge
$6.99
Sutter Home
$6.99

750 ml California Wine, Chardonnay
$12.99
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$8.99
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