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The Cranberries Story
By Marilou Newell

It’s a rather old story, especially for those of us whose family history is rooted in southeastern Massachusetts and the surrounding area: The story of the cranberry.

My family relied on the annual cranberry harvest to provide seasonal jobs. The screening of cranberries, a process of culling less-than-desirable berries as they sped by on conveyer belts in cold “screen houses,” was a job my grandmother, Mary Ransom Billard, did annually. My son’s paternal family members all worked the bogs at various times, some making a career of bog management from damp bogs to the processing plants’ inventory control. Even I spent a season “dry picking,” a backbreaking exercise that left me tired, humbled, and with a full appreciation and respect for the lives of migrant agricultural workers.

I digress.

A quick look at the history of the berry finds us going all the way back to when thick glaciers covered the continent. The glacial movement that eventually freed the land also carved out swamps and kettle ponds, some of which became perfect locations for vines to grab on and spread.

The Wampanoags’ name for the cranberry is ‘sasumuneash.’ The indigenous people understood the nutrient value derived from these sour berries. Ever resourceful, the Native Americans would y and mash the cranberries into a food known as ‘pemmican,’ a mixture of the dried fruits, animal fat, and dried meats. This food source could be stored for months, which must have been one way that early locals staved off starvation in the winter.

You may be surprised to learn that early European explorers to the region already knew about cranberries; there were bogs throughout the Netherlands’ southern regions and parts of England. By the 1880s, Plymouth County recorded some 1,347 acres of berries under cultivation. As noted above, the cranberry industry has been a critical agricultural

On the Cover: Due to a lift needing repair, Salty the Seahorse donned his Santa hat a day after the annual event was scheduled, but one of Mattapoisett’s signature landmarks wears it as proudly as ever on December 10. Originally constructed by gift shop owner Henry Dunseith in the pre-Route 195 mid-1950s when Route 6 was the main thoroughfare to Cape Cod, Salty’s future was as up in the air as his snout before a restoration project in 2000 ensured his long-term future. Red Sox fans wondering what it’s like to stand next to the left field wall at Fenway Park need only look up at Salty, who at 38 feet high is 10 inches taller than the Green Monster. Photo by Ryan Feeney

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and economic driver in the region for many generations. Maybe there are senior citizens still around today who remember being allowed to leave school to help with the cranberry harvest.

And so it is fitting that the Marion Natural History Museum recently hosted a virtual presentation by Dawn Gates-Allen, cranberry grower and member of the UMass Cranberry Station in Wareham. We learned that today’s cranberry growers are better able to protect the cranberry industry and the environment by using modern technology. For this presentation, modern technology also granted the viewer a “ride-along” experience. As Gates-Allen transmitted her movement across a cranberry bog, she explained how the process of cultivation takes place in the 21st century.

But first, Gates-Allen took the time to share the beauty that can be found in and around a bog. Most bogs are located deep in forested areas far from view. She said that natural and human-made water sources are critical to the bog’s survival and that an irrigation step system for gravity-fed water flow is part of the design. Gates-Allen said that birds, including eagles, are often seen around bogs, as well as deer, fox, coyotes, and a vast number of small mammals. The bogs and the water system add to the natural environment, she said.

The bog ditches are used to manage the rise and fall of water, with Gates-Allen pointing out that cranberry growers are the ultimate water experts. Flumes are used to increase or decrease the amount of water flowing into and out of a bog. She said that keeping the flumes clear of fallen trees and other debris is essential in maintaining a healthy bog in good working order. Today, automated irrigation systems using weather data and, in some cases, solar power, help to minimize the need for energy consumption and freshwater, further adding to the health of the environment.

Ever mindful of the need to not only use resources to the best economic efficiency but for keeping the environment clean, Gates-Allen said chemicals such as pesticides and fertilizers are sparingly used and held to the standards suggested by the UMass Extension Service. She explained a thorough process whereby insects are captured in nets to ascertain their number and type to determine whether or not spraying is necessary and, if so, where.
This time of year, bogs are dormant. But that doesn’t mean nothing is happening; the vines are recharging and preparing for next year’s harvest with bud development. Of the bitter taste of the fresh cranberry, Gates-Allen stated, “Mother Nature gave us this berry with very low sugar but with great versatility.”

To learn more about the cranberries around us, visit ag.umass.edu/cranberry. You may also contact the Marion Natural History Museum at marionmuseum.org.

Usage of Benson Brook Comes with Rules

Marion Board of Selectmen
By Mick Colageo
Town Administrator Jay McGrail could not state strongly enough that, while the Town of Marion is thrilled to open the Benson Brook Transfer Station to its residents on January 2, it is absolutely incumbent upon them to follow guidelines.

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While Marion gets set to embark on a new, self-governing era of trash disposal, which will include the opportunity to drop off metal in a separate pile from light goods, yard waste, and overflow trash, it remains critical that the trash Covanta has contracted to haul away be limited to “household garbage only.”

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money by lining rather than replacing pipes, avoiding the
costs of digging up the road and the associated permitting.
McGrail told the board that, once he gets the cost estimate
from BHB, he, Willett, Parker, and Waterman would meet to
come up with a plan to send back to the board for a vote.
Waterman said that with multiple projects hanging out
there, including a new DPW and Harbormaster headquarters
and Town House renovations, “really low” interest rates
would help the town borrow $7.5 million once over the next
two years to finance all of the projects.
During a 4:30 pm appointment, the board held a
public hearing to consider the assignment of the town’s two
aquiculture licenses that had been owned by Shea Doonan
and later revoked.

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The board acknowledged the action to be uncharted territory, considering it is the reassignment of a revoked license and, after substantial discussion, agreed that Harbormaster Isaac Perry would research other towns’ practices in order for Marion to formulate a process for future cases.

Open comment was invited, and applicant Josh Lerman, 15 JoAnn Drive, told the board about an agreement he had made with Doonan to purchase the latter’s equipment and product, presumably worth tens of thousands of dollars. He expressed dismay in learning that his stock as an applicant had perceptually dropped from top to bottom and worried that his dealing with Doonan might have played a role. His business partner, Chris Horton, also commented, saying that they had been at work for a few months and communicating with the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries on the matter. Horton also expressed his disappointment that the proposal, once on a potentially successful track, had suddenly “gone sideways.”

Lerman told the board that the equipment had been destroyed. He submitted a letter to the town that McGrail assured him would receive a written response.

Selectman Norm Hills told the applicant that, while the harbormaster makes a recommendation, the Board of Selectmen decides. Perry next meets with the Marion Marine Resources Commission on January 18, and the selectmen voted to continue the hearing to January 19.

There were several other action items for the board. An application for sewer connection at 5 Moorings Road was discussed at length. The result is that a more extensive project will emerge with the potential to service all the homes on Moorings Road, in which the board wants to be involved. Three homeowners will work together through their hired engineers. The selectmen approved the connection contingent upon Willett signing off on the plans and whether a legal question of ownership is resolved.

The town is ending its association with Gateway, the insurance company that has become more costly through the shrinking of its consortium of towns. Marion voted to switch to MIIA at no increase in a two-year agreement. “Marion is a 50/50 community,” said McGrail, explaining that it costs families $300 per week for a family plan premium. Under MIIA, employees will remain with the same insurance carriers, on the same plans, and with the same providers. McGrail said he would meet in January with union representatives to discuss plan design, which the Board of Selectmen would also have to vote on later.

McGrail reported on a memorandum of understanding with the Police Brotherhood (police union), saying, “The union is very happy with where we wound up,” including “education incentives that the town was able to provide.” Waterman commented that vacation time was solved by front-loading it onto employees’ anniversary dates. The agreement is retroactive to July 2020.

The selectmen voted to accept the total population, including the seasonal population, on July 10, 2021, to be 6,200.
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Emil Assing, the sole applicant for the open spot on the Conservation Commission, was voted onto the commission as an associate member.

The “Privilege” sticker policy will see no changes for 2021. All applications will be received by mail or dropped off outside the Town House; 150 stickers were prepared and ready to go out on December 9. McGrail said the town is trying out online applications for dog licensing for now.

McGrail told the selectmen that COVID-19 is “serious in our community right now, numbers continuing to rise.... Is it just the healthcare facility? That is definitely not the case.” He says the majority of cases are being transmitted in people’s homes. “We’re full bore in the throes of it right now.”

The Town House will close on December 24 and 25, along with December 31 and January 1.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be on January 19 at 4:00 pm via Zoom.

**Mattapoisett Master Plan Process Kicks Off**

*Mattapoisett Master Plan Committee*

By Marilou Newell

It’s been a long time in the making, but at last, Mattapoisett’s Master Plan will get an overhaul and update now that the committee of volunteers has been sworn in. Their first meeting was held on December 9.

This meeting and the entire Master Plan process will be navigated through completion by Southeastern Region Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) with Grant King as the SRPEDD guide. King said early on in the meeting that, while SRPEDD would be involved, that role would be to act as advisers, consultants, and the recording secretary for the committee. He said SRPEDD had guided the Town of Marion in recent years as that town wrote its updated master plan.

“[SRPEDD] Should be considered your editors in chief,” said King.

It is a large committee with 19 members, but committee member Katherine Connelly wondered whether the committee fairly represented a diverse cross-section of the entire community. King responded by turning the question back to the committee, asking its members to decide if the committee comprises all sectors. He said based on the town’s population data, that would, in fact, be the case.

Mattapoisett’s population has been described as aging. The 2010 census indicates that 96 percent of the town’s population is white, 1 percent African American, with all other racial groups comprising the balance. Income levels were pegged at $68,000 per intact household, and nearly 50 percent of the population at that time was between ages 45 and 65. In 2010 the number of residents stood at 6,400.

Planning Board Chairman Tom Tucker said he thought the committee reflected the community with the exception of young people below the voting age. He had stated in the past that, because young people would be inheriting the community, he believed they should have a voice in the drafting of a Master Plan that would affect their future. King assured the committee that the Master Plan process would be viable, saying, “Don’t get lost in the numbers.” He said, given the caliber of the individuals who volunteered for a seat on the committee, “The quality is there; you are very competent and focused.”

Regarding the Planning Board’s authority over the process and the final document, King said that the state guidelines indicate that only the Planning Board need approve the final plan before it goes to Town Meeting, but that most communities seek residents’ input. On December 9, all five Planning Board members: Tucker, Janice Robbins, Arlene Fidalgo, Nathan Ketchel, and Karen Field, were present and Planning Board Administrator Mary Crain, representing other town board or community organizations on the committee: Colby Rottler (Finance Committee and Zoning Board of Appeals), Bob Burgmann (Capital Planning), Sandra Herring (Tree Committee), Paul Osenkowski (Mattapoisett Land Trust), Robin Lepore (Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path), Carole Clifford (Mattapoisett Museum and Mattapoisett Woman’s Club), Carlos DeSousa (Marine Advisory Board), and Shirley Haley (Council on Aging). Other members are Mary Dermody, Mike Rosa, Kate Haley, David Horowitz, Paul Criscuolo, Donna Shea, Chrystal Walsh, Cecile Sanders, Aaron Smith, and Yasmin Fleleh-Vincent.

King said that moving forward, the committee should plan for workshops in preparation for drafting the new plan a year from now. He said he wanted the group to
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tackle matters such as land use, housing, and economic development first. To help jump-start the process, he asked the members to review master plans from other committees, including Marion’s.

The committee will meet again on January 6 and February 3 at 7:00 pm. A workshop will be held on February 21 at 6:30 pm. All meetings are public and will be duly advertised with login/call-in details.

Cranberry Highway 40R Reaches Final Step
Rochester Conservation Commission
By Matthew Donato

The proposed Cranberry Highway 40R development saw significant progress during the Rochester Conservation Commission meeting held on December 15. After a roughly yearlong process to receive commission approval, the Notice of Intent Application filed by Steen Realty was unanimously approved by the commission members.

Phil Cordeiro, representing Steen Realty, came before the commission to notify members of his progress with the Rochester Planning Board. The Planning Board closed the public hearing on the development during its last meeting, allowing the project to come to a vote for a final decision in early January.

Cordeiro explained the alterations made to the plan to effectively adhere to the Planning Board’s conditions. The majority of these changes involved proposed work that did not fall under Conservation Commission jurisdiction. The
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changes included updates to the existing sewer system on the site, additional landscaping to benefit abutters to the property, and the inclusion of building designs on the plans.

Cordeiro’s business with the commission was primarily related to a waiver for stormwater calculations on the site. Commission members previously expressed their reluctance to approve the plans until Cordeiro received a required waiver from the Planning Board. Their apprehension was predicated on the possibility that, without the waiver from the Planning Board, Cordeiro would ultimately need to undertake a redesign of the plans in order to adhere to requested conditions.

With Planning Board approval and all of the requested waivers granted, Cordeiro found himself in a stronger position to advocate for Conservation Commission approval of the plans. “We have continued this hearing for a while now. This project was filed last December,” said Conservation Agent Laurell Farinon. “Since he has provided sufficient information, that the project is in compliance with stormwater standards. My recommendation is to close the public hearing,” Farinon told commission members.

A motion to approve the plans carried and Steen Realty will have the authority to begin work on the site, officially pending the approval of a draft decision from the Planning Board.

The Conservation Commission moved to discuss a Notice of Resource Area Delineation filed by Ryan Young. Contention around the delineation has been steadily
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Conservation Commission Vice-Chairman Daniel Gagne recommended that the commission grant a partial approval of the wetlands delineation to allow King to begin the process of a formal Notice of Intent application, but several commission members expressed their reluctance to issue a partial approval. The commission decided that a continuation of the meeting was in everyone’s best interest in order to give all parties ample time to review topics put forth in the letter provided by King.

The next Rochester Conservation Commission meeting is scheduled to be held remotely on January 19 at 7:00 pm.

BOH Renews Support for Hybrid School Model

Marion Board of Health

By Jean Perry

The Marion Board of Health says it still supports the hybrid model of learning part-time in-school and part-time remotely in the Tri-Town despite a statewide surge in COVID-19. On December 15, the board voted to send a letter supporting the continuation of hybrid learning at Old Rochester Regional. At the request of the superintendent of schools, the board will send a letter similar to one the board sent back in August in support of instituting a hybrid learning model, which, said Board of Health Chairman Edward Hoffer, “in general, seems to be working.”
According to Hoffer, “Virtually all [positive COVID-19 cases involving students] were not contracted at the school but were elsewhere.” He referenced a “fascinating” Center for Disease Control memorandum he read that day. Of the positive pediatric COVID-19 cases, he said, “They found, again, that in the vast majority of cases, they did not contract their infection at school but … at parties, at playgroups, almost everything but school. It really does look like having kids at school is not dangerous.”

Board of Health member Dot Brown said that, during recent visits to Sippican School at the end of the school day, she observed the children behaving in full compliance with facemasks and maintaining social distancing. “Their parents are not,” she noted.

At the time of the meeting on Tuesday, Sippican School has had a total of eight positive cases since the start of the pandemic. Public Nurse Lori Desmarais reported that there are currently six Sippican School students in quarantine and zero current confirmed cases in isolation.

At ORR, as of 4:00 pm on Tuesday, the high school has 24 students in quarantine with seven confirmed cases in isolation, and 10 in quarantine from the junior high with six confirmed cases in isolation.

In Marion, the year-to-date total of positive cases is 159, with 45 active cases in town.

Desmarais reported that presently there are three active cases stemming from Sippican Healthcare Center. A total of 112 confirmed cases have recovered from the virus, and
another 127 people have tested negative for COVID-19. It has been eight days without a single report of any new positive cases at the nursing home.

“They seem as if they’ve gotten their cluster — the outbreak that they had there under control,” Desmarais said, adding that the Department of Public Health has been a regular presence there. She noted that the DPH would continue to monitor the situation there and provide the town updates.

Desmarais announced that she still has a couple of high-dose flu vaccinations and some regular-dose flu vaccines available. Anyone wishing to receive one may make an appointment by calling 508-748-3530.

Health Agent David Flaherty told the board that he has responded to several complaints about out-of-town visitors failing to quarantine as directed by the DPH or not using facemasks in public. One complaint was based out of an apartment complex, and Flaherty said he spoke with the management, which Flaherty said did follow up on the complaint and resolved it.

Overall, Flaherty said, he is satisfied with the results of his COVID-compliance inspections with about 40 Marion businesses over the last two weeks. An additional 10 he did over the phone.

“Almost all our businesses are doing great, and they’re really behind us 100 percent,” Flaherty said. The same goes for the patrons of those establishments, too. “A couple [of establishments] need a little hand-holding,” he added, but he said he would follow-up with them this week and after as needed.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health will be held on Tuesday, January 5, at 4:00 pm.

Special Permit, Variances to Unify Business-Owning Family
Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
By Mick Colageo

As Town Counsel Blair Bailey explained during the December 10 meeting of the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals, variances to zoning bylaws are mainly about the difference between want and need. So, as soon as applicants Daniel and Carrie Costa withdrew their petition for a third
variance that would have allowed a proposed addition to their home at 173 Pierce Street to exceed the allowable 30 percent of the existing structure, the road was paved for the ZBA to grant them the Special Permit to convert their house into a multi-family dwelling.

The ZBA readily approved the other two variances for lack of the frontage requirement and lack of contiguous linear feet of frontage for the hardships the Costas inherited with the June 2020 purchase of a nonconforming lot. The real hardship of the case is not something the ZBA can factor in. As Daniel Costa explained during the continued public hearing, that’s a family situation that has become more challenging with the passing of Carrie Costa’s father and her affliction with the auto-immune disease lupus.
The Costas are home-schooling a child and will significantly benefit from her mother living with them to assist.

“I’m at the mercy of you guys,” said Daniel Costa, who bought Lloyd’s Market four years ago. “We have no intention to rent it to anyone else. We’re not going anywhere; we’re here for the long haul.... All we have is cranberry bog behind us, so it doesn’t seem like a sight issue.” In trying to explain the motive for the since-withdrawn variance, he explained they had hoped to give his mother-in-law a little more space to visit with her five sisters.

No abutters announced their attendance, but a point of discussion emerged in the board’s debate concerning the Special Permit, specifically language in the bylaw stipulating a single-family house must be occupied for seven years before its owners seek a variance to convert it into a multi-family home.

ZBA Chairman David Arancio told the members that the language gave him pause. “I’m a little bit concerned about it because anyone can walk into town and buy a house that’s been up for seven years,” he said.

The membership felt that Arancio was getting hung up unnecessarily.

“Mr. Chairman, what you’re saying is possible, but anybody requesting a two-family, the family has to come before this board, okay? At that point, the board would go through the hearing process and make a determination whether they’re going to be given a Special Permit.... They cannot put a two-family up unless they come before this board,” said ZBA member Kirby Gilmore.

“The intent [of the bylaw],” said Vice Chairman Davis Sullivan, “was to keep new homes from being blown into multi-families before they were even lived in.”

Bailey agreed with Sullivan and explained it this way: “A general rule of construction in the law is that a general document is interpreted against its drafter. In other words, if there is something that is ambiguous or can be interpreted two ways, then [as] a general rule, it is interpreted to have the ambiguity because, otherwise, the person who drafted it would have written it a different way.... Since it can be interpreted both ways, it has to be interpreted in favor of the Costas since we wrote it.”

Citing other examples that apparently contradict the application of rules that other board members are setting to establish an interpretation of the bylaw, Arancio wanted to make a point. “Again, I don’t think it’s necessarily to this particular application, and I have documentation that’s based off of a prior bylaw review where we did have language in there. Whether it falls [under Section] 8c.17 of the multi-family where it needed to be occupied for at least two years ... I think it’s something that the town will look at down the road,” he said.

Qualifying his sticking point by acknowledging his agreement with the comments made by the ZBA members, Arancio said, “I also have the right to go ahead and not agree with the same thought process in regards to that [case]. It’s just given me a moment of pause because I think it creates
opportunity. I just want to make sure that if you have a relationship with a neighbor for 20 years and someone else moves in, that’s a completely different relationship. Even if they have to come before us ... everybody can go ahead and sit in front of us and be nice, and it could be a difficult situation, so I’m looking at it from the global perspective.”

Bailey reminded the ZBA that it can always limit the issuance of a Special Permit to the current owner. The board agreed to address the language of the bylaw for the sake of future cases.

ZBA member Richard Cutler proposed five conditions to the Special Permit: two units only, at least one unit to be owner-occupied, all parking to be off-street, Special Permit to be non-transferrable, and plans to be changed to reflect 30 percent of the existing structure. The ZBA voted 5-0 in favor of the Special Permit and the two remaining variances sought.

In Case 1155, Plumb Corner, LLC, is seeking permission to construct an 8-by-4-foot sign covering 32 square feet for property located at 0 Rounseville Road. The applicant is advertising a new subdivision, The Village at Plumb Corner. Per the applicant’s request, the board voted to continue the case to the ZBA’s next meeting on January 14.

The ZBA is looking to level-fund $300 as its appeals budget. Discussion ensued as to paying for Bylaws booklets. Bailey advised the members that there would be enough copies for the board.

The next meeting of the Rochester Zoning Board of
Appeals is scheduled for January 14.

**Quirky Property Situation Challenges ZBA**

*Marian Zoning Board of Appeals*

_By Mick Colageo_

In order for the Marion Planning Board to authorize the division of a parcel of land on Oakdale Avenue into separate lots, the Zoning Board of Appeals will need to allow a lot line to be drawn without the equal frontage required by the town’s bylaws.

“You can’t do that here because the houses were built before zoning. Equal frontage and equal area would put a lot line through a house,” said Attorney Robert L. Perry, who represented the Estate of Joan E. Botelho in Case 782, a continued public hearing before the ZBA on December 10.

The hearing was continued to January 14 at 6:30 pm but not before a history lesson and lengthy discussion.

As Perry explained, the owners of the homes at 61 and 63 Oakdale Avenue own property that Marion at some point in time began to consider as one lot and its residents as “tenants in common.” Botelho passed away and her lot sat vacant for a number of years, according to Perry. He is seeking a Special Permit to legally divide the lots so that the Botelho Estate can sell.

As Building Commissioner/Zoning Enforcement Officer Scott Shippey explained, the Planning Board would grant an Approval Not Required (ANR) that, assuming the ZBA approves the non-conforming lot line, becomes a permanent record.

“Basically, we cannot do a plan that will provide equal area and not have a serious hardship,” said Perry, who explained that the intent is to have Lot A owned solely by Denise Allard, and Lot B owned solely by the Botelho Estate. Allard has been paying the property taxes. Perry told the ZBA Botelho’s four children wish to sell their property, pay off the taxes owned, and move on.

According to Perry’s research, two parcels were originally purchased separately in 1939 with an easement permitting the town to lay water lines to the two houses. Houses were built on the lots in 1943.

“The family never treated them as one lot. Parcels 1 and 2 in the deed from (original owner) Sears and from Botelho,” explained Perry, whose research did not solve the mystery as to when, how, or why the town combined them. “We have no idea how the town came to treat them as one. I don’t know how it happened, but the family did not make it happen.”

Further complicating the matter is Lot B sits off of the dead end of Oakdale Avenue that, according to Perry, is a road the town voted to take possession of sometime around 1955. Perry’s clients seek to clear that road at their own expense in order to further facilitate an expedient solution. “I didn’t expect the Town of Marion to incur costs to do this,” he said.

Perry has spoken with the Department of Public Works and called the proposal “a glorified driveway” that he does not believe is before the ZBA’s judgment. The Conservation
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Commission sent a letter saying the case does not fall within its jurisdiction.

“I think it’s a fine idea. The road goes to the south border of their second lot,” said abutter George Tinkham, 57 Oakdale Avenue, who explained that the town owns the road and “took an easement on our property to all four houses (in 1958).... Nobody’s used it because just the two driveways. The road does extend up to the border of the second lot. It’s all public land in front of it [and] there wouldn’t be a problem clearing it.”

Several agreed that two lots will generate more property tax revenue for the town than one, but ZBA Chairman Christina Frangos was concerned the board does not overlook some aspect of the case and create a problem with its decision.

While ZBA member Ed Hoffer entertained the idea of a vote to approve with a contingency, which Perry preferred, Frangos said, “I would like to hear from the DPW to see where they stand on feasibility.” She would also like to hear from town counsel regarding precedence in Massachusetts, not just Marion.

Shippey told Frangos he would email DPW Director Dave Willett to obtain the DPW’s stance in writing.

Perry was beleaguered by the bylaw, and Frangos agreed, saying, “The bylaws give very little guidance.” “We’re trying to clean it up. It’s baby steps,” said Shippey, who serves on the Bylaw Codification Subcommittee.
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In other matters, Heron Cove developer Ken Steen requested a continuance to his proposed 40B housing project to January 28, 2021, with the modification of 24 additional units. Mark Bobrowski, Steen’s attorney, sent the ZBA a letter the day before the meeting with the request.

Marion’s Board of Selectmen had endorsed the prior 96-unit version of the project, so it will need to return to the selectmen’s agenda. Bobrowski said he already generated the abutters list and spoke the day of the meeting with Town Counsel Jon Witten.

Citing that “40Bs are controversial, generally,” Bobrowski stressed that he intends to take all proper steps to avoid any oversights. “I’m optimistic the Board of Selectmen will support it; I don’t know. The [Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development] will support it,” he said.

Frangos requested two weeks’ notice for any future continuance requests so that the applicants for public hearings scheduled later the same evening would not face undue delays.

Before the meeting ended, the ZBA voted to change its public hearing schedule to one public hearing every two minutes rather than every 15.

In Case 781, Kevin Walsh, the owner of property he bought June 30 at 12 Richardson Road, received a Special Permit to complete renovation of a nonconforming deck. Hudson Plumb, a direct abutter to Walsh’s property, said that Walsh had been at it for six months and has done substantial work that Plumb called “greatly improved.” Members Jim Ryba, Margie Baldwin, and Cynthia Callow have all gotten a look and complimented Walsh as well.

Callow, an alternate board member without voting privileges when a quorum is present, expressed interest in joining the ZBA as a full voting member. The ZBA also voted to accept the withdrawal of Katrina Trull’s request.

Finally, the board discussed a new Procedurals Manual from KP Law so that all members can strengthen their knowledge and equip themselves to preside if necessary. “The goal is really to help us,” said Frangos, who would like to receive feedback from the membership prior to the
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ZBA’s January 14 meeting in order to finalize a version for a vote. Frangos told the board she wants to require 80 percent attendance of the ZBA’s members, citing a fall meeting in which the board fell short of a quorum, and said she hopes the Board of Selectmen supports the proposed rule.

Member Will Tifft noted that Zoom meetings reduce scheduling conflicts. Openly hoping for a March 2021 return to in-person meetings, Frangos said she hopes that meetings remain accessible via Zoom. Hoffer called March “too optimistic” for a full reopening, and while he anticipates COVID-19 immunizations for police and fire personnel, Hoffer said expects “the rest of us” to be waiting our turn.

The next meeting of the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for January 14.

Old Work on Beach Lot Met with Objection
Marion Conservation Commission
By Mick Colageo

Three public hearings were on the agenda for the Marion Conservation Commission at its December 9 Zoom meeting.

In a 7:20 pm hearing, Carmine and Beth Martignetti filed a Notice of Intent to make shoreline site improvements, including removing a vertical stone/concrete seawall, expanding an existing coastal beach into an upland area, and reconstructing a stone jetty at 71 Moorings Road.

Represented by engineer David Davignon of Schneider, Davignon, and Leone, Inc., Carmine Martignetti was also on the call.

Identifying the southern portion as the crux of the filing, Davignon outlined three components. First is removing the seawall and cutting the grading down to extend the beach area in a half-moon shape by 850 square feet. The jetty will be rebuilt, 8 feet wide with a total length over 60 feet, an exercise that Davignon noted would also require federal permitting. The last component is the removal to the north side of the property of some invasive vegetation species.

Davignon said, at 1 foot of depth, approximately 30 yards of sand will be brought in, all at a compatible grain size. Citing the potential for more shellfish, Davignon said he does not see any potential negative impact.

The Conservation Commission members mostly questioned the groin’s reconstruction, the ridge that lies perpendicular to the coastline. “I think some of the erosion is because of the vertical wall that is there,” said Davignon, who plans to remove the existing vertical wall.

Part of the project is approval for work already done. “I think I speak for the entire commission when I say that we were surprised to see that work had taken place,” said ConCom Chairman Shaun Walsh, alluding to the original NOI filed in 2004. “We really strive to make sure that folks are playing by the rules and that when people come before us, they haven’t already done the project.”

No ConCom members remain from the date of that filing, nor was Davignon involved with the property at that time.

Walsh says the work on the north side of the site may, in fact, be permissible, but he stressed that ConCom had been deprived of an opportunity to participate in the process. He asked Davignon to give his professional opinion on the potential there for erosion, but beforehand he gave his own opinion on the work already done without ConCom’s participation or approval.

“When somebody goes down to a coastal site like this, they should know that that is an area subject to protection under the Wetlands Protection Act. And before they do the work, they should ask the property owner if they have the appropriate approval from the Conservation Commission to do the work, and that didn’t happen here. And it’s a little disappointing,” said Walsh.
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Davignon said he could not render an opinion, having not been a party to prior goings-on.

Walsh said a Google map view or Google Earth would reveal “a well-vegetated area” significantly different from what the commission members encountered at their site visit. He concluded that the changes had to be somewhat recent.

It was explained that the changes were motivated by the management of invasive species. Asked for their input, ConCom members concurred with Walsh’s observation. They expressed concern over the process that led to what they perceived as a lack of accountability on the part of the landscapers involved for not seeking out an order of conditions that would have been issued by the Conservation Commission. They were told that no herbicides were used in the removal of the vegetation.

Asked to address the commission, Martignetti recalled a correspondence with the town and how he was told he would be able to build a wall. He decided against the wall and chose instead to build a beach. The work that went on, he said, was part of a larger effort. In his mind, he said, “We were making a significant improvement to the coastal bank…. That’s what caused us to go forward. We thought we were making a significant improvement. For the beach we are filing now, that’s our rationale,” he explained.

Walsh said an invasive species removal is specific and not done in a wholesale manner. He suspects that not all that has apparently been removed could have all been invasive.

Marion does not have a professional conservation agent, so Walsh said ConCom would seek feedback from the state’s wetlands circuit rider. Davignon asked to be kept in the loop in case his presence is requested on site.

Per Marion’s remote-meeting policy, the public hearing was continued to December 23 at 7:20 pm.

In a 7:00 pm hearing, the Town of Marion requested a Request for Determination of Applicability for a Department of Public Works project to complete maintenance work on two bio-retention basins at Island Wharf.

Meghan Davis of the Marion DPW summarized the effort, including the removal of vegetation that would pave the way for the state Department of Environmental Management to come in and make new plantings in keeping with the ecological intent.
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In a 7:10 pm hearing, Tabor Academy presented a Request for Determination of Applicability in its plan to replace a deck on the east side of the Daggett House building at 275 Front Street.

ConCom visited the site on December 5, and Walsh said the “existing deck is in rough shape, to say the least.”

Reading from communication from Tabor Facilities Supervisor Donald Benoit, Walsh summarized the replacement plan of the steel deck and rotted-out posts with four footings on the same footprint, 88 feet from the seawall, with an all-wood frame and composite deck measuring 29 feet by 8 feet.

Per Marion’s remote-meeting policy, the public hearing was continued to December 23 at 7:10 pm to allow proper time for public comment.

ConCom voted to officially propose to the town a $2,950 level-funded budget for FY22.

Finally, Walsh recognized former member Kristen Saint Don-Campbell, who recently resigned from her ConCom and Planning Board posts. He called her “a great human being” who will be missed.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission is scheduled for December 23 at 7:00 pm.
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Mattapoisett Sets Sights on FY22 School Budget
Mattapoisett School Committee

By Mick Colageo
The Budget Subcommittee for the Mattapoisett School District met on December 10 to discuss the fiscal year 2022 budget.

Mattapoisett School Committee Chairman Jim Muse and committee member Shannon Finning attended the meeting, along with Old Rochester Regional Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson, ORR Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Howie Barber, Mattapoisett Schools Principal Rose Bowman, ORR Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Janell Pearson-Campbell, and ORR Director of Student Services Craig Davidson.
Acknowledging the new faces at ORR’s Central Office, Nelson explained how most school districts are concerned about enrollment and its impact on Chapter 70 funding and the challenges brought by the COVID-19 pandemic. Specific to ORR, he said the school district is in Year 3 of its 2023 strategic plan and that this is a negotiation year with teachers.

Barber said he expects budgetary hardships given the tone of state-level information coming down. Amidst the coronavirus pandemic, ORR is taking an “all funds budget approach” based upon high components and then some strategies.

Muse said that Mattapoisett schools receive capital funds from the town, but those are not guaranteed. “It has been a means of providing necessary funding for necessary things,” he said, specifically health insurance premiums, something he considers a “big piece of the upcoming conversation,” even though he said the town provides insurance.

Finning, remarking from a taxpayer’s perspective and thinking about the town’s assessment, thought families should ask budget makers how they would address the gap in literacy. “I’m aware of many who withdrew their children for parochial schools. Are we going to reach out to them?” she asked. “Class size was a big driver on why we chose Mattapoisett—Mrs. Bowman and class size.”

Barber said he reviewed the school buildings with ORR Facilities Director Gene Jones and, with a new presidency, he said he anticipates potential extensions to be granted. “We don’t even know what our Chapter 70 [funding is] going to be,” he said.

“We’re all very cognizant of the fact the resources from the town next year might be different,” said Bowman. She said the only anticipated faculty change is a retiring teacher at Center School.

Kindergarten enrollment for the 2021-22 academic year will be determined in February, said Bowman. The 48-50 number that entered kindergarten over the last few years is stabilizing with three sections of 18-22 children per room. Bowman said some parochial students’ families have indicated their children will be back in Mattapoisett schools.

Citing 10 students who registered for Grade 2 during...
the summer, Bowman said, “So, unusual things happen.” She expressed gratitude that the town has put curriculum on a separate line item and has purchased “Go Math” covers for Grades 2-6. The schools are saving money on paper products, thanks to Chromebooks.

Addressing the gap in literacy, Bowman said Grades 1 and 2 were her concern. “Leaning on the consistency of the teachers and the AIMSweb (Achievement Improvement Monitoring System) ... I’m confident we’re going to be able to know what areas of math and reading we need to focus on,” she said.

The student population per grade ranges between 49 and 55 students, except for Grade 2 entering Grade 3 next year.
Bowman said that the town has been generous with capital funding. She added that faculty had learned a great deal about technology for each grade level. “I have been careful about asking people for things that will be too big a stretch,” she said.

Pearson-Campbell told the meeting that she had sent a document with initiatives and a look at software packages and added how much she enjoyed listening to Bowman’s report.

Davidson said he would be working with Bowman and Associate Principal Kevin Tavares to focus on individual students and needs, identify trends in learning profiles, and determine what interventions are needed.

Barber said he would like to unify the software and learning platforms to be the same in all Tri-Town elementary schools. He intends to meet this month with Mattapoisett Town Administrator Mike Lorenco and the Tri-Town’s other town administrators. “That will allow us to propose the budget more clearly,” he said. “We want to keep a unified perspective.”

Barber’s goals are to propose a budget to the School Committee in January 2021, have a budget hearing in February, and meet by March 29 to finalize, clarify, and prepare the budget for the Annual Town Meeting.

Barber said he estimates a weekly budget meeting over the next six weeks to complete the budget process efficiently. The next two weeks would include a lot of discussion and, pending what the governor says, the fourth and fifth weeks might not require a meeting.

Muse said he is okay with weekly meetings, but that Barber should not need to report weekly, especially if a committee meeting is already scheduled.

“The pandemic, it hits people hard and hits people with different abilities harder.... We don’t know when this is going to be over,” said Muse. “One of the fears I have is district placements are going to start to decrease. We can’t support them. This may mean some short-term investments. I want Mr. Davidson to know and to bring that to his attention, and these are not resources that should not be fought for.” Muse said he hopes Davidson will continue to look for the resources to keep ORR a truly inclusive district.

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to make the budget subcommittee a priority and said “engagement is extra important” for the Board of Selectmen.
Barber agreed.

From a historical perspective, Muse said that members of the Finance Committee have sat on the Budget Subcommittee and that the Board of Selectmen has relied on the Finance Committee for updates. “We do need and want the support of the selectmen. That normally has occurred because we’ve had open dialogues with the town administrator as well as the Finance Committee,” he said.

Having helped prepare budgets for many years, Bowman said, “It’s been an outstanding process to have somebody from the Finance Committee to be with us [providing a] clear dialogue from the Finance Committee to the selectmen. Mr. Lorenco is now the town administrator, but the huge difference for us has been that the town has supported curriculum.”

Nelson said he would share the budget with the Finance Committee and intends to meet with Barber and Lorenco to make the budget process “transparent, but, more importantly, thorough.”

ORR Central Office Executive Assistant Diana Russo will take the lead on scheduling further Budget Subcommittee meetings.

Parents Report Overall
Satisfaction with 2020-21 Year
Old Rochester Regional School Committee
By Jean Perry

The Old Rochester Regional School Committee on December 9 reviewed the results of a Back-to-School Feedback Survey the ORR district sent out to parents and caregivers on November 20. The survey yielded a roughly 50-percent response rate from parents and guardians of junior high and high school students, giving the district a parents’ perspective of the school year thus far.

According to the results, most ORR families report relative satisfaction with the variables of School Year 2020-21.

When it comes to whether the school’s communication regarding learning expectations and school updates is adequate, at the junior high, 121 respondents say they either agree or strongly agree. At the high school, 251 agree, strongly agree, or remain neutral.

Fifty-three, 42, and 14 respondents said synchronous and live instruction on Mondays and hybrid-out school days at the junior high is either neutral, helpful or very helpful, respectively. Roughly half strongly agree that their child enjoys hybrid-in school days, with only 13 reporting that they disagree or strongly disagree.

Two-thirds of parents say hybrid-out workload is adequate, with the other third roughly split between feeling it is either too much or not enough.

Most of the remote students’ parents agree or strongly agree that their child has enough interaction with their teacher online during the day, and only one respondent rated the workload as insufficient.
However, the results show that over half of remote-learner parents are still not ready to send their kids to school. The other half remains undecided, with only one parent expressing their readiness to send their child to in-person learning. Overall, though, only two respondents disagreed that their child’s remote teachers provide them with opportunities for meaningful learning.

The high school results show that 251 of the 292 respondents either agree, strongly agree or feel neutral regarding communication. For them, Monday live instruction and hybrid-out day education is at least adequate (85), helpful (75) or very helpful (23), with 61 and 20 calling it somewhat helpful or not helpful, respectively. High school parents agree (101) that their child enjoys hybrid-in days, and others strongly agree (107).

High school parents responded similarly to junior high parents regarding the hybrid workload, with two-thirds finding it at least adequate.

Parents of remote learners mostly found teacher interaction to be adequate, but nine of the 25 respondents either disagreed or strongly disagreed with the question. Two-thirds are not ready to send their kids back to in-person learning, with only two saying they are ready; six were undecided.

Neither junior high nor high school respondents favored eliminating February vacation and replacing the week with four remote learning days. Still, the margin was relatively narrow, with 37.7 percent of junior high respondents in favor

He was the beloved husband of 47 years to Barbara Ann (Avila) Lopes.

Born in Acushnet, MA he was the son of the late Louis M. Lopes and the late Alice M. (Morgado) Lopes.

Robert is survived by his 3 sons; Ronald Lopes and his wife Christine of Forestdale, Steven Lopes and his wife Beth of Mattapoisett, and Scott Lopes and his wife Elizabeth of Sandwich. Robert is also survived by his brother; Michael Lopes and his wife Beverly of Florida and he was predeceased by his other brother; the late Paul Lopes.

Robert was the proud grandfather of his 8 grandchildren; Cory Lopes, Cameron Lopes, Kyle Lopes, Wendy Ryan, Heather Lopes, Alexander Lopes, Bridget Lopes and Emily Lopes and one great grandchild. He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Robert served his Country proudly in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam war, he also was a Firefighter for the City of New Bedford. He belonged to the American Legion, Sixth Bristol, Lakeville Eagles, New Bedford Moose, and Mass retirees Assoc. He volunteered for years as a server for the Knights of Columbus clambakes in Mattapoisett and he was an avid golfer.

Robert’s services will be held at a later date.

James W. “Bunk” Mercer, 76, of Mattapoisett died peacefully December 5, 2020 at home surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with ALS.

He was the devoted husband of Judith A. (Smith) Mercer, with whom he shared 38 years of marriage.

Born in Boston on Bunker Hill Day, son of the late James D. and Annie J. (Montgomery) Mercer, he was raised in Birmingham, AL. He later lived in Washington, D.C., Arlington, VA, Meridian, MS, Leicester, MA, Cranston, RI, and San Diego, CA before recently moving to Mattapoisett, MA.

James graduated from Livingston College (now the University of South Alabama) and earned an MBA from Mississippi State University in Meridian. He provided computer support at Washington Gas Light Company, Stream and Microsoft, and consumer support at Metropolitan Life Insurance.

He was a beloved husband and kind, dear person deeply loved by his family and friends. His quick wit and wonderful sense of humor were always endearing, and his kindness and generosity blessed all his friends and family. He cherished his family and dear friends and loved to read, explore new and different areas and share those experiences with others. In his younger days, James earned his pilot’s license and was a certified scuba diver. He loved walking and living a healthy life to the end. He supported his wife in countless ways and was very proud of her professional accomplishments.

Survivors include his wife; daughters Mary Melson of Mattapoisett and Amy Melson of Delhi, NY, and their respective partners Marc Anderson and Aaron Gell; three brothers, Fred Mercer and his wife, Teresa, of Mobile, AL; Robert Mercer and his wife, Gayla, of Fairhope, AL; Richard Mercer and his wife, Mary Lucas Mercer, of Orange Beach, AL; his uncle, Bob Russell of Foley, AL; three grandchildren, Sophie, Russell and Nora Gell; nieces Lindsey Mercer Hilner (Jason), Angel Mercer Smith (Michael), and Jessica Mercer, as well as nephews Leo, AJ (Katie), Matt, and Justin (Ashley) Mercer and several cousins. His three sisters-in-law and their husbands include Mary Jean Foster and Steve of Windermere, FL; Diane Wallace and Bob Home of Tarpon Springs, FL; and Anne and Jack Humeniuk of Standish, ME. Dearest best friends include Jim and Lee Noles of Lewes, DE; Mike and Sue Ellen Gray of Birmingham and Orange Beach, AL; and Harold and Danita Crabbe of Bessemer, AL. He was the brother of the late Charles Mercer.

His family would like to thank the staff of the Community Nurse Home Care Hospice Program at Fairhaven, MA, and Compassionate Care-ALS in Falmouth, MA, for their tremendous care and support.

Celebrations of his life will be held in June in Rhode Island and Alabama, and in Maine in July. If one wishes to honor James’ memory, in lieu of flowers, please make a donation in his name to The Community Nurse Home Care Hospice Program at 62 Center St. Fairhaven, MA 02719. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Charles “Charlie” Joseph McGowan Jr. of Mattapoisett, Mass. and Venice, Fla. died on November 30, 2020, at his home in Mattapoisett surrounded by his loving family at the age of 84, after a nearly twenty-year courageous battle with metastatic prostate cancer.

Charlie is survived by his wife of 60 years Kathleen “Kathy” Flaherty McGowan; daughters Katie Emche (James) of Ocean Pines, Md; daughter Marya Dunham (John) of Mattapoisett, Mass. and Bangladesh; daughter Kerry McNulty (Brian) of Duxbury, Mass.; and daughter Betsy Friedman (Ted) of Barrington, R.I.; nine grandchildren who he adored, Jake (Gabby), Phoebe, Elizabeth, Matthew, Kathleen, Kate, Izzy, Caroline and Addison; sister Anne Boucher of Chelmsford, Mass.; brother Robert McGowan (Sandy) of Mattapoisett, Mass. and Venice, Fla.; sister-in-law Helen McGowan Gardner of Mattapoisett, Mass.; and many beloved nieces and nephews. Charlie was preceded in death by his son Peter McGowan of Mattapoisett, Mass.; brother Paul McGowan of New Bedford, Mass.; sister Susan McGowan of

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of the question and 42.2 percent at the high school in favor.

At both schools, only a small percentage of respondents stated that they were “not comfortable” in their ability to assist their child with the technology they need for hybrid-out and remote days, with the overwhelming majority finding it either adequate or very comfortable.

There are currently 635 high school students in hybrid learning, 75 in remote, and 15 being home-schooled. The junior high has 365 in hybrid, with 57 in remote, and 12 being home-schooled.

School Committee member Frances Kearns wondered what the district would do with this information, especially the more negative responses.

“I think hearing this … feedback was an important next step for the district,” said Superintendent Mike Nelson. The big takeaway, he said: “Making sure Mondays (a Hybrid-Out day for all students) are as meaningful as they can possibly be.” He said he is already always looking at ways to improve communication and said another takeaway would be finding ways to create more connections between students and staff.

According to Nelson, this won’t be the last survey parents will receive before the end of the school year. He said parents’ feedback would help drive future decision making as the pandemic persists.

School Committee Chairperson Cary Humphrey acknowledged that Nelson remains in the middle of a “tug of war” between folks who feel strongly toward seemingly opposing directions. “But I agree,” Humphrey said, “these

Born in New Bedford, Mass., Charlie was one of five children of the late Anna Smith McGowan and Charles Joseph McGowan. As a child, Charlie spent summers with his family in the small coastal community of Mattapoisett. It was there that he developed his love for the ocean and particularly racing beetle cat boats as a young boy on Buzzard’s Bay. Charlie graduated from Coyle High School and received his bachelor’s degree in economics from Boston College.

Soon after graduating from college, Charlie married Kathleen Flaherty, a young woman whose family also summered in Mattapoisett and with whom he had known since he was a young boy. Charlie and Kathy settled in Mattapoisett and had their first two of five children there. Job opportunities took Charlie, Kathy and their growing family to live in different parts of the east coast over the course of the early years. They lived in Mattapoisett, Mass., Franklin, Mass., Old Saybrook, Conn., Manassas, Va., and Guilford, Conn. For a good portion of Charlie’s career, he worked in contract negotiations for Sikorsky, Electric Boat, and IBM.

In 1968, Charlie and Kathy built a summer home to fit their growing family in Mattapoisett. They built their home at the Cedars Beach in an area where, as children, they both spent their summers close to. From there they helped to create their family’s small tight knit summer community with lifelong friends and neighbors that remain to this day. At their home, Charlie was able to nurture his children’s love of Buzzard’s Bay and anything related to the water: sailing, swimming, digging for quahogs, sitting on the beach, taking walks to Ned’s Point Lighthouse, or just watching the sunset from their front porch.

Unlike so many men of his generation, Charlie’s work career did not define who he was as a man. Life outside of work held much more appeal and excitement. His interests were vast and limitless. He was an avid reader all his life. Charlie enjoyed painting, doing scrimshaw, needlepointing, traveling extensively with Kathy to foreign countries as far reaching as India and Africa, taking up piano lessons in his 40’s, gardening, being a eucharistic minister at church, playing tennis into his late 70’s, sailing any of his various sailboats and cooking for family and friends. He was a true Renaissance man.

Volunteerism was also always an important part of Charlie’s life. Charlie volunteered through various organizations and interfaith ministries over the years; tutoring young elementary aged children, heading up teen youth groups, helping to set up a backpack food program for at risk children to ensure they got food on the weekends, creating “Charlie’s Closet” for individuals to be able to access free medical equipment such as wheelchairs and crutches and was a mentor and confidant to many. In 1999 Charlie was awarded a special Citation of Citizenship from the State of Connecticut for his outstanding work serving the elderly, handicapped, adults in need and the youth in the state.

Charlie had that unique ability to create a lasting impression with people of all ages without needing to be the center of attention. After visiting the McGowan home and hearing a funny story, sharing a meal, being taken to dig for quahogs, going for a swim or a sail with Charlie, friends and family alike would leave feeling as though they had made a deep connection. Charlie’s positive outlook and generous spirit was legendary. His curiosity, sense of humor and adventurous nature was infectious, and he always enjoyed sharing fun experiences with everyone.

More than anything, Charlie enjoyed spending time with his devoted and loving wife of 60 years, Kathy, and their large family at their summer home in Mattapoisett. Having grandchildren was a dream come true for Charlie. He had a whole new crew of young people to share his life experiences and explore with. He was happiest when the entire family was gathered around their ever-expanding dining table to share in a meal. It did not matter what was being eaten, although Charlie’s specialty dishes Clam’s Casino, Quahog Chowder and Clams Aglio e Olio were amazing, it was more about being together for Charlie. Afterwards, as always, he wanted the meal to be polished off with some ice cream! Charlie was a loving, kind, sweet natured man and a devoted husband, father, brother, uncle, and loyal friend to all. His smile, generosity and humor will be greatly missed by all that were lucky enough to know him.

Due to the current concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will not be a funeral gathering at this time. Per Charlie’s request, there will be a memorial service and big celebration of his amazing life in the summer of 2021.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Charlie’s name to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute at https://www.dana-farber.org or to the Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease Foundation at cjdfoundation.org. donate in memory of his late son Peter.

John F. “Jack” Chase, 80, of Mattapoisett died peacefully November 28, 2020 at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Anne M. (Blouin) Chase.

Born in Boston, son of the late John L. and Rita E. (Burns) Chase, he lived in New Bedford and Mattapoisett most of his life wintering in Florida. He was formerly employed in the family business, Eagle Linen Supply and later was employed with the New Bedford School Department until his retirement. He was an avid golfer, member of the Reservation Golf Course and enjoyed playing in a golf league in Florida.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Kelly Cox and her husband Michael of Lakeville; a son, John E. Chase and his wife Susan of Medway; 5 grandchildren, Michael Chase, Jacqueline Chase, Kaitlyn Cox, Andrew Cox and Alison Cox.

His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday,

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surveys — this is the parents’ opportunity to speak up. … Everybody is wanting to row in the same direction, but, unfortunately, when you’re the superintendent … you’re always going to be caught in the middle.”

“‘There’s always room for improvement,’” said Nelson. “We are not going to become complacent or relaxed in terms of making sure that we’re doing what we need to from a safety standpoint.”

Devoll said students have been cooperative in wearing a mask and cleaning their workspaces, but there is still the need for “constant” reminders to maintain social distancing.

Later in the meeting, the committee determined that the 2020-21 school year was not the year to reinstate a two-year, foreign-language graduation requirement; after a lengthy discussion, the committee voted 4-2 to end the requirement just as it was reestablished after 13 years.

The argument centered mostly on the limited foreign-language choices this year — two, actually — Spanish and Latin. And for remote learners, there is no choice; it is either Latin or nothing.

It was only last spring when the School Committee voted to make two years of a foreign language a graduation requirement. And although some committee members still favor reinstituting the requirement, most agreed that 2020 just wasn’t the year to start.

School Committee member James Muse was passionately against the two-year requirement — for 2020 or any other year, calling it a “farce” and remarking, “[I think it
December 19th at 10 am in St. Anthony’s Church. Due to Covid-19, his visiting hours are omitted.

Please be advised that due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there are strict guidelines that must be adhered to for the safety of everyone. You MUST wear a mask to be allowed entry to the services. Please practice social distancing and avoid any close contact. Capacity at church will be limited to 100. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Marilyn “Merry” Eustis, 84, voyaged onward into the hands of our Lord on December 7, 2020. Her husband Ralph and family were at her side as she departed peacefully with a smile on her beautiful face. She was an inspiring, lovely and loving lady with an infectious personality that loved everyone.

Beloved daughter of the late Norman and Dorothy Hodgson, Merry grew up in Portland, ME. It was there that she met her soul mate Ralph W. Eustis. Their 64-year voyage together as husband and wife, took them to live in places like Tokyo, Manhattan, California, and Washington DC. After Ralph retired from the Coast Guard, they settled in Mattapoisett in 1975 but embarked on many personal and professional adventures both on land and on sea.

Merry was a lovely lady who brought happiness to everyone who touched her life; a lifelong wife, supporter, and companion to Ralph, a devoted mother to Ralph and Bill who had predeceased her. Merry especially enjoyed her role as grandmother to Heather and Stephen. She was happiest when she was with family and friends and sharing the joys of being alive whether it was with activities like sailing, skiing, adventuring around the world or just throwing a party so she could gather everyone together to celebrate. Aimhi Lodge in ME, where she spent her childhood summers, is one of her dearest spots. Her home and garden were her place to dream and relax from everyday stresses. She was an artist and an entrepreneur who founded Merrel Crafts in Washington DC and Eustis Design in Marion, MA, an interior design and architectural design firm. The New Bedford Chamber of Commerce named her the small business person of the year in 1989. Also, the Mass Senate honored her as the Small Business woman of the Year in 1991.

Merry’s boundless energy extended throughout the Community. She was a founding member of the New Bedford Art Museum; the first to receive the New Bedford Symphony’s Friend of the Year award; a recipient of the Art Museum’s New Bedford Patrons of the Arts award; and the director of the Mattapoisett Yacht Club youth program.

Survivors include her husband Ralph; her son Ralph III and his wife Karen of Mattapoisett, MA; granddaughter, Heather Eustis and fiancé Jacques Ray of NC; grandson, Stephen Eustis of NV; sister, Joelle Bentley of Stamford, CT; sister, Julie Broome and her husband Tony of Stony Creek, CT; brother-in-law, Gordon Eustis and his wife Joan of Lopez Island, WA; sister-in-law, Bette Ascheffenberg of Silver Spring, MD; and many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and many other extended family and friends.

Due to COVID, a service will be held at a later date when it is safe to gather. It will take place at Mattapoisett Congregational Church and the interment will be after that at the Coast Guard Academy Memorial Chapel, the place where Merry and Ralph first met.

One of Merry’s final wishes is that everyone takes time to reach out to anyone who is struggling with Alzheimer’s as well as their caregivers. Please offer whatever support you can.

The family requests that any remembrances be sent to the New Bedford Art Museum Children’s Art Fund.

Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Joseph D. Travis, 69 of Cranston, passed away peacefully, December 10, 2020 at the Philip Hulitar Inpatient Center, Providence. He was the beloved husband of Roberta (Palazzo) Travis. Born in Fall River, MA, a son of the late Joseph D. and Rosalind (Sequiera) Travis. His family moved to Mattapoisett in the 1960’s. Mr. Travis graduated from ORR in 1969, and attended SMU (U-Mass Dartmouth). Mr Travis always saw Mattapoisett as his home town, and spent many fond hours visiting friends in the area. Mr. Travis was a retired sales manager for an electronics companies. Besides his wife he is survived by his two step-daughters, Laura Gendron of New York City and Bethany Gendron of PA. His funeral and burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donation in his memory may be made to Philip Hulitar Inpatient Center or any Animal Rescue Center. Please share memories www.WoodlawnGatton.com. Donations may be made to: Hope Hospice and Palliative Care, 1085 North Main Street, Providence RI 02904 or Animal Rescue Rhode Island, P.O. Box 458, Wakefield RI 02880 Web: animalrescueri.org

James Ambrose Dawson, 83, of Mattapoisett died peacefully at home surrounded by his five children on Friday, December 11, 2020. He was the husband of Elizabeth “Beth” Murphy Dawson who predeceased him in 2018.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, the son of the late James J. Dawson and Mary Margaret (Gatherall) Dawson, he was a graduate of Monsignor Coyle High School, College of the Holy Cross, and New York University Stern School of Business. After growing up in Brooklyn, NY, and Fairhaven, MA, he split his time between New Canaan, CT and Mattapoisett, MA.
is] despicable that we’re creating this scenario unnecessarily.”

“This is a different school year than the one we all anticipated,” said High School Principal Mike Devoll. “I would advise that, due to the pandemic and the variables in our learning plan, that this might not be the year to start.”

The final vote was 4-2, with committee members Heather Burke and Humphrey voting “no.”

After, the committee voted unanimously to change its dual enrollment (DE) credit policy to allow those grades to count toward a DE student’s grade-point average (GPA) but declined to motion to allow DE grades to affect class rank at ORR.

“We feel strongly that class rank should be an apples-to-apples comparison of classes offered at the school versus GPA, a reflection of the grades a student earned,” said Devoll.

There was some concern among the committee about equal access to dual-enrollment classes, which comes with an out-of-pocket cost. “In terms of equity, I don’t think it’s in the right place,” said Kearns.

“We shared those concerns,” said Devoll. “Again, it’s the apples-to-apples in class rank. Not all peers have the same opportunity.”

Muse was concerned about making any decision that could potentially hurt any party involved, whether it be DE students or Advanced Placement students who could possibly see an AP-level class dropped should several students seek the same course from DE. Furthermore, students taking only ORR classes could see their class rank go down despite having high grades, only because DE classes offer 5.0 credits instead of ORR’s 4.0.

By keeping DE courses from affecting class rank, said Devoll, there would be a more level playing field for students. But allowing them to count toward the GPA would only help students.

The vote was unanimous; however, Burke abstained from voting.

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He started his business career in sales at St. Regis Paper Company in New York, NY, and then spent the rest of his career in the printing industry-serving as CEO of two companies, World Color Press Inc. in Effingham, IL and Quebecor (USA) Inc. in Boston. He was known for his exceptional relationship management skills that produced deeply loyal customers. In retirement, he served as board member and advisor for several printing companies as an industry expert and leader.

Jim was a devout Catholic who was a communicant of St. Aloysius Church (New Canaan, CT) and St. Anthony’s Church in Mattapoisett. He was a Knight of Malta and an active member of his local church communities; he and his wife Beth made pilgrimages to Lourdes and Medjugorje several times over the years. His faith was a foundational part of his and his family’s life.

Career success aside, Jim was defined by his love of family. He proudly served as president of the New Canaan Winter Club, where he delighted in watching his five children figure skate and play hockey. He volunteered his time coaching youth lacrosse and baseball as well. Everything he did was to support his family, to set a good example, and to prepare his children to live meaningful lives. He deeply loved his wife “Beth,” and together they made a great team. Jim was loved by many and will be truly missed.

Survivors include his three siblings, Kevin Dawson and Janet Liljedahl and their families, both of Mattapoisett, and Kathleen Brett of Needham; his in-laws, Elizabeth Dawson of Mattapoisett and Joseph Cosgrove of Newton; his five children, Margaret Dawson Bolster, James Bernard Dawson, Kate Dawson Ayers, M.D., Elizabeth Ann Dawson, and John Harrington Dawson, and their spouses; his twelve grandchildren, Michael Finn Ayers, James Dawson Ayers, Jack Ambrose Dashiel Bolster, Lucy Cronin Ayers, Kayla Elizabeth Murdock Bolster, Thomas Murphy Ayers, Henry Middleton Dawson, Elizabeth Grey Dawson, Gloria Murphy Dawson, James Edward Dawson, James Bernard Dawson, Jr., and Caroline Elizabeth Dawson. He was predeceased by his siblings, John Dawson and Mary Cosgrove, and his brother-in-law, James Brett.

His wake will be held on Thursday, December 17, from 6:00-8:00 P.M. at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett. All visitors are required to wear masks and should adhere to Massachusetts Covid-19 protocols. His Funeral Mass will take place on Friday, December 18th at 11:30 a.m. at St. Lawrence Church in New Bedford, MA, followed by a private burial. The family asks that donations be made to Our Lady’s Chapel and St. Lawrence Church, both in New Bedford. For directions and guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

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Later, when Humphrey called for a second to a motion to adopt a replacement-fee policy for technology out on loan to students, all he got were “crickets,” as he put it when no one spoke up to second it. He asked if anyone wanted further discussion, but again, no one spoke. Eventually, Margaret McSweeny made the second, and the ensuing vote was unanimous.

“That was awkward and bizarre at the same time,” said Humphrey, noting that the committee had just entered the meeting’s fourth hour.

The committee then approved a memorial plaque to honor Nolan Gibbons of Marion, who passed away suddenly on August 18. Nolan was 15 years old.

Sophomores Gabriella Berg and Kathleen Dunn presented two options for a plaque that will include Nolan’s photo, a quote he often said: “Everyone likes to be themselves,” and a QR code to Nolan’s Spotify artist page.

“[Nolan] was an outstanding artist with huge aspirations,” said Dunn. The sophomore class recently held a “day of purple,” when students donned Nolan’s favorite color and offered donations for a fund to create a memorial in his name. They raised just over $600, and while the plaque will only cost a fraction of that sum, the sophomore class wishes to donate the remaining funds to a scholarship created in Nolan’s name at A Capella Academy, a summer music camp that Nolan especially loved. “So that other students like him … will get to experience what he loved,” said Dunn.

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Hannah Strom ran from Island Wharf down Front Street to Silvershell Beach on Sunday morning, surrounded by her brother and friends. The accomplishment is a major step in the Marion native’s long road back from severe injuries sustained last January in a horrific crash while traveling in Florida with the Holy Cross rowing team. At the end of her run, her father surprised her with a puppy. The Tabor Academy graduate plans to go back to the Worcester-based college and rejoin the rowing program. Photos by Mick Colageo

At 2:06 pm on Friday, December 11, Marion Chief of Police John Garcia signed off to radio dispatch, ending his shift and a law enforcement career that spanned three and a half decades. The Town of Marion recognized his retirement with a drive-thru sendoff outside the Cushman Community Center. School children created a banner for the occasion that included greetings from the Board of Selectmen, Fire Department, town and school district officials, police cruisers from several towns across southeastern Massachusetts, and many private citizens expressing their wishes. Effective with Garcia’s retirement, Marion Police Lieutenant Richard Nighelli became the interim police chief until January when he is officially appointed as Garcia’s replacement. Photos by Mick Colageo

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Also during the meeting, Nelson reported that an Instagram account had been taken down after students reported the presence of a “Republican at ORR” page rife with racist overtones and political ideology, which featured the unauthorized use of the ORR Bulldog in a red “Make America Great Again” hat in front of a Confederate flag.

“This social media was not supported, not sponsored by the school district,” Nelson said. “While recognizing the importance of free speech and dialog, hate speech has no place in our schools.” He said he reported the page to local law enforcement and contacted Instagram to take the page down.

Devoll lauded the students for their quick response. “It was awful, and it was just really sad,” Devoll said. “It saddened me, but the student response is what I don’t want to get lost. I want that to be our focus. Our students immediately disavowed this page and did the right thing and were mindful of their digital footprint when doing so, so I applaud them.”

In COVID-19 news, Nelson reported that there were 43 positive COVID-19 cases across all Tri-Town school districts at the time of the meeting. The high school had 24 students in quarantine; nine students with COVID-like symptoms were in isolation awaiting test results. Three students were in isolation at the junior high school after positive test results; 10 students were in quarantine, with one student showing COVID-like symptoms in isolation awaiting test results.

The School Committee officially approved ORR’s
The Town of Rochester wasn’t able to host its traditional Christmas celebration this year, but the Fire Department made sure that Santa and Mrs. Claus and Sparky visited with children on Sunday outside Town Hall, where Board of Selectmen Chairman Paul Ciaburri presided over the lighting of the tree. Ciaburri was thrilled to report that the Christmas Angels, run by Lorraine Thompson with volunteers from the Council on Aging, the public library, local businesses, schools, and churches haven’t missed a beat. The charitable group has made the holidays special for many families with dinners and gifts. One family, said Ciaburri, provided Christmas gifts for two large families. The local Fire Fighters Association, a 501(c)(3) organization, with the assistance of Old Colony Regional VocationalTechnical High School, has provided almost 40 complete meals for Rochester residents. “Every need got met; it was heartwarming. It makes you feel good about the town you live in,” said Ciaburri. “One thing about this town is things get done. Nobody knows about it, that’s the way it is. The ones that have, take care of the ones that have not.” Photos by Mick Colageo

Teresa Dall shared these pictures of the decorations for the holidays at her home on North Street in Mattapoisett

Mattapoisett Harbor by David Rickson

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Winter Sports 2020-21: Nothing Less than Perfection Will Do
By Mick Colageo

In order to go undefeated through the 2020-21 winter sports season commencing with practices this week at Old Rochester Regional High School, the mission is a simple one, and it has nothing to do with box scores.

“I feel really good about the work adults will commit to, to be perfect, and we need to be perfect this winter,” said ORR Principal Mike Devoll during a special Zoom meeting held on Monday night for student-athletes and their parents.

With the December 9 vote of the Old Rochester Regional School Committee green-lighting the Bulldogs’ participation in winter-season varsity and junior-varsity sports, Director of Athletics Bill Tilden laid out the ground rules for student-athletes.

The sports themselves, boys and girls basketball,
As has been his wont the last few years, director Francis Ford Coppola has tinkered with the film, moving some scenes and trimming others; it’s shorter but doesn’t feel shorter — the pacing is still a bit stiff, the dialogue often stilted. Ironically, the subtitle is not literal; Coppola fades to black on the ruined face of Michael Corleone (Al Pacino), sparing us his unintentionally comical literal downfall. What we see now is more like the death of Michael’s light, his soul.

I kind of miss the sad way the movie used to start — leaves blowing around the old, desolate Corleone compound. We now kick off with Michael pursuing a deal with the head of the Vatican bank, which gets us onto the narrative on-ramp faster and makes what follows — a ceremony in which Michael is awarded a papal bauble — seem like more of a sly quid-pro-quo event. Michael wants to buy respectability for himself and his family; he wants to leave a clean legacy for his children, especially his daughter Mary (Sofia Coppola). It was fashionable in 1990 to bash Sofia, the director’s daughter and untrained as an actress, for ruining her father’s movie. But to me she comes across as authentic, unguarded, and finally poignant. Sofia later made great strides as a director herself, but there’s no shame in what she does here.

Coppola has left two major sequences alone, to these eyes — Michael’s halting confession to a cardinal who will be the next Pope, and the climax crosscutting between various murders with Cavalleria Rusticana as its voluptuous backdrop. In the latter, Coppola drops his guilt and grief and revels in the sheer play of being a filmmaker. Vengeance, rage, sorrow, broken faith — Coppola brings it all together. The movie-movieness of it all can seem a bit much, but the Godfather films were always opera, never life. To my knowledge, Coppola never ordered his own brother killed, but he did (and still does) contend with the death, in 1986, of his son Gian-Carlo. This Godfather is more personal and vulnerable than the first two; it feels like an open wound, and I’d prefer not to rub salt in it. Godfather, Coda is not perfect by any means, and doesn’t share the cool intelligence of I and II, but it’s time to stop punishing it. It is its own movie. Cosmetically it resembles the first two, but its core is jagged and despairing.

Even Michael seems like a completely different man than the frigid, calculating chessmaster of the other films. Pacino gives him more warmth; age and illness (Michael has diabetes) have made Michael more fragile, more nakedly lunging towards the acceptance and love of his family — his ex-wife Kay (Diane Keaton), his loyal sister Connie (Talia Shire, putting some dark steel into her line readings; “Maybe they should fear you,” Michael tells Connie in one of the film’s funnier exchanges). The unstated horror of the third film is that everyone seems to know now that Fredo died and is more or less all right with it — even Connie keeps up the pretense that Fredo drowned so that Michael can pretend Connie doesn’t know. It wasn’t personal; it was strictly business. But Godfather, Coda is strictly personal. It’s about how you live with being a monster — a monster whose very existence imperils the innocence that manages to flower around you.

Coppola hasn’t fixed some of the stuff that still makes me cringe. Joe Mantegna has been terrific elsewhere, but as media darling Joey Zasa, a crude gangster who styles himself a dapper don, he’s pretty awful (to be fair, he gets handed the worst lines: “If anyone would say such a thing, they would not be a friend. They would be a dog”). The ease with which Zasa goes out of the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere. Coppola has taken out some of Michael’s cofinside the film proves he adds little to it; Michael’s real adversary is elsewhere.

Kay points out that, now that Michael is fixated on redemption, he’s more dangerous than ever — more desperate. He leaves the family in the hands of his illegitimate nephew, Vincent Mancini (Andy Garcia), a hothead who, from what we see, doesn’t have the screen time to develop into a plausible new Don Corleone. Some critics took that as a flaw, but I suspect it’s intentional. Michael is so hung up on retiring from ordering hits on people that he’ll hand everything off to a violent mook. Garcia has flash and presence to burn, but as Vincent is supposed to mature, Garcia is left with less to work with. It’s not his movie, anyway, and it never becomes his movie. Godfather, Coda stays with Michael’s emptiness, which he attempts to fill with family and religion, apparently unaware he has irrevocably blasphemed against both. This third movie doesn’t tell us much we couldn’t have guessed from the end of Part II, but as a coda, now, it emphasizes that Michael was damned the minute he came out of that restaurant bathroom with the stashed gun.
hockey, and swimming (there is no winter track this school year), will see safety modifications, but that was not the focal point of Monday night’s Zoom meeting. That had to do with the teamwork that happens when the game clocks are not running.

Rule 1: You have to wear a mask, and you have to bring your own water bottle. Tilden advised students to have several masks so that they can stay fresh. “If you show up without a water bottle, I’m telling coaches to send you home,” he said, noting that it’s unhealthy to try to make it through a practice without water. “We will close down a practice if we see kids sharing water bottles.” Schools will not be allowed this winter to use coolers and furnish water bottles.

As thrilled as Devoll and Tilden were to be having this discussion, it was delivered with a sober temperament.

“We continue to see students not taking that guidance seriously.... We need them to consider that the stakes are a little bit higher,” said Devoll, comparing the risk of self-quarantine to not only missing out on sports but the risk of shutting down their sport for their teammates. “The essence of high school sports is to be part of a team. There are teammates counting on us.”

By not participating in fall sports, a decision Devoll stressed is a delay and not a cancellation, much was learned during the last few months watching participating schools succeed and fail in various aspects and practices. The other side of that coin is ORR student-athletes are, on average, a step behind. Any misstep regarding safety precautions could cost a team a critical level of conditioning work.

A 10-day quarantine, Devoll reminded listeners, wipes out most of a season, as 2020-21 schedules are limited to a dozen games, all against South Coast Conference opponents. Limited to league play for the sake of simplicity, with each school adopting the same rules, SCC teams will face each other once with a league playoff at the end. It’s a short window of opportunity that will be laced with adrenaline, but how well the weaker links conduct themselves could decide the fate of many students’ sports seasons.

“The schools that competed in the fall get it, and most of the students who stayed with an AAU or a club team, I think they get it,” said Devoll, who added that students could not
COASTLINE ELDERLY
NUTRITION PROGRAM
Monday, Dec 21: American chop suey, green & wax beans, multigrain roll, Mandarin oranges
Tuesday, Dec 22: Honey ginger chicken, vegetable Ice, rice, Oriental blend vegetables, whole wheat bread, banana
Wednesday, Dec 23: Spanish omelet, hash browns, mixed vegetables, fruit loaf, pineapple
Thursday, Dec 24: Vegetarian chili, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, strawberry cup Friday, Dec 25: Christmas Day

CENTER SCHOOL
Monday, Dec 21: Remote meals Tuesday, Dec 22: Cohort A: sausage egg & cheese bagel melt, sweet potato fries OR Turkey club wrap, assorted fruit, 1% milk Wednesday, Dec 23: Cohort B: sausage egg & cheese bagel melt, sweet potato fries OR Turkey club wrap, assorted fruit, 1% milk

Turkey club wrap, assorted fruit, 1% milk

Thursday, Dec 24: No school Friday, Dec 25: No school

OLD HAMMONDTOWN
Monday, Dec 21: Remote meals Tuesday, Dec 22: Cohort A: sausage egg & cheese bagel melt, sweet potato fries OR Turkey club wrap, assorted fruit, 1% milk

Wednesday, Dec 23: Cohort B: sausage egg & cheese bagel melt, sweet potato fries OR Turkey club wrap, assorted fruit, 1% milk

Thursday, Dec 24: No school Friday, Dec 25: No school

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL
JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH
Monday, Dec 21: Remote meals Tuesday, Dec 22: Cohort A: sausage egg & cheese bagel melt, sweet potato fries OR Turkey club wrap, assorted fruit, 1% milk

Wednesday, Dec 23: Cohort B: sausage egg & cheese bagel melt, sweet potato fries OR Turkey club wrap, assorted fruit, 1% milk

Thursday, Dec 24: No school Friday, Dec 25: No school

SIPPICAN SCHOOL
Monday, Dec 21: Remote meals Tuesday, Dec 22: Cohort A: sausage egg & cheese bagel melt, sweet potato fries OR Turkey club wrap, assorted fruit, 1% milk

Wednesday, Dec 23: Cohort B: sausage egg & cheese bagel melt, sweet potato fries OR Turkey club wrap, assorted fruit, 1% milk

Thursday, Dec 24: No school Friday, Dec 25: No school

ROCHESTER
Log highlights Dec 6-Dec 12
• Hillside Rd - Medical
• Braley Hill Rd – 911 call
• North Ave – Suspicious activity
• Sarah Sherman Rd – Animal control
• New Bedford Rd – MV collision
• Jasons Ln – Animal control
• Braley Hill Rd – Burglary
• Marion Rd - Fraud
• Benjamin Dr - Medical
• Benson Rd – 911 call
• Snipatuit Rd – Animal control
• Old Middleboro Rd –Animal control
• Marion Rd – MV collision
• Mattapoissett Rd - Disturbance
• Elizabeth Dr – 911 call
• Dexter Ln – Suspicious activity
• High St – 911 call
• Hiller Rd - Fraud
• Cranberry Hwy – MV collision
• Cranberry Hwy - Medical
• Ryder Rd – Firearms licensing
• Lawrence Way – Animal control
• Stuart Rd - Medical
• Burgess Ave - Medical
• Mattapoissett Rd - Medical
• Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/arrest
• Ashley Brook Ln – Erratic MV
• Rte 495 – MV collision
• North Ave - Medical

For a full PDF of the three towns’ police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.
catch up on sports the way they have been able to get caught up in curriculum. “I’ve been wanting a full experience for our students for a long time, so this is a good step in that direction. Simply put, go Bulldogs. I’m excited to start...”

Some of the logistics: ORR will not allow spectators for its first two home basketball games. After that, up to two family members per player may attend. In the SCC, there are no fans allowed into away games.

Locker rooms at home are open to a maximum of 10 players for changing purposes only (no showers). Players may not leave anything in the locker room. Players in the second slot of practice time on a given day are not allowed to use the locker room. Bathrooms will remain open.

Before reporting to practice, students will use quick-response (QR) barcodes with their smartphones at various school locations to check-in and answer coronavirus-protocol questions, thereby saving their coaches valuable minutes allotted to practice. “If you don’t feel good, please stay home,” said Tilden, who doesn’t want to see any student taking chances with teammates potentially affected if they don’t feel well and still attend.

Basketball players are asked to space out their bags 6 feet apart in the gym. That will help structure social distancing during water breaks.

The trainer’s room, a popular hangout for players, is henceforth limited to three people who must use an E-Hallway pass for access. There will be no regular tape jobs; players are to wear preventative equipment instead. The three benches in the room will be limited to one person per bench so that the bench can be wiped down between visits.

For away games, the capacity on a 27-passenger bus, including the driver, is 12 varsity and 12 JV players and two coaches. Players must arrive dressed to play. There will be no changing rooms, only a small bathroom.

If a player becomes ill during practice or a home game, the trainer will determine a course of action. ORR has been using the auditorium stage as its Cares Room, but if it happens at an away game, that player would not be allowed on the team bus but would be held behind and await a ride home. Tilden said details are still in the works for such a case and may involve the coach.

If, for instance, ORR plays Seekonk on a Tuesday and

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SALOME’S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) At this time you might want to resist that otherwise admirable Aries penchant for getting to the heart of a matter quickly. Keep in mind that a delicate situation calls for patience.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your aspects favor more diplomacy and fewer direct confrontations when dealing with a relationship problem. Avoiding hurt feelings can help in your search for the truth.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Positive aspects are strong this week. Although you might still have to deal with some problems caused by a recent period of turmoil, you are making progress, and that’s what counts.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A family matter could benefit from your counsel. But don’t come into it unless invited, and don’t stay if you feel uneasy. Just remember to reassure one and all that you’ll be there for them.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) As the truth about an ongoing situation emerges, you could find that you were right to defer judgment before you had all the facts. Now would be a good time to move on to other matters.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your plans to take control of a personal situation because you feel you are best qualified could create resentment. Best to hear what everyone else involved in the matter has to say about it.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Uncovering some surprising background facts about that ongoing personal matter could make you reconsider the extent of your involvement. A neutral family member offers advice.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Religious or spiritual themes start to dominate your aspect this week. This can serve as a counterweight to the mounting effects of the season’s growing commercialization.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Taking on that recent challenge impressed a lot of important decision-makers. Meanwhile, proceed with your holiday plans, and don’t forget to include you-know-who in them.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Disagreeing with an opinion you can’t accept could be dicey, and your motives might be questioned. Best to wait to mount a challenge until you have support for your position.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Getting involved in helping others in this increasingly hectic period not only makes the generous Aquarian feel good, but you could also gain a more substantive benefit from your actions.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The Piscian way of thinking clearly and objectively helps you resolve a complex situation without creating any ill will. Don’t be surprised if your counsel is requested on another matter.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of persuading people to look at the positive possibilities that make up any choices they might face.

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Seekonk calls ORR on Thursday to say someone tested positive for COVID-19 or anytime during the same week, the ORR players and coach go into 10 days of quarantine. A return to play for a positive test requires two clearance levels: the COVID-19 clearance and then a second clearance based on an evaluation of physical conditioning for return to sports.

Coaches face the task of the game and an overall supervisory role. “Their jobs are going to be much easier if their athletes are cooperative,” said Tilden. “I don’t think the kids have had the fun part of school yet.... We want this season to happen in the worst way.”

Basketball teams were to begin practice on December 8, with varsity and junior varsity occupying the gyms with an hour in between to allow for proper cleaning. Boys basketball is practicing at the junior high and girls at the high school.

The Travis Roy Rink at Tabor Academy, ORR’s regular home ice, is not available, so the hockey teams are skating just over the Bourne Bridge at the John Gallo Ice Arena. The boys have tryouts and a 5:30-6:30 am time slot at Gallo. The girls, much shorter on numbers without the customary coop participants, will begin practice on Sunday, December 20.

Swimmers were scheduled to begin on Wednesday night from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, but Tilden was mindful of the south coast’s impending snowstorm forecast.

Typically, said Tilden, preseason talk focuses on team unity and concussion prevention and treatment, but those concerns have taken a back seat this winter. “We still need parents to pay attention,” he said.

Of the 113 students registered to play winter sports at ORR, 35 physicals were outstanding as of Monday night. The Massachusetts Department of Health would not allow schools to use an 18-month physical; it has to be no more than 13 months out.

There are user fees for winter sports, and Tilden said, “Not having winter track is a destroyer of the fee structure.” Without those 80 user fees, student-athletes were asked by Booster Club President Justin Shay to reach out for donations, saying that just two donations per student would get the Bulldogs through the winter season.

The hockey teams, said Shay, are averaging 2.7 donations per athlete, with the total funds raised up around $7,000 for ice time. “They’re slaying it!” he said, encouraging all the student-athletes to seek donations.

Tilden asked for delivery of user fees this week, if possible, or next week. “Let us know if you need more time,” he said, referencing payment plans. Those seeking a full waiver need to let the school know as soon as possible.

While COVID-19 protocols were addressed with a fair warning of repercussions, Tilden told the School Committee that the short winter season could have far-reaching positive implications. If high-risk sports like basketball and hockey can succeed, then it will make it that much easier for the moderate-risk sports outdoors in the spring. “We need to make the winter season work,” he said. “If any parents have any concerns, we want to know about it beforehand rather than after.”

Those with questions were invited to reach out to billtilden@oldrochester.org or justinshay@comcast.net.

**Cushing Cemetery**

The gates at Cushing Cemetery will be closed and locked just before and during any significant snow/ice storms. We have to do this for insurance reasons and to protect our roads and headstones. After the snow is gone, we will unlock and open the gates. Thank you for your understanding.

**Christmas Day Swim**

Unfortunately, we will have to cancel the Annual Christmas Day Swim to benefit Helping Hands and Hooves. Due to COVID-19 concerns, we don’t feel comfortable that it would be a safe event. We look forward to seeing you next year! If you would like to donate to us, please send a check to Helping Hands and Hooves, P.O. Box 1315, Mattapoisett, MA, 02739. Thank you!

**From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society**

**By Connie Eshbach**

The large white house at 7 Marion Road, along with its shed, barn, and garage, has a long and varied history. Today it is called The Bonney House and is divided into condos. Before this, it was a shop called Dempsey’s Village Sampler, and before that, it was the home of Phil and Dorothy Bray and had both an inground pool and a bomb shelter. However, its history gets more interesting the further back you go. The house, which is an excellent example of the late Federalist style of architecture, was built in 1826 for George Bonney. George Bonney was involved in Rochester politics and served as a representative to the General Court in Boston from 1844-1845. Primarily though, Bonney was a businessman, and his house contained both a tavern and a store.

One of the items sold at the store was coarse quality ready-to-wear clothing. It’s believed to be the first store in America to do so. The coarse clothing business began with Bonney’s southern connections. He had a winter home and business in Savannah, Georgia. Along with some associates (one of whom was his brother, Charles), he sent his schooners...
LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at 7:50 pm at the Marion Police Station (via Zoom and closed to the public*), on a Request for Determination of Applicability (File # 41D-1773), submitted by 418 Point Road Trust, for repairs to the pile support system of the boardwalk located at 418 Point Road.

The site is further identified as Lot 11E on Marion Assessors’ Map 2. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Shaun P. Walsh, Chair
*Please contact Donna Hemphill at 508-748-3515 or dhemphill@marionma.gov for the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV and participants can call in at any time.

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The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at 7:50 pm at the Marion Police Station (via Zoom and closed to the public*), on a Request for Determination of Applicability (File # 41D-1773), submitted by Aucoot Cove Properties, LLC., the applicant is requesting a Chapter 91 License with the DEP - Waterways Program for the construction of a 22,750 square-foot academic building with associated parking, drainage improvements and upgraded utility services.

The property is located at 85 Spring Street and is further identified on Marion Assessors’s map as Map 14, Lot 6 in the Residence C Zoning District.

Andrew M. Daniel, Vice-Chairman
Eileen I. Marum, Clerk
*Town Hall for review.

TOWN OF MATTAPOOSETT
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 15C and Chapter 87, Section 3-5, the Mattapoisett Tree Warden will hold a joint public hearing with the Planning Board during a regularly scheduled meeting, remotely only via Zoom at 7:00 pm on Monday, January 4, 2021 on the request for a permit authorizing, and consent of the Planning Board for, the cutting and removal of an Ash Tree DBH approx.: 2’ x 6’6 x 50’ located at 9 Ship Street facing Beacon Street. Beacon Street being a designated scenic way in Town. (Publication posted upon the Tree(s) requested to be removed).

Zoom Meeting
https://zoom.us/j/99684795051
Meeting ID: 996 8479 5051

TOWN OF MATTAPOOSETT
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 7:00 pm remotely via Zoom, concerning the Application For Approval of a Definitive Plan submitted by Stephen Randon for a proposed subdivision of land located at 0 Randall Road and shown as Map 23, Lot 70. Complete plans are on file in the office of the Town Clerk and may be inspected by any interested party during normal business hours of the clerk’s office or at www.mattapoisett.net.

Zoom Meeting
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TOWN OF MATTAPOOSETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

An Open Hearing of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, December 28, 2020 at 6:30 pm via Zoom in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on the Notice of Intent submitted by Raymond Hanks, 18 Crystal Spring Road, Mattapoisett, MA as shown on Assessor’s Map 18, Lot 81. The applicant proposes to construct a 28 x 30 garage addition to the existing single-family dwelling. Please contact the Conservation Commission office at (508) 758-4100 or Ehemphill@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information.

Eileen J. Marum, Clerk

TOWN OF MARION
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To be held Remotely via Zoom:
Meeting ID: 862 4568 5342; Password: 062728
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The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 7:05 pm remotely via Zoom* to consider the request of Tabor Academy. The application is for a Site Plan Review c/o Field Engineering Co., Inc. to allow the construction of a 22,750 square-foot academic building with associated parking, drainage improvements and upgraded utility services.

*If you are a resident attending the public hearing, we request you to identify your name and address for the record.

Topic: Planning Board 12/17, 12/24

TOWN OF MATTAPOOSETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 28, 2020, at 6:30 pm (via Zoom) in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on the Notice of Intent submitted by Raymond Hanks, 18 Crystal Spring Road, Mattapoisett, MA as shown on Assessor’s Map 18, Lot 81. The applicant proposes to construct a 28 x 30 garage addition to the existing single-family dwelling. Please contact the Conservation Commission office at (508) 758-4100 ext. 219 for Zoom instructions.

Eileen J. Marum, Clerk

December 17, 2020

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south to load up with cotton, which was made into a coarse cloth called “slop cloth” upon arriving in the north. The fabric was then made into clothing and shipped back south to sell to plantation owners who bought it to clothe their slaves.

Mary Hall Leonard, an area historian, wrote that the demand for this type of clothing created work (slop work) for Rochester women who sewed clothing, as well as a popular garment called the “Marseilles vest.” For many years, Bonney’s boats went up and down the coast bringing cotton north and clothing south. The Rochester Female Missionary Society, begun in 1816, got much of its funding for missionary and parish work by doing this slop work for George Bonney.

This coarse cloth was also used to make the clothing carried on whaling ships. When crew members’ clothes became unwearable, they could get new clothing from the ship’s commissary. (I’m pretty sure the cost of the clothes was deducted from any money they made at the end of the voyage). The “slop” name of the cloth, over time, was
transferred to the seaman’s slop chests.

The house stayed in the Bonney family through the 1800s. In 1903 it became the summer home of Charles J. Holmes, a banker from Fall River, who may have been a descendant of the Charles Holmes who lived at 10 Marion Road. In 1936, it was identified on maps as Holmlands, which including its grounds, had a much larger footprint than it has today.

**ORRHS Term 3 Honor Roll**

The following students have achieved honors for the first term at Old Rochester Regional High School:


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Marion, MA

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<td>and anything by Gravely.</td>
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<td>Windows-Siding-Trim-Decks-Repairs</td>
<td>Louie: 508-951-1374</td>
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<td>270 degree water views from living room/kitchen, 3 bedrooms each with water views! Newly renovated, fully furnished, sleeps 6, 2 full baths. Private neighborhood, access to protected marina, beach, kayaking, biking and more! $400/night (2 night minimum) or $2,500 weekly. Contact dave@ mattapoisettboatyard.com or 508-728-5288</td>
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<td>Email: <a href="mailto:Andy@perkinsconstructionma.com">Andy@perkinsconstructionma.com</a></td>
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<td>Alex Cordeiro December 19</td>
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<td>prepare you for Canine Good Citizen (CGC) and</td>
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**PEARLS BEFORE SWINE**

by Stephen Pastis

| WHAT’S ALL THIS? Larry start new venture. Offer world his brilliance on all subjects. |
| WHAT’S THAT TO HAVE WITH YOUR NOSE? |
| BAD START. Larry doesn’t know. |

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ORRJH Students of the Month
Silas D. Coellner, principal of Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, announces the following Students of the Month for November 2020:
Green Team: Gianna DeLeo & Kaylee Sitarz
Orange Team: Erin Cardinal & Benjamin Bourgeois
Blue Team: Spencer Troy & Ella Shannon
Red Team: Ryan Simmons & Molly Wronski
Remote Team: Emily Wyman & Douglas Barrows

Bishop Stang First Quarter Honor Roll
Bishop Stang High School is proud of the accomplishments of our students, and recognizes those students earning Honor Roll distinction. Students on the President’s List have an average 95 or above, and a 90 or above in all courses. Students receiving First Honor have an average 90 or above, and an 85 or above in all courses. Those with Second Honor have an average 85 or above, and an 80 or above in all courses.

The following students from our area are being recognized for their academic achievement at Bishop Stang High School for their performance in the first quarter:
Marion: President’s List: Lillian Manning ’24
Second Honors: Bridget Clavell ’21, Sophie Lynch ’21

WALRUS & CAPTAIN FRIDAYS 2020 AND 2021
“DRY DOCK”
5:30pm – 8:00pm
Bring your used and tattered burgees. We are making a wall of fame.

Celebrate with an evening at the pub.
Menus available www.walrusbistro.com
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<td><strong>Electrician Eric Cordeiro</strong></td>
<td>For good work &amp; reasonable prices, 24hr service, big &amp; small jobs, will call back same day. 508 9954496</td>
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<td><strong>DUMP RUNS and MORE</strong></td>
<td>Any cleanup, yards, houses, attics, apts, etc. Oil tank and boiler removal call Cliff 508-472-8539</td>
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<td><strong>Exterior &amp; Interior Home Painting</strong></td>
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<td><strong>First Call Carpentry</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Explode New England Media</strong></td>
<td>is looking for a Destination Marketing Sales Specialist. Interests in travel, tourism, outdoor activities and destination marketing all a plus. Work from home, flexible hours, virtual sales with generous commission = unlimited earning potential. If after visiting <a href="http://www.explorenewengland.tv">www.explorenewengland.tv</a> your interested in learning more please send a short note of introduction and / or a resume to Steve Wyman at <a href="mailto:steve@explorenewengland.tv">steve@explorenewengland.tv</a> or by phone at Mobile Business 508-317-1600</td>
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<td><strong>HANDY MARTIN</strong></td>
<td>Interior and exterior carpentry, porches decks, trim repair, roof leaks, siding leaks and replacement, roofing, rubber roof repairs, skylight leaks, bulkhead replacement and rebuilds, odd jobs, got a job no one wants to do give me a call. Pictures and references available. 30 year veteran in the business. Great prices and free estimates. Senior discount. Insured. CALL TYLER 774 327 9929 Interior Painting Average size room, 2 coats on walls, $250 Excellent Tri-town references! 508-728-4386</td>
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<td><strong>Fairhaven, 810.00mo. plus utilities 1 bedroom, private entrance,W/D, great location, quiet, no smokers/pets, call for info 508-961-8684</strong></td>
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**Weekly Sudoku**

by Linda Thistle

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**Difficulty This Week:**

- **Moderate**
- **Challenging**
- **HOO BOY!**

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Falmouth Academy Head of School List

Falmouth Academy has announced its Head of School List for academic achievement in the first trimester of the 2020-21 school year. Students named to the list have earned at least three A’s and no grade below a B- for the trimester. Falmouth Academy has 225 students in grades 7 through 12 from Cape Cod, the Southcoast, the South Shore, and Martha’s Vineyard.

From Marion: Lyric Buckley, Elizabeth Feeney, Jackson Gierhart, Jack McGinnis, Reid Reimold, Ava Strang, Natalia Sudofsky, Margaret Ward.

From Mattapoisett: Benjamin Giumetti, Athena Kettner, Daicey Richardson.

From Rochester: Eva Muldoon, Camden Jeppson.

Recycle with ORRHS’s DECA Club

Out with the old and in with the new! Clean out your closets and give Mother Nature the gift of donating your unwanted textiles. Did you know that 85 percent of clothing and textiles end up in landfills even though 95 percent can be recycled or reused? Support ORR High School’s DECA Club by donating your textiles all year round. The following can be put in the bins in any condition, old or new, as long as items are clean and dry: All types of footwear, clothing (including undergarments and socks), accessories (hats, gloves, scarves, handbags, duffle bags, tote bags, belts, ties), linens (sheets, pillows, comforters, blankets, towels, dish towels, throw rugs, draperies, table linens, placemats), and stuffed animals in any condition. Please bag items. Donation bins are located outside of Center School, Old Hammondtown, Rochester Memorial, Sippican School, and ORR Junior High and High Schools. All proceeds benefit ORRHS’s DECA Club.

Sippican Woman’s Club Holiday Recipe

The Sippican Woman’s Club has had a Holiday House Tour since 1984. In the afternoon, after seeing the many homes, there would be the “Sugar Plum Tea,” where cookies and other pastries would be served. This week’s recipe is from Eileen Merlino’s cookies.

Eileen was the president from 2003-2006. She has been on Scholarship Committee for 11 years, “and counting.”

Craisin White Chocolate Oatmeal cookies

INGREDIENTS:
• 2/3 cup butter or margarine, softened
• 2/3 cup brown sugar
• 2 large eggs
• 1 1/2 cups old-fashioned oats
• 1 1/2 cups flour
• 1 teaspoon baking soda
• 1/2 teaspoon salt
• A 6-ounce package of Ocean Spray Craisins Original Dried Cranberries
• 2/3 cup white or semi-sweet chocolate chunks or chips

DIRECTIONS:
Preheat oven to 375°F. Using an electric mixer, beat butter or margarine and sugar together in a medium mixing bowl until light and fluffy. Add eggs, mixing well. Combine oats, flour, baking soda, and salt in a separate mixing bowl. Add to butter mixture in several additions, mixing well after each addition. Stir in dried cranberries and chocolate chunks.

Drop by rounded teaspoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheets. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on wire rack.

Friends of the Mattapoisett COA

To our community of seniors: The Friends of the Mattapoisett COA hope you are safe and well. We want to thank you for the continued support throughout the years and hope things improve sooner rather than later. Although things are quiet at the COA for now, we do still hope to keep up the membership tally. Your membership can be mailed to P.O. Box 1116, Mattapoisett, MA, 02739. We miss all of you at our luncheons and look forward to this never-ending year becoming history with hope on the horizon. Also, thank you to Jackie and her staff for keeping the home fires burning for all of us. Please be careful out there and, again, stay safe and stay strong.

Meditation During Stressful Times

On Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., the Marion Council on Aging is offering a virtual meditation class held via Zoom. Stress has never been greater than it is right now. The pandemic has forced us indoors and has cut us off from the natural resources in our lives, such as time spent with family, friends, and beneficial activities. The good news is that meditation is a natural and effective way of quieting the mind and reducing stress. It can lower blood pressure and promote feelings of safety, peace of mind, and wellbeing. This class is perfect for anyone who enjoys the practice of meditation, as well as those who may be interested in learning how to meditate. You will be guided from the safety and comfort of your home by a dedicated meditation teacher with over 25 years of experience, Susan M. Pisapia.

This class is being funded by a generous grant from Coastline, Inc., the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs, and the Federal Administration for Community Living.

Please contact the Council on Aging office at 508-748-3570 to attain access information for Zoom.

Mattapoisett Set to Receive MassDOT Grant

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has announced the most recent round of awards as part of its Shared Streets and Spaces Program, and Mattapoisett has been named as one of 11 recipients. The program, which was created in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, helps fund municipal projects that enhance the use of public ways, including areas for outdoor dining and bike lanes. Mattapoisett will be receiving $237,849 to create new connections to the Mattapoisett Rail Trail and provide...
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A Powerful Prayer to the Holy Spirit
Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, who light all roads so I can attain my goals, you 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. G.L.

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a safer route to Old Hammondtown Elementary School and areas of employment in Fairhaven.

“I am pleased to see state dollars fund projects that will help residents enjoy outdoor spaces during these times,” said Rep. Bill Straus (D-Mattapoisett), House chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation. “I thank MassDOT and the Baker administration for their support of this project.”

Penny Pinchers Exchange

Penny Pinchers Exchange, located at 39 Main Street in Marion, is the consignment shop of The First Congregational Church of Marion. Throughout the summer and fall, our volunteers have enjoyed seeing our customers come in to drop off consignments and donations, and search to find wonderful bargains in clothing, housewares, jewelry, and so much more.

Looking ahead to the long winter season, our number one priority is to keep our volunteers and customers safe and healthy. Due to the increase in Covid-19 cases in our area, the decision has been made to temporarily close Penny Pinchers Exchange from December 20 to March 3, 2021.

We thank everyone for your continued support and look forward to seeing you back in the spring. Our very best wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

REBOOT 2020: A Virtual New Year’s Eve Celebration

Looking for a way to celebrate the new year in our socially distanced COVID-19 world? The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough invites you to REBOOT 2020 on Thursday, December 31, at 8:00 pm. Welcome in 2021 with over 20 acts of music, poetry, and song, featuring many talented musicians in a variety of acts from Ragtime to Broadway to Classical to Jazz. After you register, we’ll send you a free link that lets you “tune in” via the web! The show will stream on New Year’s Eve at 8:00 pm and will be available for a repeat viewing later.

REBOOT 2020 is the brainchild of tenor Tony Soares and recording technician Stephen Larrett. The idea blossomed as performers brought forward their acts: double flutes, singing, reading, guitar, trumpet, double bass, hammered dulcimer. Such a variety and combination of sounds and sights: dulcimer and flute partnered with spoken word, double bass singing Massenet’s famous “Meditation,” touches of jazz and Broadway standards. There are Blues in the Night as well as a Pajama Song, songs of love and songs of protest, Shakespeare set to music, Irving Berlin, Leonard Bernstein, Burt Bacharach, Scott Joplin, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and more.

Although this show is free of charge, donations are gratefully accepted. The show will stream at 8:00 pm on New Year’s Eve for all who register, with or without a donation. Join us to press CTRL+ALT+DEL on 2020 and start fresh for 2021!

For more information or to register, go to www.uumiddleboro.org/reboot2020.

Holiday Sales at Rochester Historical Society

Just a reminder! The Rochester Historical Society is here to help you with your Christmas shopping. You can make an appointment to shop at the Museum on County Road by getting in touch with Sue LaFleur at 508-295-8908 or sasha@comcast.net, or Connie Eshbach at 508-763-4932 or email eshbach2@aol.com. We have a variety of sweatshirts, hats, books, and Tic-Tac-Toe games, as well as our Rochester facemasks. If you’re thinking of ordering a sweatshirt in a special color or size, it would be best to do it very soon if it is for Christmas. We want to thank the various local businesses for carrying our Rochester masks at their stores.

Holiday Food Drive

The Wanderer is collecting nonperishables for those in need this holiday season. If you would like to donate, please feel free to stop by The Wanderer office during office hours. Our office is open Monday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, and Tuesdays 9:00 am to noon. We are located at 55 County Road in Mattapoisett. Donations will be accepted through Monday, December 21. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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Full Moon: December 30th
Last Quarter: January 6th
New Moon: January 13th

I Found the Aardvark!

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

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

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on I Found the Aardvark

In the December 10, 2020 edition the Aardvark was on page 44!
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