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‘Team Charlotte’ Determined to Defeat Deadly Foe
By Mick Colageo

Tabor Academy sophomore Charlotte Forker has been forced to grow up way ahead of schedule. Having lost her mother, Jen, a school nurse and beloved member of the Tabor community, to cancer on October 22, 2018, Charlotte wants to change the world.

The 15-year-old has joined the Students of The Year campaign through the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and has set a fundraising goal of $20,000 over a seven-week period that begins on January 29. She will have until 6:00 pm on Saturday, March 20, to accept donations.

“Personally, I’d love to even break my goal,” said Charlotte, who is involved in a fundraising effort for the first time.

After her father, Jim Forker, started volunteering last year with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, the two went to Tabor Dean of Students Tim Cleary to discuss involving Charlotte in the Students of the Year program.

“Through this discussion, it was clear this is something that’s incredibly meaningful for them,” said Cleary, who understands the challenge well as an annual fundraiser for Special Olympics. Charlotte’s goal, he said, is ambitious. “Knowing Charlotte and the type of kid she is, there’s tremendous potential here. I have confidence she will reach her goal.

“And she’s running the show; she’s in charge. Charlotte’s driving the bus; she’s doing the lifting. She’s really devoted to this.”

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is the world’s largest voluntary health organization dedicated to fighting blood cancer. Since 1949, it is the non-profit’s mission has been to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin’s disease, and myeloma while helping address everyday needs for patients and their families.

“I got to learn more about the organization,” said Jim, who recently raised $27,000 as executive chairman of LLS’s New England campaign. After his wife’s 2017 diagnosis, Jim rode in the Pan-Mass Challenge, raising $17,332 in 2018 and $13,800 in 2019.

“I was on board right away,” said Charlotte, who will have strong in-school support from Kelly Wagner, the ninth-grade class dean, and a Spanish teacher, along with six Tabor Academy students dedicating time to the project that will still take up most of her own.

Charlotte’s campaign will utilize some of Jim’s contacts from his prior efforts but will network more through Tabor faculty and student body as a student-run campaign.

“She also has friends over at [Old Rochester Regional High School] that are going to be on our team. She’ll also be working with local businesses; I didn’t do any of that,” said Jim, a real estate agent with Robert Paul Properties in Marion. “Charlotte will learn how to approach businesses, whether local or large companies, and explain what her goal is.”

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On the Cover: Tabor Academy sophomore Charlotte Forker has joined the Students of The Year campaign through the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and will campaign this winter to raise money in honor of her mother, Jen, a school nurse at Tabor who fought a long battle with leukemia before passing away in October in 2018. Jen, a 15-year-old student from Marion, has set a goal of $20,000 that she will work to raise over a seven-week period that begins on January 29. See story. Photo by Mick Colageo

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On her donation page, Charlotte explains that she “decided to join Student of The Year to end the world of blood cancers. As many of you know, my mom Jen was diagnosed with leukemia in 2017 when I was 11 [years old]. For a year and a half, I watched my mom battle with the cancer from home and the hospital. I would go lay in the tiny hospital bed and watch Gilmore Girls with her while she would be receiving treatments. Even during the long times away from home, my mom still managed to keep me smiling by dancing or playing games with me. When the cancer started to tear away her body, she never let it break down her spirit. I am doing this to honor my mom but also for all of those that have been impacted by blood cancer.”

Now a Marion resident, Charlotte was living in Rochester when her mother was diagnosed. She attended ORR Junior High School through eighth grade before transferring. Her older brother, Ben, graduated from Tabor in 2020, and her younger sister, Nora, an eighth-grader, plans on joining Charlotte at Tabor next year. Charlotte and Ben share a passion for soccer; Ben played at Tabor, and Charlotte, a forward, hopes to get back to playing soon.

“The family is an integral part of our community, has been for years,” said Cleary.

Tabor students are technically back from their Christmas break but are in remote learning mode up through February 2. Until Charlotte can restart a normal social life, she has been using her time to learn what organizations like the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society do.

“When my family and I were in the fight with my mom, we were unaware of the amazing work LLS has been doing for years. LLS’s continued advancements are responsible for the blood cancer survival rate doubling and tripling; in some cases, the survival rate has even quadrupled,” she wrote on her donation page.

Getting the word out two weeks in advance of the kickoff to her effort is a challenge, but Charlotte will be using Instagram, and Jim will be using Facebook while going live with phone calls and personal visits. “And then we have our fundraising page where donations can be accepted (beginning January 29),” said Charlotte.
COVID-19 Vaccination Begins in Marion
By Mick Colageo

Marion’s dissemination of the COVID-19 vaccine will be a little bit like the evacuation of a boat taking on water; the key is not to let it turn into Black Friday at the mall.

After being approved by the state to administer the Moderna vaccine to residents of Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester, and Wareham, the town is starting this week with a by-invitation-only clinic for first responders from the four towns.

Late in 2020, Marion Public Health Nurse Lori Desmarais organized a flu clinic that the town used as a rehearsal tool, all the while envisioning the scenario that commences this week with the vaccination of first responders.

“We’re really proud to be at the frontlines of...
vaccinating our first responders this week in Marion. As soon as the opportunity to apply to be a regional distribution site became available, we jumped right in," said Marion Town Administrator Jay McGrail. “We have a great leadership team in our public health nurse (Desmarais), our police chief (Richard Nighelli), and fire chief (Brian Jackvony).”

The Town of Marion has issued a press release detailing its plans to help Massachusetts carry out its three-phased approach. The first responders clinic this week is considered Phase 1.

Residents have been asked not to call the Marion Board of Health at this time to inquire about vaccine availability. The town and the Board of Health will provide more information on the availability of the vaccine to the general public as it becomes available.

Marion laid out an “Anticipated Vaccine Distribution Timeline” beginning with Phase 1, which will carry into February and include: Clinical and non-clinical health care workers doing direct and COVID-facing care; long-term-care facilities, rest homes and assisted living facilities; emergency medical services, police, and fire; congregate-care settings; home-based health care workers; and health care workers doing non-COVID-facing care.

Phase 2, which will begin in February and carry into April, will include: individuals with two or more co-morbid conditions and/or age 75 and over (high risk for COVID-19 complications); other workers including but not limited to early education and K-12 workers, transit, grocery, utility, food/agriculture workers, sanitation, public works, and public health workers; adults age 65 and over; and individuals with one co-morbid condition.

Phase 3, which is projected to begin in April, will make the vaccine available to the general public. Some long-term-care facilities in Marion have started vaccinating residents, according to the press release. “We’re hoping to build on it to be able to vaccinate the next phases,” said McGrail of this week’s start. “This is the first step in moving on from this horrible year.”
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Driver Dies; Pedestrian Survives Crash

The Plymouth County District Attorney’s Office responded to a request made by The Wanderer for information on the January 7 car crash in Marion with the following report:

At approximately 2:41 pm on January 7, Massachusetts State Police detectives assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney’s Office were notified by Marion Police of a single motor vehicle crash involving a pedestrian that resulted in a fatality, and an investigation commenced.

The crash occurred at the intersection of Converse Road at Pleasant Street. Preliminarily, the investigation found that the driver of a 2011 gray Honda Accord appeared to have suffered a medical emergency and began swerving and driving erratically before striking a male pedestrian who was walking on the sidewalk.

The operator was trapped in the vehicle and was unresponsive and not breathing. Marion emergency medical personnel removed the driver, who was transported to Tobey Hospital in Wareham where he was pronounced dead at 2:55 pm.

The male pedestrian was transported to Rhode Island Hospital for treatment. The driver of the car was identified as Scott Erdman, 74, of Marion. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner will determine the cause and manner of death.
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Richard Nighelli Sworn in as New Marion Police Chief

The Marion Police Department is pleased to announce that Richard B. Nighelli has officially begun his new role as Chief.

Chief Nighelli, a 17-year veteran of the department, was sworn in during a private ceremony at the Marion Police station on Thursday, January 7.

“As a member of the Marion Police Department for a majority of my career, it is an honor for me to step into this position,” Chief Nighelli said. “I’d like to thank the men and women of the Marion Police Department who come to work each and every day, night, weekend, and holiday to ensure Marion is a safe place to live. Your efforts do not go unnoticed.”

Chief Nighelli began his career as a police officer with the Department of Mental Health in Boston in 1999. He became a patrolman with the Nantucket Police Department in 2002 before being hired as a patrolman with the Marion Police Department in 2003. He was
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promoted to sergeant in 2007 and promoted to lieutenant in January 2018. He was named Chief in May 2020 and has served as Acting Chief since December 12, 2020.

In his new role, Chief Nighelli hopes to continue to foster the department’s relationship with the community through transparency and open communication.

“Our department is fortunate to be part of a wonderful and supportive community,” Chief Nighelli said. “Since being named Chief of Police, I have been overwhelmed by the support that I have received from the community, which means a lot to myself, my family, and the department. As Chief, I will continue to ensure that the Marion Police Department provides professional, courteous, and exceptional service to our residents.”

Chief Nighelli served as the accreditation manager during Marion’s state re-accreditation process in 2018 and previously served as Operations Commander for the Southeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (SEMLEC) SWAT team.

Chief Nighelli attended the New England Law Enforcement FBI Executive Development Seminar in 2018 and successfully completed a two-week comprehensive training program for police supervisory personnel at Roger Williams University. He has also assumed leadership roles and assisted with security planning for multiple town events. In 2014, he assisted in the on-site planning and search for the Boston Marathon bombing suspects in Watertown. He has also received commendations for an attempted murder investigation in 2006 and a fugitive from justice arrest in 2004.

He holds a bachelor’s degree in law enforcement from Western New England University. He is a certified field training officer and Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission State Assessor and has trained in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Incident Command Systems, SWAT operations, emergency medical dispatch, and 911 telecommunications.

“I’d like to congratulate Chief Nighelli on this new step in his career,” Town Administrator James McGrail said. “I have no doubt that his wealth of knowledge and experience will serve him well as Chief of Police, and I look forward to seeing how the department continues to grow and evolve under his leadership.”

Chief Nighelli is a member of the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association, Southeastern Massachusetts Police Chiefs Association, International Association of Chiefs of Police, and Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association.

He is married to his wife, Holly, and they have two children together.

“Holly has supported all of my career advancements while putting her career on hold to raise our kids,” Chief Nighelli said. “I am confident that without her support of my career and its often irregular
Chief Nighelli took over his new role following the retirement of Chief John Garcia, who officially retired on January 2 after a 36-year career in law enforcement.

Bike Path Seeks Stronger Ties with Town

Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

By Marilou Newell

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path came before the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen on January 12 to affirm their desire to “strengthen relationships” with the town, said founding member Bonne DeSousa.

After introducing board members Bill Coquillette, Liz DiCarlo, Ann Bryant, Chris Matos, Renee Pothier, Robin Lepore, Jane Finnerty, Dick Grahn, Allyson Bradford, and Arlene Enos, the group presented a short video initially produced for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. The stunning aerial footage, along with land-based imagery showing the scope of the epic project, was a powerful reminder that persistence does pay off.

Phase 1b, slated for a ribbon-cutting in the spring, features three bridges and four paved sections leading from Mattapoisett Neck Road across the Eel Pond spillway along barrier beaches terminating at Depot Street. The entire span from Brandt Island Road to Depot Street has been 20 years in the making.

Pothier, treasurer for the group, asked that the selectmen consider what other essential items will be needed, if the town is prepared for the influx of new visitors, and form a list of new projects the group could focus on next.

Board of Selectman Chairman Paul Silva said that Selectman John DeCosta would be their liaison. DeCosta said he was ready to work with the group and felt suited to the task, given his recreational resources background. DeCosta asked to meet with the group and to report back to the board members. He said he wanted to address and complete everything associated with Phase 1a and 1b before taking on any new projects related to the bike path.

Silva added that the town’s first priority would be

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safety, especially at the intersections of Mattapoisett Neck Road and Brandt Island Road, and that parking needs to be addressed. He said that the board would be working with Representative Bill Straus, as a utility right of way might hinder efforts to secure new parking at trailheads. “It’s a real concern,” said Silva.

Selectman Jordan Collyer also echoed Silva’s concerns, saying, “My priority is safety,” adding that amenities, while important, would come last. He acknowledged, however, that trash barrels are essential, followed by benches and signage.

During a recent discussion regarding the connector trail from the end of Industrial Drive to the Marion line, Collyer said more parking was added. He said upon reviewing the plans with the designers that he felt more parking would be warranted. There are now nine parking spots and one handicap space on the drawings.

Earlier in the meeting, Pothier reported that over the past 20 years, the “Friends” group had received donations of some $200,000 and continued to do fundraising. Pothier said the group was ready to earmark $20,000 for the opening of Phase 1b, now known as the Shining Tides Trail.

In a follow-up, DeSousa said that a new program was about to be launched that would go a long way toward giving bicycles to anyone in the town that needed and wanted to ride. DeSousa said that DiCarlo had proposed a program whereby people could donate gently used bikes for all ages to the Friends, who would then distribute them. DeSousa said the program was not finalized, but that interest and enthusiasm is running high.

The Mattapoisett Historical Commission, represented by Bob Spooner, came before the selectmen with continued concerns that the historic stone bridge on River Road continues to be threatened by heavy truck traffic. Spooner said that signs installed 15 months ago signaling to motorists that the bridge was weight restricted to 2.5 tons was doing little to stop heavier vehicles.

Silva said the board would send a letter to the chief of police asking for stepped-up surveillance of the bridge for a two-week period, issuing warnings to violators followed by the issuance of tickets thereafter. DeCosta also suggested the positioning of electronic message boards along the roadway leading to the bridge, announcing the restrictions.

Collyer said that computer mapping programs could be updated by the MassDOT programs used by commercial truckers. Those systems could alert drivers of the bridge’s weight restriction.

Spooner said that the Historical Commission had also been in discussion with the Planning Board to ensure that, when construction begins on a proposed solar array off of Randall Lane, trucks associated with that construction would be diverted away from the bridge.

Town Administrator Mike Lorenco said he would follow up with the Planning Board, but Silva was confident that the Planning Board would have the best interest of the bridge in mind when drafting conditions for the construction.

In other business, Lorenco said that a printing error had been discovered on tax bills stating the tax rate was $13.49 but that the actual calculated amount due had been based on the correct rate of $12.96. He apologized for the error. Anyone with questions was directed to call the collector’s office for assistance.

Lorenco also reported that the federal CARES Act ended on December 31. The FFCRA had paid town employees their salaries while stricken and unable to work due to COVID-19, he said. The use of personal sick time had been unnecessary. Now, Lorenco said, employees who contract the virus will receive paid leave if the disease is directly related to their employment environment. Use of personal sick time will be used if the employee’s exposure and subsequent illness are attributable to other sources.

On the theme of COVID-19, Lorenco said that first responders had begun to receive vaccines, that Phase 2 of vaccine distribution is slated for February and will include people over the age of 75 and those at high risk due to preexisting conditions. That group will also include teachers and food service employees. He noted that the general public would have to wait until May or

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June, adding, “Cases grow day by day…. I ask everyone to please wear a mask and continue to fight the good fight.”

Ending on a happy note, Lorenco said that the town was saving 80 percent year over year on electricity since the installation of LED lamps. He said that the latest electric bill for town buildings was only $516 versus the previous year, which stood at $2,600. Collyer added, “We are saving $28,000 a year,” chuckling that he remembered the exact number.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen is scheduled for January 26 at 6:30 pm. 

Editor’s Note: Marilou Newell is a member of the Mattapoisett Historical Commission.
conservation interests in the Mattapoisett River Valley to protect Marion’s drinking water, to catalog Sippican Historical Society archives and complete the town’s architectural survey, to restore Marion’s historic 1937 Maxim fire truck, Town House restoration, inclusive playground equipment at the Sippican School, and to purchase cast aluminum grave markers for veterans’ graves at town cemeteries.

CPC member Will Tifft mention another $25,000 request from the Sippican Historical Society to archive town records, outsourcing something the town wants to have done. Regarding the renovation work on the Town House, CPC member Randy Parker said the town would submit an application.
The CPC is consulting with town counsel regarding a potential time limit on the usage of awarded CPC funds.

Chairman Jeff Doubrava said that applications would remain open until 4:00 pm Thursday, February 11. At the CPC’s next meeting on Friday, February 12, the committee will meet with any applicants, and they will explain the intent of their requests.

On February 26 at 5:00 pm, the CPC will meet to conduct public hearings and hold discussion and deliberation, but all cases heard for the first time will continue one week per the town’s remote-meeting policy to allow time for the formulation of public comments and questions.

On March 5 at 5:00 pm, the CPC will meet to vote on any and all applications and draft articles on those approved to be included in the warrant for the Spring Town Meeting.

After Tifft declared the Music Hall Committee’s interest in refinishing the building’s floor, a $5,000 estimated expense, to be a maintenance issue and therefore not under the consideration of the CPC, CPC member Andrew Daniel asked, “What are the parameters of qualification for CPC funding?”

Doubrava explained, “If you don’t maintain something long enough, you have to restore it, and it becomes [subject to CPC funding].”

Further discussion clarified that CPC funding is not limited to municipal buildings nor properties owned by non-profit organizations. However, CPC funding comes with a deed restriction. “If you’re going to be funded, you have to give us back that the building is not going to be torn down or changed,” said Doubrava.

CPC member John Rockwell noted that private structures that qualify for CPC funding would almost certainly be turned down at Town Meeting.

Steinberg asked hypothetically if Tabor Academy could apply for CPC funding to restore the Richardson House that the prep school owns.

“They can ask. I think I know what would happen at Town Meeting,” said Doubrava, who pointed to the CPC Coalition, a non-governmental, independent,
lobbying/consulting organization that can answer such questions for organizations before they do all the leg work. “We use them quite a lot,” said Parker, also the chairman of the Marion Board of Selectmen.

Daniel posed another hypothetical of an aged couple fallen on hard times with a roof that’s leaking, but they own a historic house. Parker said that the deed restriction that would come with any work funded by CPC would carry with a sale of the property, “And so would the shingles,” he said.

Doubrava said that to secure funding to supplement the Sippican Historical Society’s sponsorship of the restoration of the Town House, the society had to write a letter and meet with the state Department
of Interior. The funding came with strict stipulations regarding the approval of materials and design. Parker noted that the Marion Art Center has a deed restriction on its second floor, so the current need to repair a couple of missing slates on the southeast side will require CPC involvement.

The next meeting of the Marion Community Preservation Committee is scheduled for Friday, February 12.

Enforcement Order Nearing Closure
Mattapoisett Conservation Commission
By Marilou Newell
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surrounding marshlands. The residences that enjoy the view were built with long lists of dos and don'ts based on the wetlands and the life they support, from cedar trees to grasses and marine life. Daniel Craig made decisions during the landscaping phase of his home at 3 Seabreeze Lane, decisions that would find him in conflict with the Town of Mattapoisett and the Buzzards Bay Coalition for several years. There would be enforcement orders issued by the Conservation Commission and rounds of litigation. Craig's last appeal found the court returning the matter back to the town. The enforcement order remained in place.

There would be many more months of stalemate followed by attempts at remediation based on what the Conservation Commission wanted – that vast swaths of cultivated lawn be returned to their originally protected status as wetlands. Now that process is nearly complete.

On January 11, the Conservation Commission heard from environmental engineer Brian Faneuf, whom Craig hired to oversee the process of turning lawn back into wetlands. Faneuf said that he had worked closely and deferred to recommendations brought forth by environmental engineer John Rockwell, whom the town hired for oversight of the remediation process.

Faneuf said that a finger of land, the last remaining bit to be scraped to the original soils and planted with saltwater-tolerant vegetation, was complete. As evidence, he provided photographs of the site. He said that the remediated sections were now "hydraulically connected" to the native bordering area. He assured the commission that the plantings would not fail. In closing out his comments, he asked that the two-year reporting cycle be waived, and the enforcement order lifted.

Speaking on behalf of the Buzzards Bay Coalition, attorney Korrin Petersen asked for an updated as-built
plan. Faneuf said the plan of record was sufficient and that the completed work actually amounted to a greater area than what was noted on the plans.

Conservation Commission Chairman Mike King shared a conversation he said he had had with Craig when he did a site visit. “He recognizes his poor choices in the past…. He said it had destroyed his good name in town [and] he wanted a public way to make amends.”

King said he suggested that Craig make a $1,000 donation to the Natural Resources Department, monies that could be used to purchase shellfish seeds. Regarding the waiving of the two-year growing reports and lifting of the enforcement order, King said, “We’ll take that under advisement.” King indicated a discussion with the selectmen and town’s legal counsel was also necessary, adding, “My hope is we will be able to put this behind us during the next meeting.”

King did, however, take a straw poll of the commission in attendance. David Lawrence said he, too, wanted to put the matter behind him and move forward, and he was leaning toward lifting the enforcement order. But commissioners Trevor Francis and John Jacobsen both felt that following the established protocol was necessary. “Why would we lift it prematurely?” Francis asked.

The matter was continued until January 25.

In other matters, William Mueller, 89 Mattapoisett Neck Road, received a negative determination of applicability for removal of invasive species on his 42-acre former cattle farm. Contractor Tom Lanagan said that, by removing a variety of non-native vines destroying the woodlands, hardwood trees could be saved, and old stone walls restored. King commented, “It’s a good project to save the resource, in my opinion.”

An Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation filed by Aaron Halmili for property owned by Gerald Randall located at the town line with Fairhaven and the boundary of Route 195 was continued. Noting the vast area that requires delineation and associated certification, King said the scope of work was beyond what the conservation office could handle. King told engineering representative Dan Wells, “You’ll need to prepare your clients that a 53G engineer will be needed.”

Costs associated with a peer-review consultant are borne by the applicant. The request was continued until January 25.

A Notice of Intent previously heard and continued was reopened for a filing by Raymond Hanks, 18 Crystal Springs Road, for the construction of a garage in a buffer zone. The project was approved and conditioned.

Another Notice of Intent continued until January 25 was filed by Christos Kuliopulous for property located at the Preserve at the Bay Club. The filing is for a single-family home.

Also continued until January 25 were NOIs filed by Randall Lane, LLC, for a solar array, and by Alexander
Steen Allowed Six Weeks of Extra Hours

In its first meeting of the year, the Rochester Planning Board addressed the finer details surrounding the Cranberry Highway Development Project’s draft decision. The draft review involved discussing disputed additions to the plan put forth by both the applicant and the Planning Board.

Over the holidays, Ken Steen, the project’s applicant, requested additional water use for the development and further changes surrounding construction guidelines on the site. These changes led to the Planning Board calling to reopen the public hearing on the proposal. Though the reopening of the hearing will lead to a delay in the project, it is required to allow the Planning Board sufficient time to address any draft decision amendments.

Steen came before the Planning Board to advocate for an increase in the hours of operation for construction on the site. Initially, the normal operation would be limited to 7:00 am to 6:00 pm on weekdays, and 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturdays. Steen proposed a change to allow work to begin at 7:00 am on Saturdays. In addition, Steen hoped to allow the operation of heavy equipment, typically limited from Monday through Friday, to take place on Saturday as well.

The Planning Board expressed general concerns with the proposed extended hours of operation. Most concerns related to the use of heavy equipment on Saturday. Chairman Arnold Johnson explained that, despite the limited abutters to the property, it could still create a noise problem for neighbors to the site early in the morning and on the weekends. Johnson voiced his position that allowing these drastic changes to the hours of the operation would limit Planning Board control over the site in the future. This could be problematic if the noise becomes a disturbance to abutters.

Steen explained that the increased hours of operation are necessary due to the size of the development. Ultimately, for Steen, allowing work on Saturdays would lead to a decrease in the total amount of time required on the site. This would lead to a reduction in noise pollution caused by construction in the long term.

Seeking a compromise, the Planning Board agreed to allow increases to the hours of operation and the use of heavy equipment for six weeks from the beginning of work on the site. The Planning Board will follow the interaction of the increased construction with abutters and...
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Groundhog Cover Contest

The Wanderer is once again holding our Groundhog Day Cover Contest. The winner’s artwork will appear on the cover of our February 4, 2021 issue. The winner will also receive a cash prize of $100!

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

Entries are due in The Wanderer office, 55 County Road, Mattapoisett by noon on January 25.

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

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

Voting will start on January 27 and end on February 1. To vote, visit our web page at: www.wanderer.com.
The winner will be on the cover of our February 4, 2021 edition.

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contentious, new solar project proposed by Cushman Road Solar. The new project would involve the construction of a roughly 15-acre, 4-megawatt ground-mounted solar array.

Eric Las of Beals and Thomas, Inc., representing the project, explained the proposed plans for the site but is facing significant pushback from the site’s abutters. The concerns are primarily related to an access road required to reach the proposed area where the solar array will be constructed.

The access road, as proposed, would be constructed using an existing road that acts as a driveway for three abutting properties. In addition, the expansion of the existing road would bisect the three residential properties. Abutters raised concerns related to safety and the construction of the array so close to their own homes.

One abutter, Lisa Mann, joined the meeting to explain that the applicant’s ability to use this access road is still under legal dispute. Mann told board members that she would be drastically affected if the work were to go forward, as the entrance to the proposed access road is currently the driveway on her property. Johnson explained that the project is still in the early planning stages and that the Planning Board would closely follow the abutters’ concerns as the public hearing goes forward.

The next Rochester Planning Board meeting is scheduled for January 26, and all future Planning Board meetings are limited to online access for the public via Zoom until further notice.

Koch Presents Pitches Puron MP Technology

**MRV Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee/District Commission**

By Mick Colageo

The Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Commission doesn’t need any more convincing that replacing its aging and practically obsolete Targa II water-treating system with a brand new, state-of-the-art Puron MP system is the way to go. The challenge is purely financial.

Koch Separation Systems, the company that would either install new Puron MP technology or for
a limited time provide parts to extend the life of the current system, had presented in November 2019. But with several new members on the MRV Water District Commission and many discussions that have nibbled at the edges of the core issue, a refresher presentation was considered to be appropriate.

That took place during the January 12 Zoom meeting of the commission. Representing Koch, Melanie Blake explained some of the advantages of the Puron MP system.

With 81-by-8-inch cartridges and at 10 feet tall as opposed to 14.5, the Puron MP system takes up a smaller footprint than the present Targa II. Puron’s good polymer chemistry assures removals, and its one-end potting design avoids sludging and sedimentation.

The Puron system has been approved in California and Texas for drinking water but not yet in Massachusetts. “When we take over the pilot, we have no concerns over it being accepted,” said Blake.

Inputs and outputs on the Puron MP system come completely assembled, and there are no pneumatics or electronics on the rack portion. “It makes it easier; it can fit through a loading-bay door,” said Blake. Energy savings are expected to improve with Puron’s blower rather than the circulation pump used by Targa II.

The MRV got 10 years of life from its Targa II system, exceeding projections, but Blake expects Puron MP to last longer than that.

A question from Mattapoisett-based commission member Paul Silva yielded an interesting discussion on a facility in Texas, the only US-based facility with the Puron MP technology that is producing drinking water. That facility is also a Targa II retrofit, running both systems at the same time since 2016. The systems share ancillary aspects such as backflush. “We went in with that design intent and modified the controls to make that happen,” said Blake.

“We would have a similar situation,” said Jon Gregory of Tata & Howard. “The district can’t just get rid of all the existing skids at once. It would be a phased approach.” Gregory estimates that the new and old systems would have to run concurrently for several
months at a minimum. Targa II was running in the Texas location for a comparable amount of time it has been running in Mattapoisett.

Another motivation for a new Puron MP system is Koch’s plan to phase out Targa II cartridge replacement this year. Jack Cangiano, also representing Koch, said Targa cartridges would be made through June, and the company will decide if it will continue to order Targa II membrane.

A piloting program could land an abbreviated version of the unit in Mattapoiset by next month. The Puron MP unit would conduct testing for a month, pending state Department of Environmental Protection Agency approval. Blake explained that with state approval, the pilot equipment could conduct a four-week test and submission of a report to the state for approval for the site.

It will be a fully self-contained unit, fully automated with a 2-inch hose pushing 20 gallons per minute from the current existing feed water that will ultimately go to the drain because it has not been approved for usage. The unit would arrive in a small box truck and would be set up at the facility.

State representatives are not required to visit by statute but might out of curiosity. Gregory referenced a state visit to a Barnstable County facility that drew a visit. “We know the technology will work,” said Paul Howard of Tata & Howard. “It’s going to remove; we know that. It can’t not remove it, you just have to prove it.”

Cangiano said that the fiber used in Puron MP technology is much more rugged, durable. Blake added that the fiber for Puron MP is also used in other technologies, so “the fiber is not going anywhere.” Gregory noted that Texas doesn’t have the iron and manganese in its water that Massachusetts has.

Silva shifted the conversation to the $15 million spent on the existing plant, noting that in five years, a $13.5 million block of debt will be paid, “relieving a tremendous amount of burden on the taxpayers.” In 2027, he said, another $2 million comes off the books. Trying to figure out how to phase into this Puron MP project

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Animal Advice
Jay Gould, DVM

My cat disappeared last night. Can I use his microchip to track him?

No. Microchips are a rice sized computer chip that is inserted under your pet’s skin. When a microchip reader is placed over the location of the microchip a number comes up. This number is unique to that chip/dog/cat. That number is associated with your name and phone number so your pet is identified and can be returned to you. In order for the chips to work, you need to have one inserted into your pet and then you must register the number with the company that made the chip. Without registering the chip it is worthless. Microchips are like an ID tag if your pet gets lost. They are extremely helpful in reuniting pets and their owners in times of crisis such as a hurricane when the pet may get lost or inadvertently abandoned.

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without burdening the towns’ taxpayers is “work that we absolutely need to do before we make any kind of commitment to go to Town Meeting.”

Chairman Vincent Furtado, Fairhaven, said the MRV has to go to the Puron MP system eventually, comparing the situation to the pump stations in town. “There’s no parts anymore. Cost-benefit analysis, we’ll have to do,” he said.

“Looking at the debt end of it, how do we accomplish what we want to do without increasing that debt today?” asked Silva. “I don’t think we’ve put enough time and energy into that is what I’m getting at.”

Vinnie Furtado agreed.

Commission member Henri Renauld noted that,
while in 12 years the Targa II system has never blown a cartridge and the MRV has never bought one, a band-aid approach would saddle the MRV with $594,000 in cartridges to replace eventually. Acquiring other parts has become a grave concern. “I can’t even find some of the stuff on eBay.... It’s a limp-along program. Any investment in Targa is going to be made in stuff that’s no longer going to be made,” said Renauld. “We’ve got to nail down the cost stuff and see what’s the best way to borrow.... It’s going to cost more money in the long run, even though we may save more money in the beginning.”

Silva noted that his term expires in three months, so the commission will need to identify a member to take over his financial advocacy.

Commission member Rick Charron said a refinancing idea is the best sell at Town Meeting, and Silva added that four towns have to approve, including one (Marion) that isn’t happy with its sewer rate.

Marion member Randy Parker said, “I think you’ve got to come up with a total cost.”

The commission voted to initiate plans for the pilot test as a means of being better equipped to tackle the financial question.

Silva then suggested a conference call with Unibank, including Treasurer Meghan Davis and Furtado, who summarized the effort being, “Here’s what we’re thinking of doing ... adding another $4 million to the loan.”

Silva left the meeting to prepare for Tuesday night’s Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen meeting due to start in 40 minutes.

In her Treasurer’s Report, Davis reported an invoice total of $160,278.39, including $44,994.73 from Mattapoisett for second-quarter billing, a final invoice from Fall River Electric for $16,840.90 for the MRV Primaries Project, a $23,109 invoice from Eversource, $6,239.60 from Tata & Howard, and maintenance totaling $8,509.66.

Davis said she plans to finalize the FY22 budget and send it out this week to each of the MRV towns.

Silva asked for the total cost to put utility lines underground, and Gregory’s estimates were broken down to Tata & Howard’s project fee of $124,000 and the contract sum of $336,818 for an estimated total of $416,000. “Always good to come under,” said Silva, who spearheaded the financial discussion that followed Koch’s presentation.

In other business, the commission approved Gregory’s 2020 Tata & Howard report and Henri Renauld’s monthly Treatment Plant report, the latter recording 686,806,000 gallons of water produced through the MRV.

The first half-hour of Tuesday’s Zoom was dedicated to the MRV Water Safety Protection Advisory Committee.

In the Treasurer’s Report presented by Jeff Furtado and approved by the committee, invoices included $4,929 from Tata & Howard, $50 from Blair Bailey, $170 from Megan McCarthy, and $252.09 from Dave Watling. The ending balance was $185,601.50. Payments to date are $24,765.11, and income as of January 1 is $24,352.81.

Farinon and Gregory discussed charting reports on water levels and agreed to discuss in the committee’s February meeting when data for the entire year would be available.

New invoices were approved to pay in invoices $651.97 to Tata & Howard, $102 for graphs to McCarthy, and $252.09 for services to Watling.

The advisory committee also voted to approve
a letter to be written by Vinnie Furtado on behalf of the committee endorsing the redrawing of lot lines in Rochester related to Approval Not Required applications to the Zoning Board of Appeals for properties at 246 and 268 New Bedford Road in Rochester.

The committee’s Levelogger equipment is wearing out. According to Gregory, a plastic-threaded adapter worth $75 needs replacement. Also, the data grabber that Rochester Herring Inspector David Watling uses to work in the field has been in use for many years. Gregory suggested a $360 investment in a backup data grabber and two of the Levelloggers. The advisory committee endorsed Tata & Howard’s purchase as recommended by Gregory.

In her report to the committee, Farinon alluded to several projects in 2020. She said that the subcommittee that was organized to tackle several issues, including the phragmites at Snipatuit Pond, determined the phragmites to be too extensive a problem. “It’s really beyond our scope…. We took a break for now,” she told the committee.

The advisory committee discussed the departure of Mark Rees of Fairhaven but did not make immediate plans to replace him. The committee voted to approve Farinon’s report.

The next meeting of the MRV Water committee and commission is scheduled for February 9 at 3:30 pm and 4:00 pm, respectively.
Hoff Property Conservation Restriction
Approved
Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
By Mick Colageo

The Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission approved the final version of the conservation restriction for the Hoff Property during its January 7 meeting.

The version was sent to MOSAC by the state Division of Conservation Services.

MOSAC member Amanda Chace moved to approve the final version of the conservation restriction for the Hoff Property. Member Casey Gunschel seconded “that emotion,” drawing laughs. The members voted in favor, except for Alan Harris, who abstained.

Chace thanked Chairman John Rockwell for his effort in working out the details.

As Rockwell explained during the meeting, the Buzzards Bay Coalition and the Town of Marion are the present owners of the conservation restriction, but the BBC is expected to sell its interest to the Sippican Lands Trust after MOSAC acquires the conservation restriction.

MOSAC members will report to the Town House for signatures that must be notarized by January 19.

After the approval of past meeting minutes, MOSAC broke into an executive session to discuss a piece of property per state General Law 30A, Section 21a Purpose 6 under the state Open Meeting Law.

The next meeting of the Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission is scheduled for Thursday, February 4.

ORR Opens Winter Slate on Winning Notes
Sports Roundup
By Nick Friar

The Old Rochester Regional High School boys basketball team was initially slated to start its shortened 2021 season on January 5, but players were forced into quarantine, leading to the cancelation of a scheduled season-opening matchup against Seekonk. During the week-and-a-half-long quarantine, the Bulldogs were also disallowed from practicing together.

Despite only getting two practices in before their second attempt at opening the season—and only having seven players available to play—the Bulldogs were able to win, 45-42, over Joseph Case High School (Swansea) on Friday.

“I’ve been around a lot of basketball games, but that’s one I’ll always remember—when it comes to the rewards of being a coach, too,” Old Rochester head coach Steve Carvalho said.

Alex Wright led Old Rochester with 16 points, 12 of which came off of three-pointers. Sawyer Fox also knocked down four threes, finishing with 15 points to go with his eight rebounds and three blocked shots. Steve Morrall led the Bulldogs with nine rebounds, while
Liam Geraghty had eight points and six assists. Wayne Andrews chipped in the last of Old Rochester’s scoring, finishing with six points.

“It was a big win,” Carvalho said. “I felt, with the way they played out there, that we were able to knock down some threes early and take a lead on the road, that when we do get healthy and get guys back, that there will be greater depth.”

After their Tuesday meeting with Somerset Berkley, Old Rochester doesn’t play again for another week as a game originally scheduled for Friday at Apponequet has also been canceled.

Girls Basketball

Unlike the boys, Old Rochester’s girls basketball team was able to open its season against Seekonk, winning that meeting by a 43-27 score. The Bulldogs also played against Case on Friday, once again winning decisively by a score of 54-23.

“I’m happy with the way they’ve played to start the season because we didn’t really have anything to go on,” Old Rochester girls basketball coach Rick Regan said. “You come in a little bit blind in the sense that you get to see the teams twice in the season. We just basically went off of last year, what teams had coming back, and go from there. It was a feeling-out process, and it will be for the rest of the season as well, but I think if we can take care of ourselves and improve every day—that’s the goal—then I think things will be fine.”
There has been no shortage of offense for Old Rochester in the early going, and the attack continues to be balanced as in years past. **Maggie Brogioli** led the Bulldogs with 10 points against Seekonk and matched her output in the win over Case. After scoring nine points apiece against Seekonk, **Logan Fernandes** (18 points) and **Meghan Horan** (11 points) led Old Rochester in scoring against Case. Horan also grabbed 15 rebounds in a double-double effort against the Cardinals.

“I like the balance of the offense so far,” Regan said. “We can go to a number of people late in the game. We like to have the ball in the hands of our guards coming up the court late in the game, but I think because we have balanced scoring, it will limit teams as to whom they’ll be able to focus on. That should allow us to see as the game is played out where we need to go with the ball.”

While the girls are still set to face Apponequet at 6:30 pm on Friday, their Tuesday meeting with Somerset Berkley was canceled.

**Boys Ice Hockey**

After opening with a 2-2 tie against Bourne, the Old Rochester/Fairhaven boys hockey team earned its first win of the season at the expense of Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech, 13-0.

**Chase Couture** and **Chris Gauvin** led the Bulldogs on offense, both finishing with three-goal hat tricks. **Thomas Galavotti** finished with 22 saves in his first career varsity shutout, which also happened to be his first win at that level.

The Bulldogs get back to work on Saturday against Somerset Berkley. The puck drops at Gallo Ice Arena in Bourne at 3:30 pm.

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Cherrell V. Hughes died on December 8, 2020. She was the daughter of the late Howard Cahoon and Ruth (Butler) Cahoon.

She was born in Hyannis on September 4, 1936. She grew up in Harwich and was a graduate of Harwich High School. She received a degree from Simmons College in Boston.

She married James S. Hughes in New Bedford in 1961. Cherrell lived in New Bedford until 1971 at which time she moved to Marion, MA. She spent part of the year in Stuart, Florida for the last 37 years.

She taught elementary school in Fairhaven. She also taught in the Headstart program in New Bedford. Later in life she was a realtor employed by the Converse Company Realty for 20 years.

She is survived by her husband James S. Hughes and her three children, Katherine Hughes Gutman (Dr. Ned) of East Providence, R.I., Michael Hughes (Meg) of Needham, MA, Jeremy Hughes (Lori) of Wellesley, MA. She was a devoted grandmother to eight grandchildren, William, Sophie, Kaleigh, Abbey, Sam, Sydney, Jack and Piper. She also leaves a brother, Rick Cahoon (Joanna) of Chatham, MA. Cherrell was a kind, gentle, supportive wife, mother and grandmother. She will be deeply missed.

Donations may be made in her name to the Community Nurse Home Care, 62 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

Due to COVID restrictions, burial will be private. A Funeral Mass at Saint Anthony’s Church is planned for summer.

Arrangements are by the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., Wareham. To share a memory of leave a message of condolence, visit: www.ccgfuneralhome.com.

Frederick Roderick, 91, of Mattapoisett died January 6, 2021 at home after a brief illness.

He was the husband of Mary G. (Moniz) Roderick.

Born in New Bedford, son of the late William and Elizabeth (Vieira) Roderick, Fred was raised in Dartmouth and lived in Mattapoisett most of his life.

He was formerly employed as a mason for many years with Fleurent Construction, later starting his own company.

Mr. Roderick served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He enjoyed fishing, boating and working.

Survivors include his wife; 2 sons, Kevin Roderick and Michael Roderick and his wife Debra of Mattapoisett and Michael Roderick and his wife Robin of Rochester; a sister, Nancy Silva of New Bedford; his grandson, Ryan Roderick; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Fred was the brother of the late William Roderick, Jr., Edith Sousa, Casey Grundy and Thelma Gonsalves.

Due to COVID-19, a Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

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

Eric Worthington O’Brien of Medfield, MA., Mattapoisett, MA and Norfolk, MA died on January 7, 2021, peacefully with family by his side, after complications with pneumonia. He was 81.

Eric is survived by his wife of almost 54 years, Claudette Prefontaine O’Brien; his five children, Erin M. O’Brien, Kerry A. Durkin, Colleen L. O’Brien, Meghan A. Taylor and Peter T.C. O’Brien; his brother, Kevin Bryan and nine grandchildren: Ryan, Alison, Mikayla, Mara, Julia, Will, Ella, Dylan and Warren.

Eric was the son of Maurice O’Brien and Laura Cunningham O’Brien. He attended Newton High School, then went on to Fairfield University in Fairfield, CT. Upon graduation in 1961, Eric entered the United States Navy where he was a Lieutenant, serving on the USS Hank, USS Roberts and USS Huse. Upon exiting the Navy in 1965, Eric began his career as a sales representative for M.E. O’Brien and Sons, Inc., a family business. In 1983 he became the company’s owner and President working tirelessly to grow the business. M.E. O’Brien and Sons is dedicated to assisting municipalities, developers and private corporations to design and build public spaces and urban landscapes. Eric’s vision was to offer clients everything they needed to complete their recreation space.

Not only did he continue to build a thriving family business, but also worked toward the advancement of public parks. Eric passionately volunteered countless hours promoting and developing parks and recreation at local, regional and national levels starting with his involvement with the Town of Medfield, Massachusetts’ Parks and Recreation Department (1973-1978, 1990-1991), the Downtown Study Commission and Open Space and Recreation Planning Committee (2013-2014). He also served as Medfield’s Cemetery Commissioner where his priority was to plant trees all over Vinelake Cemetery to create a park-like setting. At the statewide (Massachusetts) level he served on the Governor’s Blue-Ribbon Panel on Land Protection (1998) and the Olmsted Parks State Advisory Board (1980-1990).
Letters to the Editor

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

To the Editor;
With respect to the plot of undeveloped land adjacent to Dunseith Gardens and the 7-11 complex, it is overloaded with litter, large and small. It is not a dumping area and should be treated accordingly. Whose responsibility is it to clean up this area?
Michael Voss, Mattapoisett

To the Editor;
We are all a little bit puzzled by what motivated Mark Rasmussen to write his recent article pointing out, among other things, that our sewer rates are high. He was right about that, but everyone in Marion already knew it. He, however, is wrong to suggest that the high rates are due to “decades of mismanagement.” He is wrong to imply that this Board of Selectmen have been sitting on their hands, engaging in what he calls “baseless rejection of science and scapegoating.” We settled the Town’s lawsuit with BBC, basically on Mr. Rasmussen’s terms, and have done nothing but try to build bridges and work with the BBC over the past several years, so we are extremely disappointed with Mr. Rasmussen’s combative tone. The BBC can and should be a partner and an asset to Marion in dealing with our wastewater challenges.

High sewer fees: Yes, our sewer fees are high. Nobody knows for sure whether there was or wasn’t some mismanagement over fifty years of operation, but we do know that it is not driving the current high sewer fees. We only need to look at the financial statements for the Sewer Enterprise Fund to understand that the primary driver of high fees is debt service.

On October 26, 2020 we lost our friend and co-founder William Huggins. We will proudly continue the tradition of quality and excellence that he embraced. Our deepest condolences go out to the Huggins family. He will be missed!
Eric started his involvement with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) in 1985. His various roles were member of the board of trustees (1985-1994), chair of the board of trustees (1995-1999), member of the national forum (2003-2008), and member of the strategic planning committee (2004). Eric was on the board of governors for the National Recreation and Park Foundation (NRPF) to support research, public policy, and public awareness efforts to advance parks, recreation, and environmental conservation (2006-2012). He served on the board of the Foundation for Sustainable Parks and Recreation created in 2012 and later served as the foundation’s chair until 2017.

Eric served as trustee on the board of advisors for the National Association of Olmsted Parks (1984-1990), on the City Park Alliance Board of Directors (2006-2009), and as a world judge and corporate director for Nations in Bloom, Ltd. (1996-2003). Eric also served as a steering committee member for Clemson University’s U.S. Play Coalition (2007-2015) and was on the board of directors for the Sajai Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to teaching children about healthy lifestyle and nutrition decisions (2007-2010).


He also served as editor of the New England Park Association’s quarterly newsletter, The Exchange, for many years.

Eric was a true gentleman who enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He loved playing golf, boating and reading. He was a faithful member of the Medfield Lions Club and for many years was a member of the MEMO business organization in Medfield.

At this time, the family will have private services. Memorial Services will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to the U.S. Play Coalition’s Fran P. Mainella Play Conference Scholarship Fund. Tax-deductible donations can be made online at www.bit.ly/Give-Play or send checks payable to “US Play Coalition” to Stephanie Garst, US Play Coalition, 263 Lehotsky Hall, Clemson University, Clemson, SC 29634-0735

Frank J. Weckesser, 83, of Rochester, died Friday, January 8, 2021 at Mass. General Hospital in Boston after a long illness. He was the husband of Carol A. (Godsoe) Weckesser.

Born in Boston, he was the son of the late Francis and Elizabeth (Curran) Weckesser.

Frank or “Grumpy,” as most called him was far from the endearing name bestowed on one of his grandchildren. As the patriarch of his large family, he gave generously, supported endlessly and cared immensely for those that stood by his side. He was a stoic man, who endured many physically traumatic challenges that most would have cowered down to. Frank served his country in United States Air Force, and after serving several years he was discharged as a Korean War veteran, a title which he wore with pride. Once back on U.S soil he swapped out his military uniform, while he served his city for many years as a Boston Police Officer. After retirement he found his next passion, the fishing industry. He built his sea fearing legacy on the Fairhaven/New Bedford waterfront and beyond. His name and work ethic will carry on as a legend of his time there. Many knew him as a quiet, smart, and driven businessman that built an empire, not for himself, but to continuously provide for and help others be their best selves. He has selflessly touched more lives than one could ever recall.

Survivors include his wife, Carol; his children, Tracy Eldridge, and her husband Jeff, and Donna Almeida, and her husband Bucky, both of Rochester, Paul Weckesser, and his wife Leslie of Acushnet, Daniel Durant and his wife Lisa of Woonsocket, RI, and Janet Pace and her husband Michael of New Port Richey, FL; his siblings, Ann Peterson of Melrose, Robert Weckesser of Walpole, John Weckesser of MS, Stephen Weckesser and Elizabeth Campbell both of TX; several grandchildren, great grandchildren and nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son, the late Peter Weckesser.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 2599 Cranberry Hwy. (Rt. 28), Wareham from 4 – 6 pm. (Appropriate COVID-19 protocol will be observed including the use of face masks, social distancing and wait times in line due to temporary limited capacity.) Funeral service and interment in Mass. National Cemetery, Bourne will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center, c/o MGH Development Office, 125 Nashua Street, Suite 540, Boston, MA 02114 or on-line at: www.giving.massgeneral.org/cancer/donate
As of June 30, 2020, the total debt (not including interest) of the Sewer Enterprise Fund was $24,132,936. The total sewer expense budget for FY 2021 is $2,684,379 (before allocation of indirect costs) of which $1,557,603 or 58 percent is debt service. The balance of $1,126,776 is what we spend to pay five fulltime employees plus one-third of the cost each for our DPW director and our engineering manager.

We currently are operating with only four employees, short one. All four are licensed to be at the plant, but only two are licensed to run the plant. They are all on-call 24 hours a day and have to take turns working several hours every weekend, year around, to ensure safe operation of the plant. These same individuals also are responsible for our collection system and eight pumping stations. Every one of the eight pumping stations has to be inspected every day, including weekends.

Our plant employees have done and continue to do a great job. Frank Cooper, who has managed the plant for years, is as competent and knowledgeable as anyone in his position in the industry.

Marion built a new wastewater treatment plant for approximately $10,196,618 in 2005, financed by debt. The Town still owes $5,591,700 of this new plant debt, which is included in the $24,132,936. Another $5,100,997 of the outstanding debt was used to fund sewer extensions. The balance of $13,440,239 was borrowed to pay for capital plant improvements over the time. Every dime of these expenditures, funded with the issuance of debt, had to be approved in advance by a two-thirds extension.

Clifford A. Bodge, 85, of Mattapoisett died January 11, 2021 at home after a lengthy illness surrounded by his loving family. He was the husband of the late Ann H. (Brady) Bodge and the late Barbara J. (Brady) Bodge.

Born in Quincy, MA he was the son of the late John A. and Mildred E. (Lovejoy) Bodge, living in Taunton, MA until moving to Attleboro, MA to raise his family.

Clifford was the President and Treasurer and second generation of the family business, Taunton Stove Company, Inc. for nearly 40 years until his retirement in 2008. He served as Chairman until his passing and was proud to have his son and two of his grandchildren succeed him as the third and fourth generation to join the Company. He was employed as a Mechanical Engineer and later a Program Manager from 1958 - 1969 at Texas Instruments in Attleboro.

Clifford was a graduate of Taunton High School, class of 1953, Northeastern University, class of 1958 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, and received his MBA from the University of Rhode Island in 1968. He trained in the US Army ROTC Program while at Northeastern University and was a US Army Reserve through 1962.

He was a member of the Rotary Club International of Taunton and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Clifford was devoted to his family and shared his passion for sailing the waters of Narragansett Bay and Buzzards Bay with them. Cliff also enjoyed fishing and any project that he could do in 5 minutes, in particular those done on the local waters. He loved Bay racing and was a past member of the Twenty Hundred Club Bay Racing Organization and the Tiverton Yacht Club.

Clifford spent his winters at his residence in Fort Myers, FL and traveled extensively to Europe and Ireland as well as the Caribbean Islands, often chartering a sailboat during his stay.

He was an avid Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots fan, often seen wearing a team jersey.

Survivors include his children, Lisa A. (Bodge) Hopkins and her husband Stephen of Westport, MA, Bruce M. Bodge and his wife Lori Ann of Taunton, MA, Linda L. (Bodge) Haslehurst and her husband Bruce of Fairhaven, MA, J. Thomas Bodge of Swansea, MA, Lynne M. (Bodge) Zankanman and her husband Daniel of Greenville, South Carolina and Leslie J. Bodge of Attleboro, MA.

Other survivors are his step-childen, John E. Cornish and his wife Debra of Mattapoisett, Joan E. (Cornish) Gould and her husband Mark of Ipswich, MA, James M. Cornish of Wareham, MA, and his brother-in-law and lifetime friend, Mr. John F. Brady of Portsmouth, RI.

Clifford proudly leaves 17 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and 4 nieces. His beloved mini-poodle Ella was his constant companion.

Clifford was pre-deceased by Irene A. (Tougas) Bodge, late wife of J. Thomas Bodge and Margaret H. (Lane) Brady, late wife of John F. Brady, and Richard Gould, late son of Joan E. (Cornish) and Mark Gould.

Clifford’s Family expresses their deepest appreciation and gratitude for the loving, supportive and compassionate care provided by the entire Staff of Tender Hearts Home Health Care during his illness.

His visiting hours will be held Thursday, January 14th, 2021 from 3-7 pm in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. Due to COVID-19 capacity restrictions, his funeral and burial will be private. Memorial Donations to Benefit MattSail, PO Box 947, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 may be made in memory of Clifford A. Bodge. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

“We’re all hurting. These are difficult times,” says Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd (Tom Hanks) to a packed crowd in News of the World. The year is 1870, not 2020, but the words ring accidentally true for us. Captain Kidd is a remorseful Confederate veteran who now makes his living by traveling from town to town, reading newspapers to the gathered folk. This was when news was still valued, though at one point Captain Kidd runs afoul of a man who seems to lord it over his town and its news; the local paper is full of accounts of the man’s glory. This, too, is relevant to us, though perhaps not so accidentally. The movie is about atoning for one’s past through usefulness to the larger community. As Captain Kidd opines, his is not a rich man’s occupation. One hopes it will come to be valued again.

News of the World is decidedly a change of (literal) pace for director Paul Greengrass, famous for his herky-jerky Bourne movies and his stylistically fitful studies of modern historical chaos (United 93, Bloody Sunday, Captain Phillips). Here, Captain Kidd covers the miles on horseback or coach or foot, and Greengrass eases up accordingly; you’d have to go back to his 1998 romantic drama The Theory of Flight to find him this becalmed, this steady of brushstroke. Tom Hanks obliges Greengrass with a contemplative turn, tight with grief and guilt, but open to the warmth of company. On his way from one Texas dustpile to another, Captain Kidd encounters a felled coach, a lynched Black man hanging from a nearby tree, and a girl (Helena Zengel) who speaks no English — just a smattering of German, from her original family, and Kiowa, from the tribe that took her in as one of their own. Captain Kidd takes it upon himself (after several false starts) to bring her “home” to her aunt and uncle.

With the astringent Greengrass in charge and the increasingly no-nonsense Hanks in the saddle, the story is approached with minimal cuteness; a certain level of manipulation is built into the material (from a 2016 novel by Paulette Jiles), but mainly the film steers around it or tamps it down. If not for a dusting of PG-13 epithets and a stretch of ugliness involving an owlhoot who seeks to buy the girl, and then comes after Captain Kidd with two other men, this could be a family Western, sharing some traits with True Grit (either version), but with the dark undertone of The Searchers. The resulting shootout between Captain Kidd and the men, bolstered by the girl’s quick thinking, is a deft piece of suspense. Even there, Greengrass doesn’t revert to his old habits of jittery handheld camera or Cuisinart editing. Post-Civil War, even gunfights take a long time. Greengrass and cinematographer Dariusz Wolski pause and gaze upon the luxurious, unspoiled expanse of New Mexico (doubling for Texas).

Given that we just watched dirtbags shuffling through the halls of the Capitol bearing the Confederate flag, it may strike some as an iffy prospect to be asked to feel for a man who fought for that side, even if he is played by Tom Hanks. But Hanks imbues Captain Kidd with an intelligence that tells us the captain was most likely conscripted into defense, and was not acting out of any particular fidelity to the traditions of slavery. Still, we gather Captain Kidd sent his share of Union soldiers to Valhalla, regretfully, which makes him a complicated hero. (In the book, Kidd fought in the other, less divisive but equally noxious War of 1812 and the Mexican-American War.) As we saw in Saving Private Ryan and Greyhound, Hanks is a natural at painting men skilled at war who take no pleasure in it. That prior experience with Hanks does a lot of the movie’s work.

I don’t think News of the World was consciously made as “the movie we need right now” (how many films in the past year have been thus described?) — it’s a leisurely tale as much about storytelling as about anything else. One nice thing Hanks does is to refrain from making Captain Kidd any kind of great raconteur or proto-anchorman. Standing before his dusty crowds, Kidd squints through spectacles, bending almost in half over the newspaper he’s reading from. He seems to be doing this simply because it’s something he can do, not because he has any passion for it. By the end, though, the pleasures of story have brought animation to Kidd’s reading and wit to his telling. And we appreciate the happy ending because don’t we all deserve one? These are, after all, difficult times.
vote at Town Meeting. In addition, the annual operating budget for the Sewer Enterprise Fund is published and approved in advance by the voters at Town Meeting every year. Nothing is spent without public approval in advance. There is total transparency, even for all salaries.

Where is the waste here due to “mismanagement” over time? Was it a mistake to build the new wastewater treatment plant in 2005? Or, are five fulltime employees too many?

Regionalization: Rather than mismanagement, Marion’s sewer costs are high because it lacks the economies of scale to run a wastewater treatment plant and, in particular, to pay for expensive infrastructure projects, which are debt-financed, with only 1,700 ratepayers. There is a high fixed cost to being in the waste treatment business because of the costly infrastructure required, and it is only growing as the regulatory burden increases. Given the large infrastructure investment required, adding more users to our sewer system will lower the cost per ratepayer by spreading this fixed cost over more ratepayers on our system. But, to really make a difference, we need several thousand new ratepayers; thus, a regional approach has real appeal.

Marion has participated in all BBC-sponsored meetings regarding regionalizing the Wareham Waste Treatment Plant. To date, no conclusion has been reached regarding its feasibility. GHD Engineering continues to research it.

There, however, are multiple issues to be resolved before we know if regionalization is an appropriate and financially viable option. The initial estimate to run an 8.5-mile pipe from Marion to Wareham came in at over $20 million. GHD is looking at ways to value engineer transporting wastewater from Marion to Wareham, so that cost could come down some.

Our understanding is that the Wareham plant has maxed out the volume of treated waste that they are permitted to discharge into the Agawam River. GHD is exploring building a new outfall to carry treated waste from the Wareham plant to the canal, to a location by Mass Maritime, an ideal place to discharge wastewater because of the strong currents. Initial plans to use an old railway line easement were not workable with the Department of Transportation, so, last we heard, GHD was looking at alternatives such as running the outfall under Route 28. As of the last information we had, no decision had been made on where to build the canal outfall and what it would cost. The Wareham plant also is operating close to capacity, so it would need to be expanded at Marion’s expense to accommodate our wastewater.

If regionalization moves ahead, Marion would have to pay to install a pipe from Marion to Wareham and to share in the cost for expanding the Wareham plant and for building a new outfall to the canal. There are no firm cost estimates for any of these, but the costs will be very large and well beyond what Marion could ever afford.

We told BBC, on more than one occasion, that they would need to help Marion obtain substantial financial support for this project for us to move ahead.

There are other issues. Marion’s plant was built in 2005 and Wareham’s plant was last upgraded in 1999, so our plant is more modern. The Wareham plant sits right on the Agawam River, making it vulnerable to flooding from sea level rise and storm surge.

Regionalization, thus, is still in the early feasibility stage. Once a decision is made to proceed, it could be 10 years or more before this regional plant is operational. During this 10-year period, Marion would have to come up with the money to fund its share of the three components of the construction cost, which would be a monumental financial burden to the Town, because it would be above and beyond the ongoing cost of operating and maintaining our wastewater treatment plant. While regionalization is under study, Marion is and will be spending millions to upgrade our plant under the consent order (with tight deadlines pushing up the cost of this project) and, going forward, to perform any newly mandated regulatory upgrades to continue to meet the requirements of our discharge permit.

John P. Waterman, Marion Selectman

(This letter will conclude in next week’s edition)

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

There is an old English tradition called the “Burning of the Green.” On the eve of Epiphany, 12th night, the custom was to take down Christmas trees, wreaths, and other greenery. The folklore underlying this tradition was the belief that spirits lived in the varied natural Christmas decorations. The greenery gave them shelter during the festive season; however, when the holidays ended, the spirits needed to be released. Failure to do so was believed to cause agricultural problems come spring.

The early Puritan settlers in Massachusetts would never have taken part in the fiery disposal of holiday greens as they didn’t celebrate Christmas, believing it to
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be a pagan ritual and too closely associated with the Roman Catholic Church. Even though there have always been close historical ties between Rochester and Plymouth, they don’t seem to have been extended to Christmas. According to one of Rochester’s older residents, Conrad “Slim” Bernier, who reminisced for the historical society, “Every year on January 6th, the day of Epiphany, the townspeople of Rochester would gather at Hartley’s Mill Pond for the annual ritual of the ‘Burning of the Green.’”

On these occasions, residents would bring their Christmas trees to the pond where they would be added to the bonfire. Often, the pond would be frozen solid and perfect for ice skating.

Over time, the annual event became a thing of the past. But, in January of 1969, the Rochester Historical Society sponsored a return of the Burning of the Green. As in the past, it was held at the mill pond alongside the Hartley Sawmill. They were assisted by Herman
**Tri-town Police Logs**

**MARION**
- Log highlights Jan 3-Jan 9
  - South St – Health/welfare
  - Acucoat Ave – Officer wanted
  - County Rd - Transport
  - Joanne Dr – EMS/medical
  - Converse Rd – Road hazard
  - Point Rd – EMS/medical
  - Mill St - Disturbance
  - Mill St – Suspicious activity
  - Route 195 West – MV collision
  - New Bedford Rd – Paper service
  - Front St – MV collision
  - Spring St – Suspicious activity
  - Benson Brook Rd – EMS/medical
  - Park St – Health/welfare
  - Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
  - Winslow Ln – EMS/medical
  - Cranberry Hwy – EMS/medical
  - Pleasant St – MV collision
  - Park St – Animal complaint
  - Front St – MV complaint
  - Converse Rd – MV collision
  - Converse Rd – EMS/medical
  - Lewis St – Officer wanted
  - Converse Rd – 911 abandoned
  - Delano Rd – Health/welfare
  - I195 West – Road hazard
  - Joanne Dr – EMS/medical
  - Converse Rd – Animal complaint
  - County Rd – Larceny/past

**MATTAPoissett**
- Log highlights Jan 3-Jan 9
  - Summer S – MV violations
  - Church St – Ambulance request
  - Holly Ln – 911 abandoned
  - Acorn Ln – Assist citizen
  - Industrial Dr – Larceny/forgery/fraud
  - County Rd - Fingerprints
  - Alderberry Ln - Disturbance
  - I195 West – Animal control
  - Cannon St – 911 call
  - County Rd – Officer wanted
  - Ridgewood Rd – Ambulance request
  - I195 West – MV crash
  - Water St – Suspicious MV
  - North St – Restraining order
  - Pine Wood Way – Assist other agency
  - Abby Ln – Health/welfare
  - Crestfield St - Disturbance
  - Fairhaven Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
  - North St – Animal control
  - Prince Snow Cir – Follow up
  - Holly Ln – Assist citizen
  - Marion Rd – Suspicious persons
  - Lynfield Ln – Ambulance request
  - Church St – Animal control
  - Dyr Rd - Disturbance
  - Fairhaven Rd – MV crash
  - County Rd – Missing person
  - Mattapoisett Neck Rd – B&E
  - Brant Beach Ave – Disturbance

**ROcHESTER**
- Log highlights Jan 3-Jan 9
  - New Bedford Rd - Medical
  - Burgess Ave - Medical
  - Gerrish Rd - Fraud
  - Bishop Rd – Well being check
  - Dexter Ln – Animal control
  - Braley Hill Rd – Suspicious MV
  - Dexter Ln - Medical
  - Braley Hill Rd – Suspicious activity
  - Kings Hwy - Medical
  - New Bedford Rd – 911 call
  - Dexter In – Firearms licensing
  - Neck Rd – House lockout
  - Ryder Rd – Suspicious activity
  - Old Middleboro Rd – MV collision
  - Burgess Ave - Medical
  - Forster Rd – Animal control
  - Braley Hill Rd - Medical
  - Negus Way – Suspicious activity
  - Dexter Ln – 911 call
  - Marion Rd – Erratic MV
  - Snipatuit Rd – Animal control
  - North Ave – MV stop/written warning
  - Wordell St – 911 call
  - County Rd – MV collision
  - Boxturtle Dr – MV collision
  - Boxturtle Dr – Animal control
  - Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/arrest
  - Noble Rd - Harassment
  - Forbes Rd – Suspicious activity

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**Regional Lunch Menus**

**COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM**
- Monday, Jan 11: American drop suey, broccoli, scallop bread, peas
- Tuesday, Jan 12: Fiesta omelet, hash browns, spring vegetables, fruit loaf, mixed fruit
- Wednesday, Jan 13: Chicken marsala, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, oatmeal roll, banana pudding
- Thursday, Jan 14: Hot dog, mustard, relish, baked beans, cabbage & carrots, hot dog roll, peaches
- Friday, Jan 15: Catch of the day: Salmon wharf sauce, confetti rice, California vegetable blend, multigrain roll, strawberry cup

**CENTER SCHOOL**
- Monday, Jan 11: No school
- Tuesday, Jan 12: Cohort A: Spaghetti with meat sauce, whole grain dinner roll, savory green beans, applesauce OR Turkey & cheese sub, snack pack pretzel, fresh veggie sticks, assorted fruit, 1% milk
- Wednesday, Jan 13: Cohort B: Spaghetti with meat sauce, whole grain dinner roll, savory green beans, applesauce OR Turkey & cheese sub, snack pack pretzel, fresh veggie sticks, assorted fruit, 1% milk
- Thursday, Jan 14: Cohort A: Pancakes OR whole grain French toast sticks, sausage link, hash brown OR Turkey & cheese sub, snack pack pretzel, fresh veggie sticks, assorted fruit, 1% milk
- Friday, Jan 15: Cohort B: Pancakes OR whole grain French toast sticks, sausage link, hash brown OR Turkey & cheese sub, snack pack pretzel, fresh veggie sticks, assorted fruit, 1% milk

**OLD HAMMONDTVONT**
- Monday, Jan 11: No school
- Tuesday, Jan 12: Cohort A: Spaghetti with meat sauce, whole grain dinner roll, savory green beans, applesauce OR Turkey & cheese sub, snack pack pretzel, fresh veggie sticks, assorted fruit, 1% milk
- Wednesday, Jan 13: Cohort B: Spaghetti with meat sauce, whole grain dinner roll, savory green beans, applesauce OR Turkey & cheese sub, snack pack pretzel, fresh veggie sticks, assorted fruit, 1% milk
- Thursday, Jan 14: Cohort A: Pancakes OR whole grain French toast sticks, sausage link, hash brown OR Turkey & cheese sub, snack pack pretzel, fresh veggie sticks, assorted fruit, 1% milk
- Friday, Jan 15: Cohort B: Pancakes OR whole grain French toast sticks, sausage link, hash brown OR Turkey & cheese sub, snack pack pretzel, fresh veggie sticks, assorted fruit, 1% milk

**OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH**
- Monday, Jan 11: No school
- Tuesday, Jan 12: Cohort A: Spaghetti with meat sauce, whole grain dinner roll, savory green beans, applesauce OR Turkey & cheese sub, snack pack pretzel, fresh veggie sticks, assorted fruit, 1% milk
- Wednesday, Jan 13: Cohort B: Spaghetti with meat sauce, whole grain dinner roll, savory green beans, applesauce OR Turkey & cheese sub, snack pack pretzel, fresh veggie sticks, assorted fruit, 1% milk
- Thursday, Jan 14: Cohort A: Pancakes OR whole grain French toast sticks, sausage link, hash brown OR Turkey & cheese sub, snack pack pretzel, fresh veggie sticks, assorted fruit, 1% milk
- Friday, Jan 15: Cohort B: Pancakes OR whole grain French toast sticks, sausage link, hash brown OR Turkey & cheese sub, snack pack pretzel, fresh veggie sticks, assorted fruit, 1% milk

**SIPPICAN SCHOOL**
- Monday, Jan 11: No school
- Tuesday, Jan 12: Cohort A: Spaghetti with meat sauce, whole grain dinner roll, savory green beans, applesauce OR Turkey & cheese sub, snack pack pretzel, fresh veggie sticks, assorted fruit, 1% milk
- Wednesday, Jan 13: Cohort B: Spaghetti with meat sauce, whole grain dinner roll, savory green beans, applesauce OR Turkey & cheese sub, snack pack pretzel, fresh veggie sticks, assorted fruit, 1% milk
- Thursday, Jan 14: Cohort A: Pancakes OR whole grain French toast sticks, sausage link, hash brown OR Turkey & cheese sub, snack pack pretzel, fresh veggie sticks, assorted fruit, 1% milk
- Friday, Jan 15: Cohort B: Pancakes OR whole grain French toast sticks, sausage link, hash brown OR Turkey & cheese sub, snack pack pretzel, fresh veggie sticks, assorted fruit, 1% milk

**OLD COLONY REGIONAL**
- Monday, Jan 11: Cherry blossom chicken bowl & dinner roll
- Tuesday, Jan 12: Cheese pizza quesadilla & fries
- Wednesday, Jan 13: In school students will have opportunity to bring home pizza or PB&J meal
- Thursday, Jan 14: Linguica Sandwich & Fries
- Friday, Jan 15: Assorted pizza

*For a full PDF of the three towns’ police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.wanderer.com.*
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Morse, Jr., the Civil Defense director, who provided the Civil Defense truck, generator, and lights for the event. It was a success with up to 200 people attending. While the historical society voted to make it a yearly event, unfortunately, that didn’t happen. With this year’s focus on firepits and outdoor activities, it feels a bit like a missed opportunity.

**Academic Achievements**

Zoe Kelley of Marion and Connor Severino of Mattapoisett have earned recognition on Ohio Wesleyan University’s 2020 fall semester Dean’s List. To qualify for OWU Dean’s List recognition, students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale in all applicable classes.

Curry College congratulates Ashlee Andrade of Rochester, Virginia Larsen of Marion, and Hannah Ribeiro of Mattapoisett, who were named to the Fall 2020 Dean’s List. To earn a place on the list, fulltime undergraduate students—those who carry 12 or more graded credits per semester—must earn a 3.3 grade-point-average (GPA) or higher.

Bucknell University has released the dean’s list for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2020-21 academic year. Ava Ciffolillo, class of 2022, from Mattapoisett, and Charlie Donley, class of 2023, from Rochester, have achieved dean’s list status. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean’s list recognition.

**“Bikes for All” Kicks off Call for Donations**

We are thrilled that the long-awaited Mattapoisett Rail Trail connection to Depot Street is opening this spring. To celebrate, MATTREC and the Friends of the Mattapoisett Bicycle and Recreational Path (the Friends) have teamed up to ensure that every Mattapoisett resident/family has an opportunity to fully enjoy it. This new initiative is called Bikes for All. We are asking for donations of gently used bicycles, to be given to any town resident of any age who needs a bike. Children’s sizes with training wheels to adult 26-inch bikes—all sizes can be donated or exchanged.

The Friends are working closely with our town officials to build a safe and welcoming bike path. Many of us are also walkers and runners and are excited that this spectacular new mile of the bike path will connect Mattapoisett village to Fairhaven center and beyond.

So, take a look in the corners of your garage and basement... Is there a bike that is no longer being used by your family, or a child’s bike that has been outgrown? If so, dust it off and call Jane at MATTREC at 508-758-4548 for pickup.

In this era of increased demand, higher prices, and waiting lists for new bicycles, recycling well cared for bikes here in Mattapoisett is one way to make the

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### SALOME’S STARS

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Aspects call for care in preparing material for submission. Although you might find it bothersome to go over what you’ve done, the fact is, rechecking could be worth your time and effort.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** The week is favorable for Bovines who welcome change. New career opportunities wait to be checked out. You also might want to get started on that home makeover you’ve been considering.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** You might have to be extra careful to protect that surprise you have planned, thanks to a certain snoopy someone who wants to know more about your plans than you’re willing to share.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Family ties are strong this week, although an old and still-unresolved problem might create some unpleasant moments. If so, look to straighten the situation out once and for all.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Although the Lion might see it as an act of loyalty and courage to hold on to an increasingly shaky position, it might be wiser to make changes now to prevent a possible meltdown later.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Your gift for adding new people to your circle of friends works overtime this week, thanks largely to contacts you made during the holidays. A surprise awaits you at the week’s end.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Don’t hide your talents. It’s a good time to show what you can do to impress people who can do a lot for you. A dispute with a family member might still need some smoothing over.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Be open with your colleagues about your plan to bring a workplace matter out into the open. You’ll want their support, and they’ll want to know how you’ll pull it off.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Trying to patch up an unraveling relationship is often easier said than done. But it helps to discuss and work out any problems that arise along the way.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** While your creative aspect remains high this week, you might want to call on your practical side to help work out the why and wherefore of an upcoming decision.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Dealing with someone’s disappointment can be difficult for Aquarians, who always try to avoid giving pain. But a full explanation and a show of sympathy can work wonders.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Getting a job-related matter past some major obstacles should be easier this week. A personal situation might take a surprising but not necessarily unwelcome turn by the week’s end.

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**BORN THIS WEEK:** You can be both a dreamer and a doer. You consider helping others to be an important part of your life.

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Mattapoisett Rail Trail accessible to all!

If you would like to make a donation for the Friends to purchase or repair bicycles, please feel free to send it to: Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path, P.O. Box 1336, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Please note that your contribution is for “Bikes for All.”

The Friends is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization, so contributions to the Friends for Bikes for Kids are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. The Friends will apply 100 percent of contributions toward the bicycles.

Contacts: Jane Finnerty, 508-758-4548, jane.mattrail@gmail.com; Liz DiCarlo, 508-942-9343, lizdicarlo@comcast.net. Visit the website at mattapoisettrailtrail.org.

Mattapoisett Free Public Library

New Year, new books! The Mattapoisett Library staff have been working diligently to ensure that the library is ready when the time comes to reopen our doors to browsing, but, until then, we want to make sure patrons have access to all of the library’s newest titles. Starting now, patrons can sign up to receive four titles from our ‘new’ shelves. You can request a theme (i.e. fiction, romance, drama, crime, or nonfiction, history, cookbooks, poetry, etc.) or have the titles be completely random!

To participate, or if you have any questions, contact us at 508-758-4171 or email us at mfpl@sailsinc.org. Please be sure to notify us of any preferences when making a request to participate.

Well-Read Wednesday: A Nonfiction Book Discussion Group—Join a new nonfiction book club hosted by Mattapoisett Library staff, starting with our first meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, January 27 at 6:30 pm. This discussion group will focus on recently published nonfiction titles of note; suggestions are welcome, though title choice depends on availability at network libraries. The first book selection is “Underland: A Deep Time Journey,” by Robert MacFarlane. Recognized as one of the best nonfiction books of 2019, this book explores the layers of human history as coded in geologic time, from such places as the catacombs in Paris to the icy depths in Greenland.

Registration is required to get the Zoom link. Copies of the book will be available for pick up upon request. Send an email to jjones@sailsinc.org, or call the library at 508-758-4171 for more information or to register.

Mattapoisett Woman’s Club Scholarships

Mattapoisett Woman’s Club is pleased to offer two $2,000 scholarship awards to Mattapoisett residents who are high school seniors graduating June 2020.

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

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

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

Final deadline for returning completed applications is March 31. Applications will be considered after this date.

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

Tri-Town Part of Final Legislative Transportation Bond Bill

The Massachusetts legislature concluded its two-year session with the passage of a transportation bond bill on January 5. The transportation measure authorizes $16.5 billion in road and bridge projects around the entire state over the next 10 years. Rep. Bill Straus (D-Mattapoisett), House co-chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation, was one of six House-Senate conferees who negotiated the final terms of the new legislation now awaiting Governor Baker’s signature.

The final legislation authorized MassDOT to expend funds on a number of local Tri-Town projects, including $500,000 for improvements at the North Street intersection with Route 195 in Mattapoisett; $725,000 for new traffic lights and signals on Route 6 in front of Mattapoisett’s police and fire stations; $400,000 for improvements at the intersection of Route 6 and Spring Street in Marion; $1,350,000 for the development of shared-use paths in Marion and Wareham, and $1 million for improvements on Bridge Street in Fairhaven.

“After extensive negotiations, I am pleased that the House and Senate were able to reach an agreement on a comprehensive transportation bill that not only allows the state to continue to focus on its state of good repair needs, but will authorize funding for other major local projects such as the completion of South Coast Rail ($825 million), which is already under construction to New Bedford and Fall River, and the initial design and permitting of a replacement for the New Bedford-Fairhaven Bridge on Route 6,” said Rep. Straus.

The legislature also enacted an important local Mattapoisett bill filed by Rep. Straus, at the town’s
LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT

BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

**NOTE** REMOTE MEETING ON 01/21/2021 WILL START AT 6:00 PM**

Case #1457: Application of: Stephen Goulston, 46 Panmmy’s Path, North Easton, MA 02356; RE: 27 Nashawena Road. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under sections 3.1.2.3 as provided by Section 7.2.2 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to reconstruct a single-family home. The property is further described as Plot 15A, Lot 129 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held VIA Zoom on Thursday, January 21, 2021.

Case #1459: Application of: David L & Mary F. Pendergast, 36 A Street 6C, South Boston, MA 02127; RE: 3 Ned’s Point Road. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under sections 3.1.3.1 and 3.1.2.3 as provided by Section 7.2.2 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to renovate existing dwelling and constructing a second floor over a garage. The property is further described as Plot 7, Lot 25 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held VIA Zoom on Thursday, January 21, 2021.

Case #1460: Application of: Rene Macie & Sheila Ryan-Macie, 3 Pinebrook Lane, Mattapoisett, MA 02739; RE: 3 Pinebrook Lane. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under sections 3.2.2 as provided by Section 7.2.2 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to add a third bay addition to an existing 2 car garage. The property is further described as Plot 5, Lot 224A on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held VIA Zoom on Thursday, January 21, 2021.

Case #1461: Application of: Mary V. Gabriel, DVM, CVA, 7 Alderberry Lane, Mattapoisett, MA 02047; RE: 7 Alderberry Lane. The applicant is seeking a Commercial Special Permit under sections 5.1.4.1 as provided by Section 7.2.2 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to run a Veterinarian acupuncture business from a residential home. The property is further described as Plot 18, Lot 138 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held VIA Zoom on Thursday, January 21, 2021. Due to restrictions on public gatherings because of COVID-19, this meeting will be held remotely, and members of the public will NOT be allowed to physically attend. To access the meeting please use the following log in information.

**Contact Elizabeth Leidhold, Agent of the Conservation Commission by email at ELeidhold@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 1/14, 1/21**

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Katherine Hartley for property located at 0 Pine Street, identified on Assessor’s Map 37, Lot 20, who is seeking a Variance for relief under Chapter 20.40, Section D.1, for approval to construct a single-family dwelling on a lot with reduced frontage of 16.64 feet rather than the required 225 feet. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 7:00 pm on Zoom. To join the Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89404570117 Meeting ID: 894 0457 0117 One tap mobile: (646) 876-9923

TOWN OF ROCHESTER

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1157

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals proposes to improve an existing gravel driveway to provide access to a proposed solar array on parcels of land located in Acushnet, MA within 100-feet of a bordering vegetated wetland. Improvements will include temporary and permanent wetland alteration to provide adequate driveway width for emergency and maintenance access to the proposed array.

**Contact Elizabeth Leidhold, Agent of the Conservation Commission by email at ELeidhold@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 1/14**

TOWN OF ROCHESTER

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1158

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Jeremy & Kristin Saccone for property located at 111 County Road, identified on Assessor’s Map 16, Lot 19K, who is seeking a Special Permit for the conversion of a single family home to a multi-family home by creating a dwelling unit with <30% of primary residence floor area, per Chapter 20.40, Section F.9.a.; and a request of a Variance of the lot area requirement under Chapter 20.40, Section F.9.a. to allow the conversion to multi-family on a pre-existing, non-conforming lot containing and area of 48,750 square feet. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 7:00 pm on Zoom. To join the Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89404570117 Meeting ID: 894 0457 0117 One tap mobile: (646) 876-9923

David Arancio, Chairman 1/14, 1/21

TOWN OF ROCHESTER

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1159

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Matthew Dessert of behalf of Kevin Bennett for property located at 9 County Road, identified on Assessor’s Map 10, Lot 3C, who is seeking 2 Variances of both side setback requirements under Chapter 20.40, Section D.1, for the construction of a 10’ x 12’ addition with an attached deck and an ADA complaint wheelchair ramp.

The public hearing will be held on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 7:00 pm on Zoom. To join the Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89404570117 Meeting ID: 894 0457 0117 One tap mobile: (646) 876-9923

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TOWN OF ROCHESTER

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 25 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (Via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Jeff Hayward, 79 Grange Park, Bridgewater, MA 02324. The proposed project is to add a small deck off the back of the house in order to relocate an existing door and window. The deck would be 8’ x 8’. The project is located at 18 Nashawena Road, and is further identified as Lot 111 on Assessor Map 15A.

**Contact Elizabeth Leidhold, Agent of the Conservation Commission by email at ELeidhold@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 1/14**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM

Notice of License Application Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91

Waterways License Application Number W20-5890 John A. & Carole F. Whitemore

NOTIFICATION DATE: January 14, 2021

Public notice is hereby given of the waterways application by John A. & Carole F. Whitemore to construct and maintain a float expansion and two pilings to replace the bottom anchors at 51 East Avenue, in the municipality of Marion, in and over flowed tidelands of Planting Island Cove. The proposed project has been determined to be
request, that would permit the town to properly assess commercial solar installations as taxable property. The bill had been passed by the House last February and was taken up by the State Senate in the final days of the two-year session for the legislature. Proper assessment of commercial solar panels will be fair to Mattapoisett and the reason this legislation was approved by Town Meeting prior to submission to the bill in the Legislature by Rep. Straus.

With further regard to the Mattapoisett Solar legislation, Kathleen Costello, the Town’s property assessing administrator, noted, “The bill provides a streamlined way to verify energy producing capacity in town-located solar arrays, and promotes fair and equitable taxation of those commercial properties.” She added, “I and the town very much appreciate the efforts of Rep. Straus to get this long-needed legislation passed for Mattapoisett.”

Marion Community Preservation Committee

Applications for Community Preservation Act funding are now available in the Town Clerk’s Office at the Marion Town House located at 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738. The Community Preservation Act is a Massachusetts Law that allows participating cities and towns to adopt a real estate tax surcharge supplemented

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by State matching funds in order to fund community preservation. Eligible projects must be directed toward open space/recreation, historic preservation, or community housing. Applications must be received no later than 4:00 pm on **February 11** to be considered for presentation at the May 2021 Annual Town Meeting.

Past Community Preservation funds have been used to:

- Design of an accessible boardwalk and viewing platform at Osprey Marsh.
- Secure nine affordable housing units having affordable housing deed restrictions for ninety-nine (99) years.
- Design and secure permits for Phase I of the Marion Pathway (bike path).
- Protect Marion’s drinking water supply through the purchase of lands and conservation interests in the Mattapoisett River Valley.
- Catalogue the Sippican Historical Society’s archives and complete the town’s architectural survey.
- Restore Marion’s historic 1937 Maxim fire truck.
- Restore the Marion Town House.
- Purchase and install inclusive playground equipment at the Sippican School.
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Today's Word

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Marion Art Center

The Marion Art Center opens its 2021 season with the annual Winter Members’ Show. The exhibit runs Friday, January 15, through Thursday, February 25. Current gallery hours are Thursday – Saturday, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm each day, or by appointment. All visitors must adhere to state recommended safety guidelines, including social distancing and mask wearing.

There will be a virtual reception for the new show on Friday, January 29, from 5:00 pm-6:00 pm via Zoom. Join a group discussion with artists, MAC members, and virtual visitors. Depending on the number of guests, the MAC may set up small group “breakout rooms”. The MAC’s executive director will give a virtual tour through the galleries, stopping for discussion along the way. Participants are invited to make their own cocktails or refreshments for enjoyment during the reception. To register, guests should email info@marionartcenter.org with “Virtual Reception” in the subject line. Be sure to include your name and phone number. Participants will be emailed a Zoom link a few days prior to the event to the email address provided.

January ArtTalk: The next virtual meeting for ArtTalk at the MAC is scheduled on Thursday, January 2, from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm via Zoom. Would you like to join an informal group chat about art? Or, perhaps you would like a better understanding of works that you “just don’t get”? Join the MAC for a virtual discussion about art (no knowledge of art or art history required). Participants will be sent images or links to artworks, plus a Zoom meeting link ahead of the scheduled date and time. To register, email info@marionartcenter.org with “ArtTalk at the MAC” in the subject line. Be sure to include your name and phone number.

New Winter Classes Added: Instructor Jay Ryan will teach two eight-week watercolor painting courses starting in late January. Beginning Watercolor classes will meet Thursdays from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm in the MAC Studio, January 28-March 18. Continuing/Advanced Watercolor classes will meet on Fridays from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm in the MAC Studio, January 29-March 19. Cost for each full eight-week session is $195 for MAC members, $220 for nonmembers. There is also a new drop-in option for the Friday class, for those who cannot commit to the full session, or for anyone who wants a few extra hours of painting in a guided studio setting. The cost for one-day Friday drop-in is $30/day and depends on weekly availability. All classes will be limited to five students at a time. Students must wear masks at all times while inside the building.

The MAC is offering a new three-hour online workshop: Painting Water with Instructor Catherine Carter. The elusive subject of water is one of the most challenging for the painter! Discover ways to capture a range of watery views, from ponds to waterfalls to waves, using acrylic paint. We will practice a series of application...
techniques and then create a unique finished project. The one-day workshop will run on Sunday, **February 7**, from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm via Zoom. Cost is $90 for MAC members and $105 for nonmembers, with a max of 10 students. Suitable for both beginning and experienced students. A basic supply list is available online. To find out more information, or to register for classes, visit marionartcenter.org/adult-classes.

**From Russia with Love for Valentine’s Weekend**

The South Coast Chamber Music Series presents “From Russia with Love,” virtually. What better way to celebrate winter than with a troika of Russian beauties? Shostakovich hits a playfully tart bullseye with his first “String Quartet” (1938), composed after the huge success of his Fifth Symphony reinstated the composer in official favor. Rachmaninoff’s beloved “Vocalise,” arranged for viola and piano, weaves its melancholy magic, after which the “C Minor Piano Trio” by Rimsky-Korsakov brings our Russian ride to a fittingly colorful end.

The musicians performing in this concert are principal chairs of the NBSO Jesse Holstein (violin), EmmaLee Holmes-Hicks (violin), Anna Griffis (viola), Leo Eguchi (cello), and SCCMS Artistic Director Janice Weber (piano).

The concert release date is Saturday, **February 13**, 4:00 pm, and ticket purchasers can watch the concert any time (and as many times as) they like for 30 days. Tickets...
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are $20 per household and available at nbsymphony.org/chamber-series-2020-2021/. All ticketed patrons will receive an email on the day of the concert containing instructions and a private link for access on YouTube.

**SLT Osprey Marsh Accessible Boardwalk Reservation System**

Starting **January 1**, Sippican Lands Trust will offer specific reservation slots to our 1,800-foot long Osprey Marsh accessible boardwalk for visitors at high-risk or otherwise unable to social distance safely. Visitors needing a one-hour time slot can set up an appointment at sippicanlandstrust.setmore.com for a visit to the Osprey Marsh accessible boardwalk on Sundays from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Mondays from 10:00 am – 11:00 am, Tuesdays from 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm, or Wednesdays from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm. To reserve one of these specific time slots, please visit sippicanlandstrust.setmore.com.

Visitors not needing any special assistance can now visit the Osprey Marsh accessible boardwalk any day of the week without a reservation. Please be mindful if boardwalk is temporarily closed for those visitors requesting one of the abovementioned special appointments.

Sippican Lands Trust introduced its popular reservation system on June 4 to keep visitors safe during the pandemic and has modified the reservation system over the past few months to safely accommodate visitors at Osprey Marsh.

SLT’s Osprey Marsh is located on Point Road in Marion. The accessible boardwalk project builds on the generous donation by members of the Smoyer/Howland family of the 20-acre Osprey Marsh property of forest and marshland on Planting Island Cove. The project has been designed to minimize environmental impact and to maximize accessibility for infants in strollers, older adults, and persons with mobility impairments, including those in wheelchairs. The accessible boardwalk starts at the Osprey Marsh parking area and passes through maritime forest, wetlands, and fragile salt marsh habitat to a viewing platform overlooking Planting Island Cove.

Numerous SLT donors, members, and friends have stepped up to support this project, including a $38,000 grant from the Town of Marion’s Community Preservation Commission for project design and permitting. The boardwalk was designed by Peter Jensen and built by local contractors, W.S. Bradford and Sherman Briggs.

Sippican Lands Trust continues to seek donations from the public to support the long-term maintenance of this boardwalk. More information about the project and how to support it can be found at sippicanlandstrust.org/2017/10/osprey-marsh-boardwalk-project/.  

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Interesting News Item?

There’s a Giant Undersea Bug in Japan That Hasn’t Pooped in Two Years

This is Why I Stick With The Funny

Can’t Say I Blame Ya

Sherman’s Lagoon
by J.P. Toomey

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and now counting! For more info on Every Child Ready to Read, go to everychildreadytoread.org/. All story times will include early literacy fun with books, letters, numbers, songs, finger plays, music, movement, and fun virtual interactions with Ms. Lisa and story time friends!

The story time schedule is as follows:

- Baby and Toddler (ages 9-24 months) Storytime, Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 am. This is a lap-sit program. Caregivers are required to attend and participate with their littles.
- Preschool (ages 3-5) Storytime, Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 am or Thursdays, 1:30-2:30 pm. Caregivers should be close by to help their child participate as needed.
- Twos and Threes Together Storytime, Fridays, 10:30-11:30 am. This is a partial lap-sit program for children aged 2 – 3 years old, meaning some children may still need lap support and others may not! However, even if a child is ready to sit on their own, caregiver support is still required.
- Please contact Ms. Lisa (lfuller@sailsinc.org) if you have any questions or suggestions.

Marion Scholarship

Through the generosity of Marion residents, the Marion Scholarship and Education Committee is offering a scholarship to high school students who will graduate in 2021.

Applicants must live in Marion, be in good academic standing, and accepted at a recognized college for the fall of 2021.

Application requirements and deadline information can be obtained through the college counseling office at your high school.

Anyone who would like to contribute to these and future scholarships can send your donation to The Marion Scholarship and Education Committee, Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738.

Mattapoisett Library STEAM Projects To-Go

STEAM Projects To-Go brings a new project for January! STEAM Projects To-Go are created for busy teens grades 6 to 12 who still want to engage with library programming and their community. This month’s project will explore matter—anything that has mass and takes up space (or has volume). The project will be to fish for ice using ice, string, and salt. Further, it will inspire teens to take it one step further with a list of extension projects.

Each STEAM Project To-Go includes supplies needed for the project, instructions, information about the theme, a library book related to the theme, and ideas for more projects. If you are interested in getting a STEAM to go project, register at the library’s website, mattapoisettlibrary.org, on the calendar, or by calling the library. Once you have registered, you will be contacted to arrange pickup (library card required). If there are no spots left, please register for the waiting list.

Please contact Michelle Skaar at mskaar@sailsinc.org or call the library for more information. All programs are free and open to the public.

Peter Hodges Memorial Scholarship

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

The funds for the Peter Hodges Memorial Scholarship are raised through fundraisers held by the Mattapoisett Lions Club throughout the year, including Harbor Days, an annual arts and crafts festival held in Shipyard Park, Mattapoisett, on the third weekend of July.

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

To qualify, a graduating student or home-schooled student shall be accepted to and intending to attend their first year of a recognized institution of higher education, must be a resident of the Tri-Town, and must have a demonstrated contribution of service to the community.

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

Applications must be received by March 27.

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I Found the Aardvark!

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

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

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

In the January 7, 2021 edition the Aardvark was on page 27!
**Quality Meats, Deli & Prepared Foods**

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**Superior Quality Produce**

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<td>3 ct. Pkg. Romaine Hearts</td>
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Dear friends & customers,

To stay posted on the latest information about store hours, product availability or to simply receive a cheerful update to brighten your day, we have created a new Facebook page for the store!

Please “Like” and “Follow”... Friends Marketplace – Plumb Corner

Please email your order with your phone number to Plumb@FriendsMarketplace.net for Curbside Pickup.

We are here for you and are honored to serve you during this unprecedented time.

~ The Friends’ Marketplace at Plumb Corner Team

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**Wine & Beer**

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We have over 75 varieties of wine (& more coming) that are only 3/$15 or 5/$25.
Mix & Match wines from California, France, Italy, Argentina, Chile, & Australia.

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**Cheese & Spreads**

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Blockbuster Savings!

Friends’ Premium Certified Black Angus, Boneless Rib Eye Steak
$16.99 lb.

Friends’ Store Baked Ham
$8.49 lb.

General Mills 8.9 oz. Original Cheerios Cereal
2/$7

Friendly’s 48 oz. Selected Ice Cream
$3.99

Corona or Corona Light
12 oz. Cans/Bottles
30 Pack
$17.99

Bread & Butter 750 ml California Chardonnay Wine
$13.99

Grocery, Dairy, Frozen & Bakery

Nabisco 10.1-15.35 oz. Selected Oreo Cookies
2/$6

Nature’s Bakery 2 oz. 2 Pack Selected (Excludes Gluten Free)
Fig Bars................................................. 59¢

Food Club 2 oz. Original Corn Flakes or Kellogg’s Rice Krispies Cereal
2/$7

32 oz. Selected Planet Oat Oatmilk........................................ 2/$6

Daisy Sour Cream........................................ $1.99

Chabaso 15 oz. Loaf Selected Ciabatta Bread
$2.99

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVINGS THIS WEEK!