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Swing Your Partner, Do-Si-Do
By Marilou Newell

As Mattapoisett resident Brad Hathaway shifted through yellowing documents and old school papers drafted seven decades ago, he came across an assignment that made his heart tickle with joy. The professor had written across the top, “Good story, should be printed in some paper.” Hathaway could never have imagined as he typed his essay on a manual typewriter way back then that it would resurface and, in fact, be printed in a newspaper.

When Hathaway contacted The Wanderer to share what he thought was a good story idea, one that might draw a few lines from his essay when he declared, “Do what you want with it, I don’t want it back.” He was hoping for not so much a reprint of his work but that it might inspire a larger story to which many in the Tri-Town area might respond.

Hathaway was, once upon a time, a journalism student who interviewed a local square dance caller. Square dancing was a popular pastime in those days, and many residents will recall weekend square dancing long before the advent of sock hops.

For one young lady, Patricia Ann Sylvia (later to become Mrs. Tate), also of Mattapoisett, square dancing was a family affair. During Hathaway’s interview, the young woman explained, “The fact that I ever got interested in (square dance) calling in the first place was an accident.” Continuing on, Hathaway wrote that Tate’s mother and father were regular attendees of dances held in the Bourne Grange Hall. One night, Tate went along with her parents and planned to go rollerskating at the nearby rink. However, it was closed. “I went back to the Grange Hall to get the car keys,” but there was a shortage of women at the dance that night, she told Hathaway.

“Up to that time, I had never square danced in my life…. I enjoyed myself immediately, and when I heard the caller, I vowed to myself that I, too, would someday call,” Hathaway wrote.

Now, as the veil of time is drawn back a bit further, Tate shared her remaining memories of those earlier days with The Wanderer. “My father was the president of the PTA at Center School. Dad thought it would be a good idea and fun fundraiser to hold a square dance. A truck holding a band played in our backyard the first year the event was held. The following year it was held at the wharves next to Shipyard Park.”

Tate said that callers came from abroad to call at

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local dances. She would learn the calls while sitting in the back seat of the car on family trips to Bourne. She and her parents would sing out the calls in the car as they drove to the venue. “The calls were singing calls back then,” she said, as compared to the more “Western-type of calls,” and she knew them by heart.

On one auspicious night, she got her big break. “My father asked caller Charlie Dexter to give me a chance,” she softly laughed, “that was the beginning.” She said she would go on to call at the Brockton Fair, at private homes, on Martha’s Vineyard, and at many other venues over the next two years. And it would be a brief chapter in her long life when she stepped out in front of live bands and called out to dancers who depended on her expertise to keep them moving smoothly across the dance floor.

Tate would tell Hathaway, “I was the guest caller one night.... It was my moment and only my third performance... I was petrified at first.” But that sensation would be replaced with excitement and joy. In 1950 she would call at the Mattapoisett Town Hall upstairs in the theater area. Tate told Hathaway that she and Dexter would give square dance lessons during the winter months in the Tri-Town area. Hathaway wrote, “She has only called twice to phonograph records; other times, an orchestra has been present. Pat said, ‘Calling is never dull. You always have to watch the dancers. If you see the people are having trouble, you must revise the call so they will enjoy themselves.’”

Enjoy themselves indeed. For decades, summer weekend evenings would find groups of square dancers dressed in their best costumes queuing up to dance under the stars at the Mattapoisett wharves.

What began as a PTA fundraiser would become a summer staple of stamping feet and swirling skirts, all choreographed by square dance callers, of which Tate was one.

During Hathaway’s interview with Tate, the young caller discussed square dancing with youthful exuberance. “If the crowd doesn’t seem to be having a good time, I pick up the tempo of the music. It is the caller who controls the tempo, not the orchestra.” Hathaway also wrote, “Pat calls mostly for the enjoyment of it. Yet, there are times when she gets as much as ten dollars for a performance.”

Today that translates to approximately $100 and still falls short of a professional caller’s bottom-dollar event rate. But the following truly gives us a sense of just how much the young Tate truly enjoyed square dancing. She told Hathaway, “My (small) stature is a definite advantage when it comes to square dancing.... The boys like to pick me up off the floor and swing me round.... They can’t do that with most of the girls!”

In closing out his interview, Hathaway learned that Tate’s favorite dance was the Alabama Jubilee and that “I like to call at the grange hall most of all because they have the best eats there.”
Hathaway would also write that Tate had written a yet-to-be-published book titled “Square Your Sets,” an introduction to square dancing geared towards children. Tate would go on to graduate from Boston University with a degree in education. For a period of time, she taught at Center School.

Tate told The Wanderer that, before returning home to settle down after graduation, she went to California, where she taught, followed by positions in Natick, Cape Cod, and New Bedford. While in California, she briefly studied and enjoyed folk dancing.

Group dancing heralds back to nearly the beginning of humankind. Clog dancing came to the new world with Irish immigrants along with other forms of traditional dance. It seems, however, that the evolution of those earlier dance forms to square dancing is an American invention.

While it faded in popularity, square dancing can still be found in cities and towns across the nation. Twenty-two U.S. states have declared square dancing as the state’s official dance, and there have been 30 bills sent
Great Blue Heron a Sign of Equinox

By George B. Emmons

In late winter, the great blue herons are the first to be seen with lumbering wing beats from over the horizon of Little Bay in Fairhaven. They are very noticeable in coastal flight with long S-shaped necks of their Florentine-shaped figurine profile, pointing the way toward open waters liberated from winter bondage.

Their welcome arrival is often well ahead of other waterfowl migrations still making up in flocks several hundred miles behind them. As they pass Ashley Island, clearly identified and classified from our picture window, the bird-watching seasonal panorama has officially and vividly come alive with an awareness to be appreciated.

As illustrated, males are the first to arrive to stake their claim on a preferred nesting site, sometimes the same as last year or even in the same tree, simply by building a new one directly above last year’s.

When females finally show up, males attract them to the new abode by performing an elaborate courtship dance. To motion her attention, he will erect and wave his regal head plume until she responds. After the two join one another as partners, they both clack their bills together in an avian consent ceremony to procreate a family of three fledglings, as in my illustration. This will soon keep them both busy for long periods of time at the water’s edge.

When looking to find prey, they stand motionless with head and beak drawn back until a sudden sighting releases a hair-trigger that springs the point of the bill to Congress to have it legislated as the country’s official dance. Not bad for a humble dance in which kicking up one’s heels is syncopated primarily to a fiddle.

It has been seven decades since Tate first took her place in front of a band and called out to a waiting crowd, “Bow to your partner,” to start an evening of square dancing, the memory of which still rings down through the years. Who knows, maybe one day square dancing will return to the wharves, and dancers will swing their partners under the stars on a brilliant summer’s evening once again.
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Because of this successful reproduction in raising their young, the latest American breeding-bird survey estimates a continental population of 83,000 reproducing pairs that, with this mobility, can be found almost all across North America. Their timeless broad survival at the water’s edge since the ancient formation of the evolution of living species originally crawled out of the primordial soup of the ocean millions of years ago hints at supernatural powers of survival.

The narrative of the great blue heron might well be written in the stars of the night sky, shining down on the eve of the vernal equinox, when the hours of light and shadow are the same all over the world. With the planetary cycle of tidal pull over the universe, the arrival of spring again proves to be a spiritual, environmental awareness that includes the great blue heron for our appreciation as birdwatchers.
‘A Thousand Words in A Few Sentences’
Tri-Town Against Racism Creative Expression Contest
By Mick Colageo

It didn’t take more than a moment for Aliyah Jordan to know what she wanted to say. The question was how to say it, and her answer won first place out of 38 entries in Tri-Town Against Racism’s Black History Month Creative Expression Contest.

Tri-Town Against Racism asked Grades 7-12 Tri-Town students for forward thinking “Beyond Martin and Rosa,” and the 15-year-old Tabor Academy sophomore from Atlanta went backward instead to the story of Claudette Colvin, Rosa Parks’ unheralded predecessor, by writing a poem she titled “Heroes Unsung.”

Like the dimmest star in the galaxy, shadowed by the most blinding of them all, both with the same success, but one seems more small.

Like Claudette who first refused to sit in the back, the knowledge of this many people seem to lack. The dark-skinned teen with a soul in her womb, was told that she was too black.

To lead a movement.
Rosa followed in her footsteps, and sat right in the front.
Fair-skinned and well respected, she had to be the one.
To lead the movement.
Division in the world, 
the black vs. the white, 
dissension in our own communities, 
the dark-skinned against the light. 
Why must we classify ourselves, 
based on hue and hair? 
We’re all human beings, 
deserving of what’s equal and fair. 
Heroes.

“You said 1,000 words in a few sentences,” recalled Jordan of her brother Jorian’s reaction after watching the video of the reading that Aliyah had submitted.

With stunning eloquence befitting a perspective of someone many years her senior, Jordan took a courageous step by looking inside the Civil Rights Movement. Her authentic response resounded with Tri-Town Against Racism when winners were decided on February 28.

“The judges were completely floored by both her poem and her reciting of it. She perfectly embodied the theme of our contest,” said Alison Noyce, Tri-Town Against Racism vice-president.

Colvin’s obscured place in history was daunting to Jordan, who, ever since reading about the pregnant teenager and her determination not to be unseated preceded Parks’ famous act by nine months, was impressed by the former’s fearlessness. “She was the first person I thought about,” said Jordan.

Despite admittedly being plugged into Tabor’s world and not being aware of the protests that transpired last year in the Tri-Town, or Old Rochester Regional School District’s subsequent adoption of an anti-racism resolution, policy, and subcommittee, Jordan’s mindset is unconsciously synched with that of the local area and especially the sponsoring organization that encourages people to “start where you are.”

One of the leaders of Tabor Academy’s Black Student Union, Jordan will return to campus later this month for the first time since the pandemic, having studied remotely since the initial closure of the Marion-based prep school in March 2020.

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solution, but progress comes with education,” said Jordan, adding it is important to keep “learning how other people see the world and how things affect them.”

Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School student Noah Sullivan took second place with a video presentation celebrating Black History month featuring blockbuster movies “Black Panther” and “Spiderman – Into the Spider-Verse.”

ORR student Autumn Tilly took third place with a digital drawing called “Pushing Forward,” her illustration a brilliant use of emerging shade as a foot belonging to a person of color steps toward light.

Cash awards went to first place in the amount of $200, second place $100, and third place $50. Contest judges were Tangi Thomas, the president of Tri-Town Against Racism, and area residents Darrin Garcia, Jean DaSilva, and Janis Johnson.

ORR student Alia Cusolito, who submitted a painting of late activist Audre Lorde, Old Colony student James Pierson with a drawing of late activist Malcolm X, and ORR Junior High student Sophia Cruz with a poster melding several influences, all received honorable mentions for their work.

Jordan’s interest in poetry is only recent. “It really started last year after the Poetry Out Loud contest,” she said of Tabor’s event that enters every freshman. Jordan won second place among freshmen. The challenge was to write five poems and put them into a book. Other than that experience, she said she had never before submitted a poem for a contest.

“I have taken a liking to journalism and anchoring, and also poetry, obviously. I think writing is kind of my passion,” said Jordan. “Being a lyricist is something I enjoy.”

She used to play clarinet and wants to learn how to play piano. She participates in chorus and acapella groups.

“I’m really into the drama and musical,” said Jordan, whose other school activities have included soccer and softball in 2019-20, and this year she wants to add tennis. She’s a big fan of two-time US Open champion Naomi Osaka, who emerged as the sport’s spokesperson against racially motivated violence.

The what-now aspect of Tri-Town Against Racism’s educational effort is daunting as it asks young people to formulate thoughts and express them publicly. While Jordan, at 15, has not plotted her career, “I’m just trying to find my passion and what I love to do,” she is participating as she is compelled.

Tabor’s BSU only started last year and includes monthly debriefings on “what’s going on in the world... we’re just starting some of those hard conversations on campus,” said Jordan, whose outlook is “just bringing the world together instead of dividing us more.”

(Entires can be seen on page 40 - Happenings)
Selectmen’s Seats Up for Grabs
By Mick Colageo

All three of the Tri-Towns have a potential contest for a selectmen’s seat in the 2021 Annual Town Elections.

Two chairmen, Rochester’s Paul Ciaburri and Marion’s Randy Parker, are both running for reelection. In Mattapoisett, longtime Selectman Paul Silva’s seat will be contested by Jodi Lynn Bauer, Nicki Demakis, and former Selectman Tyler Macallister, who all pulled nomination papers last month. Macallister vacated his seat last year to interview for the town administrator job that went to Mike Lorenco. Macallister then ran for selectman and lost to John DeCosta Jr. Demakis returned papers on Monday.

Also vacating a reelection bid in Mattapoisett are Highway Surveyor Barry Denham and School Committee member Carole Clifford. School Committee Chairman Jim Muse is running for reelection, and Eric Beauregard has pulled papers to run for a School Committee seat. Garrett Bauer and Gary Bowman have both pulled papers to run for Denham’s seat as Highway Surveyor.

Other Mattapoisett incumbents running for reelection include Russell Bailey, Board of Health; John Eklund, Moderator; Leda Kim, Housing Authority; Leonard Coppolla, Assessor; Karen Field, Planning Board; Charles McCullough, Community Preservation Committee; Albert Mennino, Water/Sewer Commissioner; and Public Library Trustees William Osier and Elizabeth Sylvia. Community Preservation Committee member Michelle Hughes is the only Mattapoisett incumbent who had not pulled papers as of March 8.

In Rochester, as of March 8, Ciaburri, Jana Cavanagh of the Board of Assessors, Tree Warden Jeffrey Eldridge, Dale Barrows of the Board of Health, and Robin Rounseville of the School Committee have pulled nomination papers to run for reelection (all seats are three-year terms). Eldridge has returned papers.

Non-incumbents running this year in Rochester include Richard A. Munro, Water Commission; Shauna A. Makuch, Library Trustees; and Dennis P. McCarthy, Planning Board.

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Rochester’s Town Election is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26. Nomination papers are available at Town Hall by appointment only. Papers returned must include a minimum of 30 signatures and be filed (by appointment only) by Wednesday, March 31, at 5:00 pm.

In Marion, papers have also been returned by incumbent Dr. John Howard, whose term on the Board of Health expires this year.

Other incumbents who have pulled papers in Marion include George T.J. Walker, Assessor; Brad Gordon, Moderator; Andrew Daniel, vice-chairman of the Planning Board; and three Marion School Committee members whose terms are up: April Rios, Mary Beauregard, and Chairperson Michelle Ouellette Smith. Alan Harris, the vice-chairman of the Open Space Acquisition Commission, had not pulled papers as of March 8.

Jonathan F. Henry, not an incumbent, has pulled papers for a seat on Marion’s Planning Board; Kristen Saint Don-Campbell, whose term is expiring, resigned from her post earlier this winter due to scheduling conflicts.

Marion’s Town Election will be held on Friday, May 14, at the Cushing Community Center, and the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, May 10. Nomination papers are available and must be returned by Monday, March 22, at 5:00 pm. Except for town moderator (one year), all Marion seats up for election are three-year terms.

Key dates in Mattapoisett are as follows: March 26 at 5:00 pm is the deadline to request nomination papers, and March 30 at 1:00 pm is the filing deadline with the Board of Registrars. April 13 is the last day to submit papers to the town clerk, and April 15 is the final day to object or withdraw. Tuesday, April 20, is the last day to register to vote for Annual Town Meeting, and Wednesday, April 28, is the last day to register to vote in the Annual Town Election. Monday, May 3, is the last day to publish or post the warrant for Mattapoisett’s Annual Town Meeting, which will be held on Monday, May 10, at 6:30 pm at Old Rochester Regional High School. Tuesday, May 11, is the last day to publish or post the warrant for Annual Town Election, which will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at Old Hammondston School.

Marion Police Department Purchases First Hybrid Cruiser

Richard Nighelli is pleased to announce that the Marion Police Department received its first hybrid police cruiser last week.

The 2021 Ford Police Interceptor Utility was received by the department and put into service on Wednesday, March 3.

The cruiser has the potential to result in significant fuel savings and reduced emissions for the department. It is expected to get an estimated rating of 23 city miles per gallon and 24 highway miles per gallon. Comparatively, a non-hybrid model gets an average estimated 17 city miles per gallon and 23 highway miles per gallon.

In addition to better overall fuel economy, the new hybrid cruiser also reduces engine idle time by allowing on-board electronic devices to use the vehicle’s hybrid battery, allowing the gasoline engine to shut off for extended periods of time.

The Police Interceptor Utility is the first pursuit-rated hybrid SUV and features all of the traditional engineering and structural features that offer stability, power, and safety. According to Ford, it is also the only vehicle worldwide that is engineered to meet the 75-mph rear-impact crash test.

“The new hybrid vehicle has the necessary technology and structural features to provide the safety and dependability needed in a law enforcement vehicle, while also saving fuel and reducing emissions,” Chief Nighelli said. “I would like to thank Officer Jonathan Castro who worked closely with Ford to build this vehicle to our specifications. We are pleased to be adding this
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Harbor Days Moves Forward with Planning

Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen
By Marilou Newell

Coming before the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen on March 9 was Lions Club president Ross Kessler to discuss plans for the return of the popular Lions Club Harbor Days and triathlon, annual summertime events sidelined in 2020 due to COVID-19. July 10 through 18 may just find the village streets full of visitors again.

Kessler discussed following state guidelines such as the number of attendees granted entrance to Shipyard Park, the event’s weeklong home, and what locations might be used as entranceways and exits. Selectman cruiser to our fleet, and will monitor performance, fuel, and maintenance costs to help us evaluate the potential savings and benefits that will affect our decision to purchase additional hybrid vehicles in the future.”

In August 2020, the Town of Marion was awarded a grant totaling $120,238 as part of the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources Green Communities program. As part of the program, the town is working to reduce energy usage by 20 percent over five years, which includes gas and diesel use. The hybrid cruiser was purchased to help further this commitment as part of the Green Communities program.

“One of the most efficient features of this new vehicle is the ability for the engine to automatically shut down unless needed periodically to charge its battery, instead of idling when at a standstill,” said Bill Saltonstall, a member of the Marion Energy Management Committee. “This will help the town save fuel and engine wear, and reduced burning of fossil fuel fits our broader goal to reduce the town’s energy use by 20 percent over five years. The Energy Management Committee is very pleased with this purchase and looks forward to seeing its payoff.”

With the addition of the hybrid cruiser, Marion’s fleet now includes nine total vehicles: one marked Ford Interceptor hybrid model, two marked and two unmarked Ford Explorer models, two marked and one unmarked Ford Taurus models, and one marked Ford F-150.
John DeCosta asked if the organization had considered waiting until August to hold the fundraiser, granting more time for people to be vaccinated. But Kessler said that, although it was considered, the loss of revenue with lower attendance anticipated for an August event and scheduling issues with entertainers made the July dates their primary goal. Lions Club member Bob Saunders said that he would meet with the Police, Fire, and Board of Health to ensure safety for all concerned.

Selectman Jordan Collyer asked of the town beach area, “The triathlon can be a train wreck of people; how do you maintain distance and numbers?” Kessler replied, “We will cancel if we can’t maintain the number regulated by the state.” Town Administrator Mike Lorenco asked that the Lions meet with him sooner rather than later to make sure a plan is in place for crowd control. Collyer also wanted to set a “go/no-go” benchmark and said, “At the risk of sounding unpopular, should we consider shutting down Water Street” to help control the number and movement of pedestrians? Selectman Paul Silva thought shutting down the two roadways to the wharves
should also be considered for that purpose.

The selectmen approved the July event dates pending the Lions Club’s ability to maintain state guidelines. Presently, the state’s guidelines for groups of up to 150 attending outdoor events go into effect on March 22.

Also coming before the selectmen on this night was Council on Aging Director Jacki Coucci with a reopening plan. Coucci said the ultimate goal is to provide some services that were in place until the town’s COVID-19 infection rate reached the red category last fall. Coucci said she would follow all state and local guidelines for programs such as fitness and assured the board that anyone using the facility or the services would be registered, making contact tracing possible. The selectmen approved the plan. An April reopening date is anticipated.

Fire Chief Andrew Murray met with the selectmen to review his department’s FY22 budget.

Murray was asked to justify a $14,448 jump in the on-call-personnel line item. He said the increase was based on the 2-percent cost-of-living and contractual step increases. Murray was also called upon to explain a $43,000 expense for a full-time clerk. He said the position had been part-time for 25 years and that the amount of clerical work had increased over the years. “I take a lot of work home,” he said. Silva voiced his opinion that two 20-hour, part-time clerks could accomplish the same thing with the town not being burdened with another full-time employee eligible for benefits. Murray countered, “It’s better to have the same person for continuity, and the clerk would also be the dispatcher during the day.”

Murray spoke to the need to increase the building and grounds-maintenance expense line from $7,000 to $12,000, noting the new fire station and grounds will incur greater costs or new costs such as an HVAC system, diesel extractor, and garage doors.

On the Fire Department’s Capital Planning list, Murray discussed the need for a fire inspector’s vehicle, $42,000 scheduled for FY23, and $14,500 for repairs to the department’s safe boat scheduled for FY22. DeCosta questioned the need for a new vehicle while Silva questioned repairing a boat he said wasn’t needed. “We don’t need a harbormaster’s boat and a Fire Department boat – just my opinion.”

On the topic of a new fire engine scheduled in FY23 for $575,000, Murray explained the deteriorated condition of the engine and the long lead time needed to have a new engine delivered, upwards of a year. At the Capital Planning Committee’s request, he would be putting together a committee to begin planning and cost estimates for possible inclusion in a Fall Town Meeting warrant. Collyer thought it important to begin that review process now and, “If we are in a good free cash situation, it could be considered in the fall.”

Lorenco noted that there is presently $130,000 in excess capacity with $2,095,000 earmarked for capital expenses.

Earlier in the evening, the selectmen and Board of Health Chairman Carmelo Nicolosi presented retiring Public Health Nurse Amanda Stone with certificates of appreciation from the town and the state in recognition of her 17 years of service. Collyer noted her “unprecedented leadership during COVID-19.”

At 6:30 pm, the meeting began with Sandra Hering presenting the board with an Arbor Day Proclamation for April 30 and a cautionary note regarding the current condition of trees throughout the community. “We have been a Tree City for 13 years, but we are facing obstacles,” Hering began. She said that last year 21 trees...
had been planted compared to only three this year. She said there was fear that Norway Maples planted throughout the town were falling to disease and that the lion’s share of their small budget had gone to tree removal. Silva asked Lorenco to keep this in mind while drafting the FY22 budget with the possibility of funding more plantings from free cash.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen is scheduled for March 23, at 6:30 pm.

Town Settles Confidential Dispute
Marion Finance Committee
By Mick Colageo

In the Marion Finance Committee’s only order of business in its March 3 meeting, its members voted to approve a transfer from the reserve fund in order to solve a personnel dispute involving a union member who left Marion employment during Fiscal Year 2021.

Per terms of an agreement to remain confidential, the town will additionally fund a negotiated severance package in the amount of $40,000.

“My takeaway is that this is a good thing for the town. It’s a payout of less than we would have had to pay if this person had gone to arbitration, won, and had to come back, so this is probably less than that. And it also ensures that we won’t have the employee around,” said Finance Committee Chairman Peter Winters. “It’s pretty much a done deal; this is just the transfer of the funds.”
Town Counsel Jon Witten negotiated the settlement with assistance from Town Administrator Jay McGrail. Selectman John Waterman was involved from the very beginnings of the dispute with the employee. “I think where this has ended up is as good as we could expect, what Jay’s been able to work out here,” said Waterman.

“The reason why we can’t go into detail is there is a signed, confidential agreement in place,” said McGrail, who told FinCom, “I really appreciate the trust that you clearly have in the leadership that you have in place at the town here that we can bring this to you and you can approve it the way you just did. It’s a statement to you, and I appreciate that.”

“We already know you got the best deal possible; there’s no more value we can add,” said FinCom member Charlie Larkin.

“And it’s a good thing for this employee to not come back, based on my understanding,” said Winters.

In other business, McGrail told FinCom that he and Town Accountant Judy Mooney sent the updated budget to the two School Committee chairs.

Due to a medical emergency involving a member of school administration apparently resulting in the rescheduling of both the ORR School District’s public hearing (originally scheduled for March 2 and pushed to March 10) and the selectmen’s joint meeting with FinCom, McGrail estimates that the public budget hearing will be held on the last Wednesday of the month, March 31.

Assuming the school budget number does not change for the meeting on March 10, McGrail told FinCom he figures that a week later following budget recommendations that he will be looking to FinCom for its vote on Town Meeting warrant Article 2.

McGrail told FinCom member Shea Assad that he heard that the individual is doing better. “All signs point to him feeling better when I spoke to Mike (Nelson) on Monday,” said McGrail.

Larkin offered to assist budget preparation in any way his help could be used. McGrail recommended Larkin email Nelson.

Marion is among 13 towns outside Bristol County that are being saddled with debt service by Dighton-based Bristol County Agricultural High School.

“We completely disagree with the assessment we received for the debt,” said McGrail, who is working with Representative Bill Straus in an effort to change a situation he summarized as “taxation without representation,” alluding to the Boston Tea Party.

“We’ll throw our tea into the water,” quipped Winters.

Marion already pays Bristol Aggie an assessment, but with only four students attending, the town feels the debt service in excess of $20,000 is unacceptable, especially without a seat at the management table.

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CPC Votes to Recommend Nine Projects

Marion Community Preservation Committee

By Mick Colageo

After substantial discussions over recent weeks, Marion’s Community Preservation Committee voted on March 5 to finalize its Fiscal Year 2022 recommendations of applications received for town and state-matching funds under the state’s Community Preservation Act.

Nine applications will be recommended for CPA funding at Spring Town Meeting. Ten applications had originally been presented before the CPC, one of which came off the final list and a second that was substantially limited from its original scope. Both changes cited eligibility issues.

The vast majority of available funds are recommended by Friday’s CPC vote for Town of Marion projects including $90,000 for completion of the Town House Annex exterior and another $90,000 for near completion of the Town House’s Main Street entrance. CPA funds would pay for the design of a historically appropriate entry, the replacement of entry doors and windows, and restoration of the Annex facade as it faces Main Street.

The Annex project originally requested $221,000 but was redesigned before presentation to the CPC by focusing on building work for $90,000 that will empty the final $33,440.99 in the Historical Preservation Commission’s account and also take $56,555.01 from undesignated funds. The concrete steps on the Main Street side will be completed at a later date.

The other Town of Marion applications recommended by the CPC for funding include $30,000 for the Historical Commission’s cultural inventory, $30,000 to construct an asphalt, multi-use (walking) path to be installed on the grounds of the Cushing Community Center, $10,000 to purchase and install approximately...
1,100 feet of split-post and rail fencing at Silvershell Beach, and a sixth town application for $5,675 to fund and place 250 cast-aluminum grave markers on veterans’ graves at town cemeteries.

Sippican Historical Society was approved for a recommendation of $25,000 in CPA funding for its ongoing archival cataloguing, and Elizabeth Taber Library was approved for a recommendation of $4,867 in funding to complete its Reading Circle bench with four granite book covers celebrating diversity in authorship and readership.

The Sippican Women’s Club had hoped for CPA funding to cover a wider scope of upgrades for the historic building housing Handy’s Tavern, but the CPC determined the restoration of the building’s front and rear entry doors to be the limits of applicability at $4,200.

Marion’s Recreation Department boating program, which originally submitted a $30,000 request, was a poor fit for CPA funding as presented, an outcome that representative Chris Collings readily accepted and took back to the drawing board in his effort to get the program sufficiently funded.

Prior to the application votes, the CPC voted to honor Town Administrator Jay McGrail’s request that CPA funding earmarked for the waterproofing of the front area of the Town House’s first floor be applied to all of the floor, the approval not changing the amount of money.

At the conclusion of the meeting, CPC member and Board of Selectmen Chairman Randy Parker thanked CPC Chairman Jeff Doubrava for his three years of service in the CPC’s lead role.

The next meeting of the Marion CPC will be held in December.

Fire Department Needs New Engine
Mattapoisett Capital Planning and Finance Committees
By Marilou Newell
It was a busy week for Chuck McCullough, chairman of both the Mattapoisett Capital Planning and Community Preservation Committees. But that’s to be expected as the town’s budget-focused committees continue their review and recommendation processes in a lead-up to the Annual Spring Town Meeting.

On March 3, McCullough met with the CPC to review proposed capital projects for the Fire Department and the Water and Sewer Departments.

Fire Chief Andrew Murray explained the necessity for replacing the pontoons in the department’s safe boat at an estimated cost of $14,500. He said the flotation equipment was 20 years old and will no longer hold air. But the big surprise was the $575,000 plugged-in for FY23 for a new fire engine.

Murray said that a January state inspection of the 1996 Pierce pumper engine currently in service stated that the apparatus would most likely fail a road-worthiness evaluation. He said the floors were rotting out and that seven years ago, $40,000 in repairs had given the piece additional service hours. “We’ve been nursing it along,” Murray said. “We have wooden planks holding the batteries in place so they won’t fall out.” This revelation prompted McCullough to wonder aloud if a new engine could, in fact, be pushed out to FY23.

Member Alan Apperson asked, “How do we decide if it comes out of free cash or debt?” Town Administrator Mike Lorenco responded, “The only option is debt or capital reserve funds.” Lorenco also thought that incurring the debt would push up the tax rate.

McCullough suggested to Murray that he pull together a committee sooner rather than later to study options and costs for a new engine given the amount of time it would ultimately take for a new engine to be built, upwards of a year. McCullough said it was possible to bring it to a fall Special Town Meeting if one is held.

Earlier in the discussion, Murray justified a request of $42,000 for a fire inspector’s vehicle, saying, “Most departments have a vehicle for the fire inspector; he’s not going to use his private vehicle.” He said that it would also be used to transport recruits to the fire academy.

Also coming before the CPC was Henri Renauld, superintendent of the Water and Sewer Departments. He described two sums of $25,000 from each enterprise entity as funds needed to prepare conceptual designs for a new, all-inclusive building proposed for property owned by the

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Renauld said the design is the first step toward estimating a new municipal building that could finally bring the two departments together under one roof. To offset expenses associated with a new structure, he said that town-owned properties located on Church Street, North Street, and the Bay Club could be sold off. Currently, the Water and Sewer Department operations are sprinkled across the community at various locations with rents of approximately $4,000 per month.

Also divided 50-50 between the two services was $35,000 each for the purchase of a new truck. Renauld described a vehicle currently in use as deteriorated beyond repair.

On the project side, Renauld discussed the pending Pearl Street improvements, 25 percent design and dependent on the Highway Department’s design portion, and the Eel Pond forced main that will require horizontal directional boring under the bike path with an estimated cost of $2,345,000. If grants are secured, the town’s portion would be $750,000, said Renauld, who added he would know by the end of April if state and federal funds were secured. Regarding the town’s portion, he said that another project, the Fairhaven Treatment Plant and pipe-relining project, had come in under budget by $644,000, freeing up those funds for the town’s portion of the Eel Pond project.

The conversation turned to the capital needs of Old Rochester Regional High School. Once again, McCullough noted the importance of bringing the three towns together in a joint capital meeting to discuss matters. Lorenco said that funding outdoor track improvements or a replacement would require the approval of the School Committee and stressed that all three towns are facing very tight budgets.

“If the appropriation is too high, it won’t get funded,” said Lorenco. “Unless we use debt.” Lorenco also noted the increases being sought by Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School and Bristol County Agricultural High School. To fund a large track improvement project at ORR would mean cutting somewhere else, he speculated. Lorenco said that currently, the total split between the three towns is around $400,000.

On March 4, McCullough came before the Finance Committee in his roles as chairman of the Community Preservation and Capital Planning Committees.

McCullough said the Community Preservation Committee had received three requests, a scant number compared to other grant seasons.

The first grant proposal came from the Cushing Cemetery overseers for $20,000 to digitize historical records and map the cemetery. McCullough said that some 7,000 records are kept in boxes at members’ homes. The overseers sought to preserve the records for posterity before further deterioration or loss could occur. The CPA members were in full support of the request.

The Mattapoisett Christian Church and Mattapoisett Historical Society submitted a grant application for $35,500 for renovations of the entranceway almost exclusively used as the museum’s entrance. McCullough said that no conflict was found between church and state since the museum was the sole occupant of the former church building. “We did our due diligence,” McCullough said. The CPA committee agreed unanimously.

A press box for ORR in the amount of $20,000, which had previously been brought before Town Meeting but failed to secure Rochester’s support, was again
advanced by the CPA. McCullough said that the ORR Athletic Boosters Club was once again seeking Tri-Town support that its members believed they would receive at the spring town meetings. The CPC agreed to advance the request again, contingent upon full Tri-Town support.

McCullough switched hats and began discussions regarding the work of the Capital Planning Committee. He ran down the list of FY22 capital requests: $30,000 water well pump upgrades; $50,000 combined water/sewer new building conceptual drawings; $70,000 combined water/sewer new vehicle; $35,000 sewer pump upgrades; $150,000 village water main project; $644,000 Eel Pond forced sewer main; $54,000 Long Wharf improvements; $132,000 ORR track project; $35,000 new police cruiser; $14,500 fire boat pontoons; $250,000 roadway improvements; $85,000 side-arm mower; $45,000 local schools telephone upgrades; $25,000 floor repairs local schools; and $20,000 roof and window repairs library building.

The FinCom members also met with Old Colony Superintendent Aaron Polansky, who spoke to the rise in the number of students entering his school from Mattapoisett. He said that 31 students from the community are now registered. He gave a brief PowerPoint presentation that illustrated a budget increase of 1.98 percent or $824,722 for FY22. He said that one reason the increase isn’t larger came from a one-time offset from the state of $107,000, shared by the member communities. Polansky said the school had anticipated receiving $7,000 per student from the state but ended up only receiving $1,500. FinCom member Gary Johnson said, “You’ve done a nice job trying to get the budget down to under 2 percent.”

The Mattapoisett Capital Planning Committee scheduled a meeting for March 10 at 6:00 pm; the next meeting of the Mattapoisett Finance Committee is scheduled for March 11 at 4:00 pm.

MOSAC Spies a Turtle
Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
By Mick Colageo
Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
Vice Chairman Alan Harris reported on a meeting with a Natural Resources Conservation Service representative and learned that the parking situation at Grassi Bog “was not so cool” in the eyes of federal officials.

“It’s getting a little bit muddy with deep muddy ruts,” Harris told the March 4 meeting of the commission. “He said we should work on creating parking control.” Harris said MOSAC had installed some posts on the site to anchor the gates so the cars don’t go down the dikes. The NRCS representative told Harris he would follow up with more direction.

In going through photos taken a year ago, Harris discovered that there was a yellow-spotted turtle at Grassi Bog on March 12, 2020. He suggested some raking in the area to improve the turtle’s habitat. “March 12 is incredibly early for a turtle to be out wandering, but apparently it happens,” he said.

MOSAC members planned a raking expedition for March 6. “We don’t want the raccoons and possums to be watching this because they’ll eat those eggs right out,” said MOSAC Chairman John Rockwell.

Rockwell looked over a Small Communities competitive grant application that Harris brought to his attention and decided it’s worth pursuing. The idea of pursuing a grant application unearthed the need to update the commission’s criteria list established in 1994. MOSAC would use its next meeting to figure out a strategy, then meet on May 6 with the end game...
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MRV Sets Sights on Next Year for Upgrade
MRV Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee/District Commission
By Mick Colageo

The Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Commission apparently has settled on a plan of attack in its ongoing effort to calculate the cost and determine the optimum timing for the borrowing it will take to make the long-awaited upgrade to its water treatment facility.

The nearly obsolete Targa II water-treating system presently used is several years beyond its expiration date, and a brand new, state-of-the-art Puron MP system will only cost $1,100,100 more to install, so there has been little to no debate on which way the MRV will go. The ultimate decision is further leveraged by Koch company’s announcement this year that replacement filters for the current system and associated parts will only be made available until the midway point of 2021.

The remaining question is financial strategy, and what came out of the March 9 commission meeting was an agreement to seek another meeting with Koch representatives with the intention of nailing down the company’s timeline, including pilot testing, then finalize financing and finally get the project onto the warrants for
special fall town meetings for the participating towns or their 2022 annual town meetings.

Commission Treasurer Meghan Davis presented a loan scenario with Unibank that broke down the impacts of debt of the filter replacement to each town. She explained it as “one debt option, but there are many ways we can go through it.”

The hypothetical scenario presented broke down the towns’ portions to Mattapoisett at 31 percent, Marion at 11 percent, and Fairhaven at 51 percent. Per average ratepayer, that translates over the first five years to $83 per year for Mattapoisett ratepayers and $36 per year for Marion ratepayers.

Since existing debt drops off between 2027 and 2028, there is an incentive for MRV to readily accept the current drag in the Koch company’s Puron technology approval process at the state level. The downside there is Koch is only offering replacement parts to the existing system through July of 2021.

Commission member Paul Silva complimented Davis on the effort it took to construct the scenario and suggested using the $800,000 that the commission has in reserve. “We don’t want to go back to Town Meeting and ask for more money,” he said. “We’re talking about five years until the major portion of that old debt falls off. If we push it off one year, we can change the numbers by 20 percent.”

According to Gregory, Tata & Howard will need...
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Gregory estimates that the engineering group is under budget so far, so a strong finish could offset the amendment amount. “Just in case we need the funding in place to cover it and to provide an addendum report at the end,” he said. The commission voted to approve the amendment, which will consist of assistance to Koch in piloting with technical aspects.

In her commission Treasurer’s Report, Davis reported $68,379.66 in total invoices, including $11,772.16 in chemicals, $45,519.62 in electrical (two months fell into one billing period), and $6,202.05 for Tata & Howard’s three projects billed to FY21. The total figure also takes into account the $5,000 invoice from the MRV Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee for monitoring services. The MRV Water District Commission voted to approve the report and pay the invoices.

The bulk of the Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee discussion centered around what member Laurell Farinon estimates to be 13 separate phragmites stands in Snipatuit Pond. The problem with invasive species in Snipatuit is far greater than initially hoped.

“These are not cheap projects,” she said, estimating that the phragmites could cost the committee tens of thousands of dollars to remove and could be beyond the committee’s purview. “It’s everybody’s responsibility, but it could consume our funding, and we have to look at our mission…. Phragmites, it’s a tough one.”

Gregory agreed the problem is “way beyond what we thought it originally would be…. We could be getting into some significant cost there.” Paul Howard, also of Tata & Howard, said, “It’s a massive problem throughout the state.”

Blair Bailey, Rochester’s town counsel, said the Department of Environmental Protection “would need to be the lead agency… Nobody’s really stepped up to say they’re going to make a concerted effort.”

Farinon reported that Snow’s Pond asked about accessing MRV data and graphs for the pond’s monitoring effort.

to make an addendum of $8,100 in billing to cover any additional work in the filter-replacement evaluation.

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In his Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee Treasurer’s Report, Jeff Furtado reported three bills for February: Watling for $251.72, Bailey for $50, and Tata & Howard engineers for $1,587.75. Billing for the year to date is $27,710.64. With no change in income, the ending balance is $244,027.56. The committee voted to pay the following invoices: Tata & Howard $3,405.03; Megan McCarthy (graph work) $187; Watling (well and stream assistance) $251.72; and Blair Bailey $50.

Gregory also reported on monitoring equipment valued at just under $1,100 and discussed a replacement Levelogger.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee and Water District Commission is scheduled for April 13 at 3:30 pm and 4:00 pm, respectively.

Concom Grants Routine Approvals, Continuations
Mattapoisett Conservation Commission
By Jean Perry
The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission on March 8 dispensed with a number of continued public hearings from prior meetings and immediately continued several others at the applicants’ request.

Alan Loomis of McKenzie Engineering Group, Inc. returned for a Notice of Intent on behalf of his client, Armand Cortellesso/Brandt Point Road Builders, LLC, to construct a single-family house with associated grading.
and infrastructure within the 100-foot buffer to bordering vegetated wetlands at Lot 16 Nantucket Drive.

Since the prior meeting, the conservation agent identified some minor issues that needed addressing. The commission asked Loomis to rectify some signage that was facing the wrong way, redo some of the wetland flags, sort out a failing siltation fence, and apply some siltation socks at a nearby catch basin.

“That’s very reasonable,” commented Mr. Loomis.

With no further questions or comments from the commission or the public, the commission approved the application and issued an Order of Conditions.

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process.

The following public hearings were immediately continued until March 22: NOI, Randall Lane Solar, LLC, for a solar array at 29 Randall Lane; and NOI for Alexander Bauer, 7 Nashawena Road, to construct a single-family house with rear deck and concrete slab beneath the house to direct stormwater to the rear of the lot.

The Request for a Certificate of Compliance for The Preserve at Bay Club, LLC was immediately continued until March 22.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, March 22, at 6:30 pm.

Winter’s End Sparks Eval of Recreation Facilities
Mattapoisett Master Plan Committee
By Marilou Newell
On March 3, Mattapoisett’s Master Plan Committee met to continue exploring concepts and ideas on what living in Mattapoisett might be like for all of its residents in the coming years. Building on the previously explored chapters, which included Land Use, Housing, Economic Development, and Climate Resiliency, on this night, the committee opened discussions for chapters covering Open Space, Recreation, and Natural and
Cultural Resources and Services.

Before plunging too deeply into the topic of Open Space, committee member Carlos DeSousa wanted to drive home what he believed was an important point – existing regulations. “We should look at other regulations such as the waterfront management plan,” he said, explaining that those regulations already covered a variety of recreating topics, primarily on the waterfront, and that those standards should be added to the updated plan.

Robin Lepore brought the group up to date on the efforts of the Friends of the Mattapoissett Bike Path to have amenities added to the bike path plan, such as benches and signage. She also said that the selectmen would be working with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation about the possible bifurcating of the construction contract, given that the opening of the Shining Tides (Phase 1a) section would not be opening this spring.

In attendance as administrative assistant to the Planning Board, Mike Gagne said that improvement to the crossings at Mattapoissett Neck and Brandt Island Road is in the bidding stages, as well as a parking study for Railroad Avenue.

Committee member Yasmin Flefleh wanted to make sure that recreational opportunities in the greater village area are not overlooked, adding that the return of the skateboard area near the police station is necessary. She also commented that the consolidation of schools might have a negative impact on children. Gagne said a study was about to get underway that would include school consolidation options.

Turning to available open spaces, Lepore and Nathan Ketchel thought the former Holy Ghost grounds now owned by the town might be an ideal location for a playground and rest area for bicyclists. Member Mary Dermody suggested that any amenities added along the bike path should include other areas such as the wharf area and said that the sailing program is an important recreational activity.

Turning their attention to Natural and Cultural Resources, Ketchel thought that perhaps the tree bylaw governing scenic byways and canopy cover might be expanded to include more streets. He also suggested that a local wetlands bylaw would be beneficial, especially for such features as isolated bodies of water.

Last year, the Town of Marion began requiring denitrification in new septic systems, and Ketchel said he thinks that Mattapoissett’s Board of Health might consider developing regulations that govern nitrogen removal in septic systems, especially along the Mattapoissett River Valley. He said that sump pumps discharging directly into the municipal stormwater runoff need to be addressed.

On the topic of residential subdivisions, Ketchel voiced the need to have natural landscaping left in place versus clear-cutting entire construction sites.

Member Donna Shea said she would like to see more cultural events such as open-air musical performances, theater, and art shows.

Circling back to the harbor and stormwater runoff, DeSousa said, “We need to do something somehow so that we don’t have raw stormwater discharging into the harbor.” He said that after a big storm event, plumes of murky water flood the harbor, sometimes not dissipating for several days. Gagne noted that new state environmental regulations, Municipal Storm Separate Storm Sewer System, aka, MS4, “will address this based on discharges.”

The lack of public access to the waterfront was broached in a wide-ranging manner that covered...
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Gail Eleanor (Muren) Stetson of Fairhaven, MA, passed away on February 27, 2021 due to the neurodegenerative effects of Frontotemporal Dementia, at age 60. She was born August 8, 1960, to the late Albert and Irene Muren, in New Martinsville, WV. She is survived by her beloved husband, Jon Stetson, of Fairhaven, MA; cherished siblings, Andrea Muren Shanahan, of Medford, MA, and brother Clifford A. Muren, of Ipswich, MA; loving auntie to nieces Elise Muren, Alison Shanahan, and nephew John C. Shanahan. She was devoted mom to her beloved pups: Clive, Milo, Molly, and Tucker, all now deceased, and to the ever exuberant, Olive Grace Stetson. The loss to family and friends is profound and everlasting.

Gail was a dynamo. Energetic, unflappable, upbeat, and unbelievably accepting, she made a lasting, positive impact on all those around her – family, friends, students and colleagues at Old Hammondtown School (where she worked as a paraprofessional for 24 years), and even distant acquaintances, are unanimous in remembering her as a very funny, affectionate, kind, amazingly special person. Whether singing to her favorite music, catching up with friends, doing hilarious impressions, making balloon animals, watching (or attending) a Red Sox game, or walking her doggies to Fort Phoenix, memories of Gail are precious, and indelible. Exceptionally close with her family, she delighted in spending time with them at holiday gatherings, birthday celebrations, or really, any occasion. Similarly, her ties with friends were indestructible. Once her friend, always her friend. A more loyal and trusting person is hard to find. Gail made everyone feel welcome, included, and cared for. And boy could she make people laugh! At her 60th birthday party, severely disabled by her illness, she whispered to her husband, “I want a beer.” The house went wild. That was Gail.

Gail was a sparkling presence in the world; a sadder, lonelier, and less hospitable place without her. Good night, baby Gail. Sleep tight, and rest in peace. Love you forever.

Onil J. Couture “OJ”, 80, of Mattapoisett, MA died Thursday, March 4, 2021 due to stroke related complications.

He was the loving husband of Muriel A. (Lamontagne) Couture for 57 years. Born in Quebec, Canada, son of the late Wilfrid and Lina (Rouleau) Couture, he moved to the U.S. as a teen. Onil lived in Delaware for 10 years, and Southeastern Massachusetts for most of his life.

Onil “Mr. C” was a beloved physics teacher, loved science, history, woodworking, and just learning in general. He always had the best lawn in the neighborhood. He worked as a chemist for Dupont and Berkshire Hathaway, and as a superintendent for the New Bedford Waterworks. Onil earned his Bachelor’s in Textile Chemistry from UMass, and his Master’s of Education in Physics from the University of Delaware. He was a superb father, grandfather, husband, and teacher who impacted the lives of so many.

Survivors include his wife; his children, Marc Onil Couture and his wife Angela of Waterford, VA, Julie Tomasso of Mattapoisett, MA; his sisters, Celine Lowrie, and Carole Sherman; his grandchildren, Benjamin Couture and fiancée Micaela Shones, Meagan Couture, Angela Tomasso, and Amanda Tomasso; and many other beloved relatives in both the USA and Canada.

He is predeceased by his brother Guy Couture and son-in-law Donald Tomasso Jr.

Services to be held privately at a later date. In lieu of flowers, In Memoriam donations may be made to the American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT.org) or Saint Jude Children’s Research Hospital (stjude.org). For online guestbook please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

George A. Racine, 86, of Acushnet passed away Saturday March 6, 2021 at St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center in Brighton after a brief illness. He was the husband of Claire Y. (Gelinas) Racine; they had been married for 64 years.

Born in New Bedford, he was the son of the late Victor and Rachel (Desorcy) Racine.

George was formerly employed as a Machine Department teacher at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School in Rochester until his retirement.

He is survived by his wife, Claire; two sons, George

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everything from what is currently truly public and beachfront that cannot be accessed due to private property and/or private associations. Gagne thinks securing an accurate map of the waterfront is a first step towards looking into any lots that might be used for public access.

Onward, the committee marched into the chapter covering Services, to which they included Facilities.

Member Bob Bergman said that flood mapping would demonstrate the vulnerability of such buildings as Town Hall and Center School. DeSouza said that the police station has not been renovated since the mid-1980s and needs to be taken into account, including energy studies for all municipal buildings, maintenance costs, and the hiring of a consultant to facilitate the process.

Walsh called litter throughout the community an “eye-sore” and said that “maybe some town effort could be made to clear sidewalks of snow.”

The issue of improvements to Route 6, though more apropos to the Transportation chapter planned for future meetings, was also discussed.

Member Janice Robbins said, when an earlier Route 6 study covering Fairhaven through Wareham had been completed by the Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District, it was left up to the communities to decide what they wanted to do with the results. Robbins is the Planning Board’s designated member to SRPEDD. Gagne suggested that the Master Plan committee could take up the report in question in a meeting dedicated solely to that topic. Gagne also thinks nothing is impossible and that if the committee could establish a list of priorities associated with Route 6, it could be added to the Master Plan. “It’s an opportunity to send a message to the town fathers and legislature,” he said.

Returning to playgrounds, Robbins thinks it would be advantageous to know what the current usage is to establish the need for more facilities. Gagne thinks that the majority of children in the town reside north of Route 6, where homes were more affordable, and that there had been some consideration of providing those households with playground areas closer to home.

He thinks polling the residents might help to better understand the need.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Master Plan Committee is scheduled for April 7 at 7:00 pm.

Marion to Update Affordable Housing Goals

By Jean Perry

The Marion Affordable Housing Trust is taking steps to assess its progress since 2015 on procuring opportunities for affordable housing in town. On March 9, the trust met with Eric Arbeene from the Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD) to review the 2015 Marion Housing Plan and learned that, despite having accomplished very little listed in that plan, the town will nonetheless exceed its 10 percent state-mandated quota for affordable housing.

Trust members acknowledged that affordable housing is a sensitive subject for some Marion residents, and community perception is often just one of the many constraints that obstruct affordable housing developments in communities.

“With 40B,” Arbeene said, “some people just tense right up and they don’t know what it is …”

Arbeene’s pre-meeting research revealed to him that a 40B development, the proposed Heron Cove off Wareham Road, was currently before the Zoning Board of Appeals, and this latest expanded 120-unit development would put
OBITUARIES

A. Racine, Jr. and his wife Maureen of Texas, and Gerald R. Racine and his wife Jane of Dartmouth; four granddaughters, Madeline Racine, Kathryn Racine, Elizabeth Racine, and Jacqueline Racine; his brother, Normand Racine and his wife Phyllis; his sisters-in-law, Barbara Racine and Madeline Simmons; and nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his siblings, Doris Donahue, Theresa Hallett, Roland Racine, Louis Racine, and Donald Racine.

Relatives and friends are invited to his Funeral Mass on Thursday March 11, 2021 at 11 am at Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 121 Mt. Pleasant St., New Bedford. The Mass will also be livestreamed at whalingcitycatholics.org for those unable to attend in person. Due to current gathering restrictions, visiting hours are omitted and burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery will be private. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Thomas L. Bartholomew, 44, of Marion, died Monday, February 22, 2021, accidentally. He is survived by his wife, Sharon of Marion; his children, Ella and Ben Bartholomew both of Marion; his parents, Mary and George Bartholomew both of Tucson, AZ; his sister, Kathy Bartholomew of Tucson, AZ; and his brother, Mike Bartholomew of S. Dartmouth.

Tom was born in New Bedford, son of Mary H. (Handy) and George Bartholomew. He grew up in Marion on the water—the ocean was in his blood from the start. As a kid he loved being outdoors: exploring in the woods, swimming, sailing, jet skiing, riding dirt bikes. Hockey and skiing in the winter. The Bartholomew family’s open-door policy meant that a gang of friends hung out all year-round.

Even from a young age, Tom had a way with people. He was soft-spoken with an easy, magnetic charm. But he was bold in his actions and quick to dare you to try something new. He was also naturally unselfish—whatever perks he had in life were shared without hesitation. His family and friends always came first.

Tom graduated from Old Rochester Regional High School in 1995. He met Sharon in high school, and the couple married in 2006. For their first three years together, they lived on their 40-foot sailboat and dreamed of someday raising their kids while traveling the world.

Ella was born in 2007 and Benjamin in 2010. Tom was an amazing father who focused on the important things in life. To him, the art of a good joke, appreciating nature, and building a proper campfire were all worthwhile lessons. His greatest joys were riding dirt bikes with Ben and teaching him how to play hockey, and teaching Ella how to sail the family’s 40-foot sailboat solo. They saw their dad as strong and fearless, courageous and kind.

Tom was one of those rare people who could actually live in the moment. He never passed up an adventure and tackled things no one else wanted to attempt. He liked all things planes, trains, and motorcycles, but his deep love of nature really defined him. Influenced by survivalist Tom Brown, he sought ways to live on the earth more simply. Injured animals often fell under his gentle care—he was a natural protector of anything or anyone needing help.

His father’s career in the railroad industry fostered in Tom a lifelong appreciation for and understanding of trains. As Chief Mechanical Officer for the Mass. Coastal Railroad, he was known for his mechanical know-how and thoughtful diligence. He was a hard worker who helped out wherever needed. For his coworkers, his memory will live on in the sound of train whistles carried by the breeze off the Cape Cod Canal.

He left us too soon, but we will never forget his boyish grin, quick wit, fierce loyalty, and golden heart. He taught his children that the universe speaks to us, you just have to listen. We’ll be listening, Tommy. We love you.

A celebration of Tom’s life will be planned for summer 2021.

Donations in his memory may be made to his children’s college funds:

Benjamin Lee Bartholomew https://go.fidelity.com/v6gtr
Ella Marie Bartholomew https://go.fidelity.com/7p8ss

Arrangements by Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, Wareham. To share a memory or leave a message of condolence, visit www.ccgfuneralhome.com.

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Marion at about 13 percent affordable housing.

The town is also engaging a consultant to assess town-owned properties such as the Community Center parcel donated to the town from the VFW exclusively for senior housing, while the demographics support a growing need for senior housing in Marion.

According to Arbeene, the population in Marion has barely increased since 2000, but the composition of the population surely has. The 60-plus “retirement age” population has increased from 22.7 percent in 2000 to 34.1 percent in 2019, while school enrollment at Sippican School has decreased by 16 percent over the past decade. Just over 44 percent of Marion households include a person age 65 or over, and 25.7 percent of those households are single-person.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has classified households that spend over 30 percent of their income on housing as “cost-burdened” households, and in Marion 30 percent of households are classified as cost-burdened. Of those cost-burdened households, 27 percent are homeowners, and 45 percent are renters.

Just glancing at Marion’s 2015 Housing Needs Assessment, Arbeene got a sense of the development constraints that had encumbered affordable housing in Marion back in 2015. The trust confirmed that Marion has since then approved an updated Master Plan and is serviced by some degree of public transportation. Other than that, the town has moved very little toward accomplishing prior goals in the 2015 plan, such as adopting bylaws and changing zoning conducive to housing development, providing incentives for senior developments, or modifying multiple-unit rental housing provisions.

Arbeene wasn’t trying to make anyone on the trust feel bad about that, he said. He just needed to get a sense of what has been done since the last time SRPDEDD assisted the town with this assessment type.

Arbeene noted that development constraints are still there by and large, and some trust members suggested it was due to a lack of capacity, time, money, and a lack of interest.

“Small town, lot of demands,” commented Selectman and Planning Board member Norm Hills, who sits on the Affordable Housing Trust. “And right now, the (costs to clean up the wastewater) lagoons are eating us alive.”

Moving forward, Arbeene will assist the trust in developing goals and strategies in the affordable housing arena. “How can we overcome some of these constraints? Can we overcome some of the constraints?” asked Arbeen. “Do we have the same issues?” It looks like a “yes,” he commented, turning to community perception again as a significant constraint.

“Community perceptions — something that’s not just in Marion,” said Arbeene. “There are a lot of misconceptions about that.” Affordable housing, however, is in high demand and a priority in the commonwealth at this time, he noted. He told the trust that he would do further research, share it with the trust in the meantime, and return for another presentation during the trust’s meeting in April.

That would be helpful, said Hills, but he added that, once the second 40B process inches toward completion, “The pressure to push for more affordable housing is going to go way down.” This could alter the goals and strategies of Marion in the foreseeable future.

The next regular meeting of the Marion Affordable Housing Trust will be on April 13 at 6:00 pm. The trust will meet again in the meantime on March 30 at 6:00 pm just to vote on two invoices with a quorum present.

COA Discusses Community Pavilion

Marion Council on Aging Board of Directors

By Marilou Newell

During the March 9 meeting of the Marion Council on Aging Board of Directors, a community pavilion was discussed. Chairman Harry Norweb opened the discussion by first sharing the importance of coordinating proposed improvements to the former VFW Hall grounds with the town’s plans to replace old sewer pipes located near a proposed pavilion.

The board discussed design features for the
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Thursday March 11, 2021

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7:30 AM The Move
8:30 AM Recovery Fitness
8:30 AM The Kevin Do
8:30 AM Health Scarce
9:00 AM You’re Your Health
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
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pavilion, such as exterior hardware and support column facades. But before that project can be mounted, the cost will need to come primarily from donations, the board concluded. Estimates for the pavilion building range from $150,000 to $160,000.

Norweb said bidding for the pavilion will have to proceed through government channels, but if initial bids hold, “We’ll be in a good spot.” The pavilion is part of a more expansive proposal to turn the property into a community park, with a pavilion that may include such amenities as a fire pit and outdoor furnishings. But costs will be one of several hurdles yet to be scaled.

Another aspect of the parkland concept is a walking trail. That project saw movement when the COA directors submitted a grant request to the Community Preservation Act Committee for $30,000 and received a thumbs-up in Friday’s vote. Norweb said the next step for the project is to bring the request to the Board of Selectmen to gain its support in advance of the Annual Town Meeting, where voters will have the final word on whether or not the walking trail advances to construction. Norweb said the overall estimate of the trail was $39,000, of which $9,000 is being funded jointly by the Friends of the COA and the Friends of the Recreation Department.

A third part of the overall parkland project is landscaping. The board discussed securing expert advice from a local resident whose knowledge base will help in the selecting and pricing of landscape plantings. Norweb said that paying y for the landscaping and the construction of a community pavilion will require a “coalition of support.”

Member Merry Conway asked, “Are there other budgets that might pick up some of these enhancements?” Norweb said that funds were gifted from the Marion Social Club by a former member for improvements such as those discussed. COA Director Karen Gregory said that no funds could be anticipated from that operation given the tight budget she is working with.

Norweb took time to acknowledge Dianne Cosman’s efforts in writing the grant submitted to the CPC, saying her work proved “victorious!”

The next meeting of the Marion COA Board of Directors was not set at adjournment.

Momentum Builds Toward Full Return
Rochester School Committee
By Mick Colageo

February has proven to be a big month for public schools in the Tri-Town, and Old Rochester Regional Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson told Chairperson Sharon Hartley and the rest of the Rochester School Committee attending their March 4 Zoom meeting that April could be bigger.

Time is ticking on the 2020-21 academic calendar,
Tabor Academy sophomore Aliyah Jordan, 15, wrote a poem titled “Heroes Unsung” that won first place in Tri-Town Against Racism’s Artistic Expression contest during Black History Month. A video of her reciting the poem can be found on Tri-Town Against Racism’s Facebook page.

Tabor Academy

Old Rochester student Autumn Tilly took third place in Tri-Town Against Racism’s Artistic Expression contest with her digital drawing “Pushing Forward.”

Old Rochester student

Old Colony student Noah Sullivan took second place in Tri-Town Against Racism’s Artistic Expression contest with his video identifying diversity in recent adventure movies. The video is accessible on the Tri-Town Against Racism Facebook page.

Old Colony student

Tabor Academy

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ORR Junior High student Sophia Cruz won honorable mention for the poster she created, melding the impact of black leaders in her life as a black girl.

ORR Junior High student

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Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School student James Pierson won honorable mention with his drawing of late activist Malcolm X.

Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School student

ORR student Alia Cusolito won honorable mention for her painting of late activist Audre Lorde.

ORR student Alia Cusolito

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but a complete return to full, in-person learning in Massachusetts’ public schools has become a goal. That timeline would necessarily begin with the full, in-person return of Grades 3-6, completing the elementary-school end of the equation.

“We are ready to go in terms of meeting any of the new regulations that may be adopted. That planning has started, and we’ll continue to move forward,” said Nelson. “I will certainly continue to keep the school community updated as we make progress working towards a potential pivot, and I will certainly work with you, Sharon, as the chairperson to call any necessary school committee meeting to discuss such planning.”

With Grades K-2 celebrating an apparently successful return to full, in-person learning, albeit while maintaining 6-foot social distancing, the timeline will begin with Grades 3-6 across the state as early as April, with the intent being to get all grades back in school on a full-time basis before the end of the academic year.

Educators have recently been prioritized for COVID-19 vaccinations by the state government, according to Nelson.

Nelson made sure to include the caveat that, for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year, full remote learning will remain an option for families that opt-out of a full return. Hybrid learning would disappear altogether.

As of March 4, Rochester Memorial School had one person in isolation after testing positive for COVID-19. Ten others were in quarantine due to close contacts, and two more were waiting for test results after displaying symptoms consistent with the COVID-19.

The enrollment counts on March 4: 54 remote learners at RMS; 435 in-person or hybrid models, 29 home-schooled, and five students who have returned since the K-2 pivot to full in-person learning.

“I think the biggest piece for us has been arrival and dismissal, obviously returning this many students to school,” said RMS Principal Derek Medeiros in the committee’s first meeting since the K-2 pivot. “We were kind of fortunate because we had just changed our traffic flow right literally when school was let out on March 13 (2020), so we already kind of had the bones in place.”
**Movie Review**

**Return of the King**

By Rob Gonsalves  
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_Coming 2 America_ may as well be titled _Coming 2 Zamunda_, since the movie spends most of its time in that fictional African country. Zamunda, of course, is home to Prince Akeem (Eddie Murphy), the hero of the hit comedy _Coming to America_. Rewatching that John Landis film for the first time since 1988, I was struck by how logy and static it was, even for an ’80s comedy. It’s hard to argue that _Coming 2 America_ is a “better” movie, but I liked it more; it’s warmer, its direction (by Craig Brewer, who made Murphy’s _Dolemite Is My Name_) more dynamic, its aesthetic much more fluid and colorful (costume designer Ruth E. Carter can take a bow for that). And it’s actually about something: choosing between the elders we love and the future where the elders no longer have a place.

Akeem soon becomes king, and is preoccupied with his throne and who will fill it when he’s gone. There’s some truth, of course, in Eddie Murphy playing a prince turned king — it mirrors his real-life arc. _Coming to America_ gave Murphy his first taste of doing accents and multiple characters in the same film, and he reprises them all here, as does Arsenio Hall, playing Akeem’s right-hand man Semmi as well as several other roles. But now that Murphy is a king, to whom does he pass his crown? The amiably antic Jermaine Fowler as Akeem’s illegitimate American son Lavelle. The story is structured so that Lavelle can take over, but Murphy is too powerful a presence for that to happen.

Instead, Murphy lets apparent new BFF Wesley Snipes steal a few scenes as General Izzi, who wants Lavelle to marry his meek, boring daughter. Izzi insinuates himself into scenes with a low stroll, echoed by his gun-toting minions behind him; the effect is funky and weird, and Snipes, in these Murphy films, is having more fun than I’ve seen from him in years. In general, _Coming 2 America_ just seems gladder to see all its stars of color than the original film did. Leslie Jones grabs as much of the frame as she can as Lavelle’s THOT mama, accompanied by Tracy Morgan as her brother, mumbling his usual huffy nonsense. Craig Brewer is a white director who clearly feels comfortable in the Black milieu (his other films include _Hustle & Flow_ and _Black Snake Moan_). He approaches the sequel as a loving fan of the original; John Landis did little to show any warmth towards his original at all. Landis needed a hit, and Murphy threw it to him like a life preserver. If people think fondly of the 1988 film, it’s due to Murphy and Hall and John Amos and James Earl Jones and all those other wonderful performers filling out a nearly all-Black cast in a major-studio summer comedy. It’s not because _Coming to America_ was particularly good.

_Coming 2 America_ has some of the same problems, plus some new ones. As I said, most of it unfolds not in Queens (though we do check in back there and hang out at the barbershop again) but in Zamunda. If the first film was about questioning authority, the second is about being authority. Age has agreed with Murphy, who has filled out a bit and added some stillness and gravitas to his portfolio (he turns 60 next month, if you’re ready for that). He carries himself like a king, and he gives Akeem a kind of newfound rigidity born of realizing the world isn’t as simple as we’d like it to be. Certain traditions are there because they work; others must change with the times or be discarded. Lavelle in Zamunda is a callback in reverse to the fish-out-of-water comedy of Akeem in Queens, but the rhyming storyline never takes hold, and Akeem himself is largely passive, always trying to convince others to do things or not.

There’s really only so much a get-the-band-back-together nostalgia piece like _Coming 2 America_ can do. Like _Bill & Ted Face the Music_, it works by being comfort food, and the original _Coming to America_ wasn’t very edgy to begin with, so _Coming 2 America_ isn’t a betrayal of anything other than those who’ll miss the nudity in the R-rated first film. (It was really pretty gratuitous, and as unfeeling a use of women’s bodies as anything in _Hustler_.) I don’t anticipate ever watching either film again, but _Coming 2 America_ passed the time pleasantly. I don’t understand its disappointed reception, as though Landis’ inert film were an inviolable masterpiece despoiled by a mere sequel. _Coming 2 America_ shows what this material can be in the hands of a director who’s not just taking it as a gig, who believes in it and loves the cast.
Medeiros said that, after tweaks made in a think tank with Associate Principal Charles West and Rochester Police, traffic congestion on Pine Street was limited in severity and in time to four to six minutes. Parents suggested eliminating multiple traffic stops for families with children in different grades. He credited Amaral Bus company for doing a diligent job in maintaining child safety.

“The community overall has been outstanding,” said Medeiros, focusing on arrival and dismissal times.

Hartley read a summary she wrote about the year since the coronavirus pandemic began.

In his school budget update, Nelson said the FY22 Rochester school budget would call for a 2.65 percent increase over FY21. He noted that, while the Bristol Aggie tuition and transportation assessment is a separate line item, it is also paid for by the Town of Rochester. The town is among 13 outside Bristol County disputing a debt assessment being levied by Bristol Aggie.

Nelson said the school budget is built with a level-service mindset with one exception: the inclusion of intervention for math and literacy programming if the current budget being drafted is approved.

A public budget hearing anticipating a vote will be reserved for a future school committee meeting.

Medeiros reported to the committee on donation offers to Rochester Memorial School, and the school committee voted to approve all three.

Rochester students attending Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School are building a bench in honor of the late Jaclyn Beckford, a beloved bus driver of over 30 years. The plaque on the bench will read, “In Loving Memory of Mrs. B, Bus 6.” The donor is Beckford’s daughter, Special Education Secretary Kimberly Amato.

Mr. and Mrs. O’Connell sent a letter with a $400 contribution to support the outdoor classroom at RMS. The outdoor classroom was created with the assistance of a grant through the Tri-Town Education Foundation.

New Bedford Symphony Orchestra has donated a free admission for Rochester Memorial students to its “Bird Flight Patterns in Music,” a concert exploring how music and science work together.
**Tri-town Police Logs**

**COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM**
- Monday, March 15: Mexical chicken, Spanish rice, country vegetable blend, dinner roll, peaches
- Tuesday, March 16: Meatloaf w/gravy, au gratin potatoes, garden peas, multigrain bread, Mandarin oranges
- Wednesday, March 17: St. Patty’s/Special Meal: gratin potatoes, garden peas, multigrain bread, rice, mini Rice Krispies treat, assorted fresh fruit
- Thursday, March 18: BBQ baked beans, oven roasted French fries, croissants, whole grain mini Rice Krispies treat, assorted fresh fruit
- Friday, March 19: Linguica sandwich & fries

**OLD HAMMONDTOWN**
- Monday, March 15: BBQ pulled pork sandwich, BBQ baked beans, oven roasted French fries, croissants
- Tuesday, March 16: Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll, assorted fresh fruit
- Wednesday, March 17: Creamy macaroni & cheese, side whole grain chicken nuggets, savory green beans, assorted fresh fruit
- Thursday, March 18: Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll, assorted fresh fruit
- Friday, March 19: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted fresh fruit

**OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH**
- Monday, March 15: Mobile grab ‘n go meal pick up
- Tuesday, March 16: Taco nacho platter, black bean & corn salad, assorted fresh fruit
- Wednesday, March 17: Creamy macaroni & cheese, side whole grain chicken nuggets, savory green beans, assorted fresh fruit
- Thursday, March 18: Whole grain French toast sticks, sausage patty, roasted potato wedges, fresh veggie sticks, assorted fresh fruit
- Friday, March 19: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted fresh fruit

**SIPPICAN SCHOOL**
- Monday, March 15: Cherry blossom chicken bowl & dinner roll
- Tuesday, March 16: Cheese pizza quasadilla & fries
- Wednesday, March 17: In school students will have opportunity to bring home a PB&J or pizza meal

**Rochester Police Log**
- County Rd – MV stop/citation
- Perrys Ln – Animal rescue
- Rouseville Rd - Medical
- Snipatuit Rd – MV collision
- Marys Pond Rd – 911 call
- Neck Rd – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation
- Rte 495 – MV collision
- New Bedford Rd – 911 call
- Robinson Rd – 911 call
- North Ave – Animal control
- Hiller Rd - Investigation
- Hartley Rd – MV collision
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Dexter Ln – Assist other agency
- Haskell Ridge Rd – 911 call
- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious activity
- Robinson Rd – Suspicious activity
- Meadow Ln - Medical
- Robinson Rd – Follow up
- Hathaway Pond Cir - Harassment
- Dexter Ln - Disturbance
- Robinson Rd – Assist other agency
- North Ave – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/arrest
- Old Schoolhouse Rd – Animal control
- Perrys Ln - Medical
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation
- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious activity

**Log highlights Feb 28-March 6**
- Mill St – Brush fire
- Converse Rd – Animal complaint
- Wareham Rd – Mental health assist
- Front St - EMS/medical
- Spring St – Health/welfare
- Converse Rd – Suspicious MV
- Zora Rd – Suspicious activity
- Wilson Rd – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Cottage St – Paper service
- Point Rd – General service
- Front St – Follow up investigation
- Converse Rd – Follow up investigation
- Front St – Animal control
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious MV
- Mill St – Brush fire
- Thomas Ln – 911 call

For a full PDF of the three towns’ police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.
Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Janell Pearson-Campbell updated the committee on professional development opportunities, including “Every Child Needs a Champion,” how to work with other people, and Black History Month focusing on 21st-century learning and beyond.

Craig Davidson, director of Student Services, organized two community events: 62 participated in Tri-Town and Black History Month Identity and Belonging with Christina Brown, and Sarah Fireman held a community conversation exploring race and racism.

Medeiros also reported on a workshop he attended with Sippican School Principal Maria Siros at Lesley University in Cambridge.

Hartley opened the meeting by presenting a certificate of recognition from the Rochester School Committee to Kelcey Robertson Jr., who was among 18 students honored by the New York Times for “making the world a better place.” Robertson was last year’s Wanderer Keel Award winner for the Town of Rochester.

Last summer, at age 10, Robertson recognized a surplus in the family garden and, with help from his mother, Rhonda Baptiste, set up a produce stand in his front yard to raise money to buy 57 books for Tri-Town school libraries reflecting racial diversity. The effort coincided with Tri-Town Against Racism’s inaugural book drive. In the first week, Robertson raised $700, and by the end of the second week, that number reached $2,000.

“Kelcey, we’re really proud of you,” said Hartley. “One of the things I noted when I saw your article and when I saw you this summer was that you really live some of the characteristics and values of Memorial School. I’m really proud of that, and in particular, I think responsibility with your project that you carried out from beginning to end and empathy toward your fellow students at [RMS].”

The Rochester School Committee adjourned from open session and entered executive session not to return. The next meeting of the Rochester School Committee is scheduled for April 8 at 6:30 pm, and the next meeting of the Joint School Committee is scheduled for April 29.

News Submission Policy

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

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

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

Ideas for features, breaking news tips, and other suggestions for the news department are welcome. Please call the News Editor with news tips and ideas at 508-758-9055. If it is after hours, please leave a message or email news@wanderer.com.

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;

Music and arts have been the hardest hit and longest shuttered factions of our society during this pandemic. The impacts are paralleled in our local school departments. Music students have been restricted from ultimately life affirming IRL experiences where harmony and collaboration are key components.

DESE guidelines were updated as of March 1,
SALOME’S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might feel more encouraged about changes in your personal and/or professional life. However, it might be best not to rush things but rather work with them as they evolve.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The Bovine’s business sense is especially keen this week. But remember that it’s always best to investigate before investing. Make sure there are no hidden factors that can rise up later on.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Working on a family project could create tension between and among those concerned. Your good sense and your patience can help reduce bad attitudes and raise positive feelings.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You should be seeing more progress in the development of your plans and more supporters joining in. News from the past could help change someone’s long-held position.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) With personal aspects strong this week, Leos and Leonas might want to spend more time with family and others who are especially close to them. Also expect news of a possible career change.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Taking a strong stand can be helpful this week. But be careful you don’t cross the line into obstinacy. Best to take a position on facts as they are, not as you want them to be.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You have a strong sense of the needs of others. This week, turn some of that sensitivity into an honest self-appraisal, and let it find places where you can help yourself.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Creating an emotional comfort zone to handle a personal problem helps at first. But by midweek, you’ll realize you need to deal with it directly or it could linger for too long.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Goats enjoy a varied diet, but eating crow isn’t on the menu—at least not this week. An embarrassing situation might have gone wrong before you got into it. Check it out.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your sense of honesty might impel you to speak up about a situation you disapprove of. That’s fine. But do so without sounding accusatory. You might not know all the facts behind it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Being asked to create a reassuring attitude in the middle of chaos isn’t easy, but you can do it. Support for your efforts comes slowly, but it does come. Enjoy an arts-filled weekend.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your honesty about people and issues is expressed in a positive, not painful, way.

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and for the first time in our 2020-2021 district calendar we will begin to implore the school department to roll out the changes and support our students in compliance. The momentum has been building for the students, teachers, and parents whose “sport” is music, and with only three months left in the school year, there is still so much to be done.

Friends of Old Rochester Music (FORM) is the nonprofit booster group benefitting music students in the JHS and HS, and we raise money for student enrichment activities, travel expenses, instruments, competition expenses, and scholarships for graduating seniors. This year we have had zero practices, which translates to zero performances, which translates to zero commercial ads sold for concert programs, zero ticket sold, and zero opportunity for the magic that happens when a musical group collaborates in front of a live audience. There is something about live music that inspires love and compassion and connectedness. Personal, real time contactless contact.

Rica Brodo, FORM President

**Academic Achievements**

The following students have been selected for inclusion on St. Lawrence University’s Dean’s List for their academic achievements during the Fall 2020 semester. **Margaret Cannell**, of Mattapoisett, is a member of the Class of 2021 and is majoring in performance and communication arts. **Grace Jackson**, of Marion, is a member of the Class of 2022 and is majoring in psychology and performance and communication arts.

The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce that **Grace Greany** of Mattapoisett, **Sophie Johnson** of Rochester, and **Tyler Menard** of Mattapoisett were named to the Fall 2020 Dean’s List. To be included on the Dean’s List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.
A Livestream Music Event

The Marion Art Center presents Sundog Organ Trio as a Livestream Music Event in partnership with ORCTV on Sunday, March 21, at 4:00 pm. Sundog Organ Trio formed in the fall of 2018. The three musicians “have a collective love for improvisation, and tight grooves.” The group features Brian Sances on guitar/vocals, Colin Bradley on organ, and Dylan Vaughn on drums. The band’s multi-styled sound might be considered rock ‘n roll-psychedelic-fusion, with sounds reminiscent of bands like Pink Floyd or blues and rock groups. Donations to this free event will directly support music at the MAC and will be split 50/50 between the MAC and performing artists. Find out more at marionartcenter.org/music.

Mattapoisett Library Reopening for Browsing

We are thrilled to welcome back patrons to the library by appointment starting on Saturday, March 13, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Anyone wishing to browse and pick up materials, use the upstairs computers, or get quick reference help will need to register for an appointment online via our calendar of events or call the library at 508-758-4171. Appointments will be offered on the hour for upstairs, quarter past the hour for downstairs, and will last 45 minutes, so we ask that you be timely and keep to the allotted time. Appointment times will be offered a week in advance. Please note that much of the seating will not be available, and in-depth reference questions are best sent to email or asked via phone. Computer appointments will be limited to 45 minutes as well; special arrangements for more time can be made on a case-by-case basis, but not guaranteed.

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<td>Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoissett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. All meetings held in the Mattapoissett Town Hall Conference room; 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted) New format of meetings; start time is 6:00 pm. <em><strong>NOTE</strong></em> REMOTE MEETING ON 03/18/2021 WILL START AT 6:00 pm***</td>
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<td>Case #1462: Petition of: Kevin and Amy S. Mello, 7 Hiawatha Way, Mattapoissett, MA, 02739; RE: 7 Hiawatha Way. The applicant is seeking a Variance under sections 6.5 as provided by Section 7.2.3 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to encroach on the west side setback for a garage and mudroom addition. The property is further described as Plot 20, Lot 36 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held VIA Zoom on Thursday, March 18, 2021.</td>
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<td>Case #1464: Application of: JJC Construction, 15 South Street, Avon, MA, 02322; RE: Plot 12, Lot 30 Windward Way. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under sections 6.2.1 &amp; 6.5 as provided by Section 7.2.2. of the Zoning By-Laws to request to construct a Mass code and FEMA compliant single-family dwelling. The property is further described as Plot 12, Lot 30, on the Assessors Map. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, March 18, 2021.</td>
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<td>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. ZOOM MEETING ID #922 1254 6720 Dial by your location. +1 646 876 9923 US (New York) Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours. Sincerely, Susan Akin, Chairperson Mary Anne Bogan, Kenneth Pacheco, Colby</td>
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<td>Pursuant to Chapter 76, Section 12B of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified that there will be a PUBLIC HEARING of the Old Rochester School Committee regarding school choice for the 2021-2022 school year at 6:30 pm, on Wednesday, March 24, 2021. Due to restrictions on public gatherings as a result 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 link information below. <a href="https://oldrochester-org.zoom.us/j/99529454804?pwd=WZqjR5Uk85eWdSVE1ZjR0K0dVdz09">https://oldrochester-org.zoom.us/j/99529454804?pwd=WZqjR5Uk85eWdSVE1ZjR0K0dVdz09</a> If you need additional login information, please contact the Superintendent’s Office at 508-758-2772 ext. 1956. 3/11</td>
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<td>Pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 38N of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified that there will be a PUBLIC HEARING of the School Committee regarding the school budget for the 2021-2022 school year at 5:00 pm, on Wednesday, March 24, 2021. Due to restrictions on public gatherings as a result 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 link information below. <a href="https://oldrochester-org.zoom.us/j/98018612744?pwd=edh3NIWTVuYe7VQdWhXMmdKKn5Cdz09">https://oldrochester-org.zoom.us/j/98018612744?pwd=edh3NIWTVuYe7VQdWhXMmdKKn5Cdz09</a> If you need additional login information, please contact the Superintendent’s Office at 508-758-2772 ext. 1956. 3/11</td>
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<td>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Marion Police Station (via Zoom and closed to the public*), on a Notice of Intent (File No. SE 041-xxxx) submitted by John C. &amp; Judith K. Wyman, to construct 160SF additions to garage and 296SF carport, requiring removal of several mature trees; expand driveway by 120SF and pave a total of 2400SF of gravel driveway at 12 Bell Guzle Lane. The site is further identified as Lot 49E on Assessors Map 16. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Shaun P. Walsh – Chair *Please contact Donna Hemphill at 508-748-3515 or <a href="mailto:dhemphill@marionma.gov">dhemphill@marionma.gov</a> for the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV and participants can call in any questions or comments. 3/11</td>
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| An Open Hearing of the Mattappoissett Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 7:00 pm regarding a Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by Bruce E. Rocha, Sr. This Open Meeting is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker’s Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of COVID-19. The Applicant proposes to perform Continued on page 52
following dates and times:
Tuesdays 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Wednesdays 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Thursdays 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, Saturdays – 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

All materials being returned will go into the book drops as usual. No returns inside.

The library will offer no-contact side door pickups exclusively on the following days and times:
Tuesdays 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, Wednesdays 10:00 – 1:00 pm, Thursdays 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Fridays 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, Sundays 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Please call staff to make arrangements for no-contact pickup on days we are open for browsing.

Patrons must wear masks properly and adhere to social distance protocols while in the library. Hand sanitizer stations are located throughout the library and patrons should sanitize hands upon arrival, then check in with library staff at the circulation desk for upstairs appointments or the children’s desk for downstairs appointments. The library is holding contact information for a short period of time in case of the need for contact tracing. If you have any questions about these procedures, please email Library Director Jennifer Jones at jones@sailsinc.org. You can start reserving appointments by visiting mattapoisettlibrary.org and clicking on events.

The MAC Showcases Student Art
The Marion Art Center is pleased to present its newest exhibit, The High School Art Show. Students are from Old Rochester Regional High School, New Bedford High, Tabor Academy, and ORR Junior High, and the galleries feature works by nearly 30 young artists. The MAC has also partnered with the grassroots community organization Tri-Town Against Racism to showcase entries to TTAR’s recent Creative Expression Contest held during Black History Month, based on the theme “Beyond Martin and Rosa.” The contest was open to all students grades 7-12. Entries included visual and performing arts, video, poetry, and more. Nearly 40 works will be displayed as an online exhibit on the MAC’s website at mariionartcenter.org/virtual-mac, and a small selection of works can be viewed in person at the Marion Art Center and in the MAC’s window display at the Marion General Store. Gallery hours are Thursday – Saturday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, or other times Tuesday – Friday by appointment.

Marion Dog Registration
The deadline to register your dog for the 2021 license period (1/1/21 – 12/31/21) is March 31. After that date, there will be a $25 late fee PER dog in your household. The charge is $10 for spayed/neutered, and $13 for “intact.” You may either mail or drop off your payment and rabies certificate in one of the drop boxes out front. If you don’t have a copy of your dog’s rabies certificate but know it’s still valid, please call to confirm we have it. If someone in your household is over 70, you may get ONE dog license at no charge; however, you will need to pay for additional ones. Thank you.

Rochester Women’s Club Scholarships
If you are a graduating high school senior from Rochester and are attending college in the fall, please see your guidance office for applications for the Rochester Women’s Club scholarships. The club has three available $1,000.00 scholarships. We are offering two Raymond C. Hartley Scholarships, available to all graduating seniors and one “Snookie” Nursing Scholarship, only for students who are pursuing a career in nursing. The deadline for accepting these scholarships March 19. Any questions regarding the Rochester Women’s Club scholarships please call Marsha at 508-322-0998. You can also find the scholarship applications at the Plumb Library in Rochester.

The Rochester Women’s Club was very proud to present Cecilia Prefontaine and Hannah Stallings with the Raymond C. Hartley Scholarships for 2020.

MLT To Begin On-site Research
Mattapoisett Land Trust and “History Hunter” Dean Withrow have reached an agreement to conduct historical research at selected MLT properties. Withrow will use a specialized metal detector to locate buried relics and will use careful techniques to remove what is found. Once cleaned and examined, all relics will be provided to MLT for safekeeping and display. Ground conditions will be fully restored so that no sign of excavation remains.

If you see Withrow working, please feel free to say hello. But the public is reminded that metal detecting is not allowed on any MLT properties; Mr. Withrow’s activities are by special arrangement with MLT. Please contact MLT at info@mattlandtrust.org or 774-377-9191 with questions or for more information.
Intent Application submitted by CJC Construction on March 22, 2021 at 6:30 pm regarding a Notice of Public Hearing of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission.

**TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT**

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

An Open Hearing of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 6:30 pm regarding a Notice of Intent Application submitted by CJC Construction.

The project is located at Park Place (Subdivision Lot #6) which is further identified as Lot #510 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #16.

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

The proposed work will be performed within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

The site will include the construction of a driveway, the installation of underground utilities together with filling and grading.

The proposed work will be performed partially within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE (E1.17). The property is located at the corner of Mattapoisett Neck Road and Windward Way which is further identified as Lot #30 on Assessors Map #12.

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**TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BIDS**

The Town of Mattapoisett is hereby soliciting sealed bids for the construction of the Mattapoisett River Bridge Replacement. Bids will be open at the Office of the Board of Selectmen at the Mattapoisett Town Hall on April 5, 2021 at 2:00 pm. Bids received after such time will not be accepted. Sealed envelopes containing bids must be clearly marked in accordance with the Bidding Contract Requirements. Each Bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a Bid Bond, Cash, or Certified Check issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price.

The work consists of the replacement of the Acushnet Road Bridge over the Branch of the Mattapoisett River, including a precast concrete box culvert, precast approach slabs, installation of guardrail, full depth pavement construction, pavement milling and overlay, spreading loan borrow and seed, pavement markings, temporary traffic control (detour), control of water, replacement of a portion of the water main, and other improvements.

This is a re-bid of the 2020 project. Bid documents may be obtained in electronic format during normal business hours on or after Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at the office of Greenman-Pedersen, Inc., 181 Ballardvale Street, Suite 202, Wilmington, MA 01887; office phone: (978) 570-2999, or by e-mail (jnoyes@gpinet.com). Due to current COVID restrictions, a hard copy of the plans and specifications will not be available for review.

All bidders must be prequalified by Governor Baker’s Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

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First Congregational Church of Marion

The First Congregational Church of Marion is pleased to welcome Rev. Richard Woodward as our new Transitional Interim Pastor. Rev. Woodward was raised in the First Congregational Church of Royal Oak, Michigan, and went on to be ordained in his home church. He has a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Religion from Central Michigan University and is a graduate of Gordon-Cornwell Theological Seminary with a master’s degree in divinity.

Throughout his ministry, Rev. Woodward has served in a diverse range of churches. His first call to ministry came from the East Freetown Congregational Christian Church in East Freetown, Massachusetts. From there he was called to the Evangelical Congregational Church in Dunstable, Massachusetts, where he served as Senior Pastor for 24 years.

Then, Rev. Woodward made the decision to expand his training in the field of Intentional Interim Ministry, taking courses with both the Interim Ministry Network and Interim Pastor Ministries. From 2014 to the present, he has enjoyed serving as Interim Pastor at three churches: Greenwoods Community Church in Ashley Falls, Massachusetts, the Sherman Congregational Church in Sherman, Connecticut, and the First Baptist Church in Plymouth, Connecticut.

Rev. Woodward and his wife, Martha, are happy to be moving to Marion and being closer to their grown children who live north of Boston. Martha worked as a certified nurse’s aide, and through her work they have both been involved in volunteer nursing home ministry. Rev. Woodward also did a volunteer prison ministry conducting Bible studies. He helped start a prison ministry where men from his church were trained to be mentors to inmates to prepare for transition when released.

After their second child passed away at five weeks, Rev. Woodward was drawn to grief work. He has spent time with those who are grieving and worked to help those who have lost loved ones. Rev. Woodward has found that “God always prepares us for the ministries that we will be doing.”

Rev. Woodward is passionate about being with people. He enjoys family time, reading, music, gardening, cooking, camping, and travel. He has hiked all of the Connecticut Appalachian Trail, along with sections in five other states.

The members and friends of The First Congregational Church of Marion are excited to have Rev. Richard Woodward as our new Transitional Interim Pastor. He feels our church has wonderful potential as we seek what God has called us to do in this town. We look forward to his guidance and leadership in this time of assessment, reflection, and planning as we prepare to search for a settled pastor.

Feel free to email Rev. Richard Woodward at Rhwoodward@gmail.com or call the church office at 508-748-1053 to contact him.

The First Congregational Church of Marion is located at 28 Main Street, Marion. Sunday Worship Service is at 10:00 am in person (following all COVID-19 protocols) and also on Zoom. The sanctuary is handicap accessible with an elevator. The church website is marionfirstchurch.org. You can find information here and a link to our YouTube channel to view previous worship services. The church office is located in the Community Center, 144 Front Street, at the rear of the parking lot.

Mattapoisett Annual Town Election

The Annual Town Election in Mattapoisett is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18. Nomination papers are available by appointment only. Interested parties should call 508-758-4100 x2 or email townclerk@mattapoisett.net with any questions or to make an appointment to obtain papers. For a list of offices on the ballot, please check the Town website at www.mattapoisett.net under the Town Clerk’s Department page.

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From the Files of the Rochester Historical Museum

By Connie Eshbach

In old New England towns, cemeteries are interesting places for many reasons. In Rochester, like other towns, quite a few current cemeteries grew organically from small family plots. Today in Rochester, seven cemeteries are under the auspices of the Town Cemetery Commission. However, the first to be created...
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**by Linda Thistle**

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:**

- ◆ ◆ ◆ Moderate
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in Rochester, the Rochester Center Cemetery, is privately owned and continues to be an active burial ground.

The town center was established in 1697 by the first Constables. The land for the center was set apart from the town and was originally named the “Ministry” Woods. In the beginning, it was intended to include a burying ground and training field. Mark Haskell, Peter Blackmer, and Samuel Prince, all prominent men in the early days of Rochester, met at Haskell’s house on New Bedford Road to lay out plans for both the first meeting house and the burying ground. Around 1701, the First Parish Cemetery, now known as Rochester Center Cemetery (or simply Center Cemetery), was established. Like many cemeteries, it reflects the town’s history, from the very first settler families, many of whom have been mentioned in these articles.

In the oldest section, too many tombstone inscriptions have become illegible. However, we can still find the graves of the Honorable Abraham Holmes and his son, Charles Jarvis Holmes, Esq., and those of Charles Bonney and Elizabeth and Charles H. Leonard. Many of the markers are engraved with the family names that we also see on our street signs: Mendell, Perry, Rounseville, Sherman, Hartley, Parlow, Snow, Dexter, and others. Lieutenant John Winslow, a veteran of the French and Indian Wars, buried in 1715, has the oldest grave. As you walk through the cemetery reading inscriptions, you find poignant markers to those lost at sea or ones that surprise, such as the Goodenough memorial honoring missionaries to the Zulus. This cemetery is proof that in a town as old as Rochester, history is everywhere.
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With regard to family contributions, the family of Toby Monte, trumpet first chair, stands out. Toby’s great-grandfather, Antonio Pacheco Silva, arrived in America in 1912 and a year later launched a legacy by starting the Acoreana Band (now called the Banda Filarmónica Santa Cecilia). Six of Antonio’s sons played in the band while granddaughter Irene Silva Monte, Toby Monte’s mother, has been the driving force behind the legacy. A gifted pianist and soprano, Irene was the inspiration for her son’s musical achievements. Irene provided the music for services at Santo Christo Church in Fall River for 60 years. In addition to her piano playing and singing, Irene made sure that the church had an organist by urging Toby to learn to play the organ along with his interests in the
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Toby Monte began playing with the Tri-County Symphonic Band in the 1970s. At various times, Toby’s children have also played with the Tri-County Symphonic Band. Toby Monte, Jr. is a superb euphonium player and his twin brother, Daniel, is an excellent percussionist. David Monte is an accomplished French horn player. Toby’s brother, Michael, has played with the band as a bass clarinetist as well as an E-flat clarinetist. David Monte’s fiancé, Angela Reed, has played with the band on tuba.

The musical heritage started by Toby Monte’s great-grandfather continues in other ways. Both of Michael Monte’s children share their musical talents. Michael, Jr. is a percussionist and daughter, Meghan, is a violinist. Toby Monte conducts the Marion Concert Band, is a music professor at University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth and finds the time to play organ and direct the choir at St. John of God Church in Somerset. He has also shared his talents for conducting and teaching with the Southeastern Massachusetts Youth Orchestras. Both Toby and Michael have been members of the Cape Cod Symphony Orchestra. Toby Monte continues to be proud of the musical legacy that began with his great-grandfather back in 1912 and he vows to continue it in many ways through playing, teaching, conducting, and directing musical organizations of various kinds. He also encourages his offspring to carry on the legacy into the future with even more musical Montes. While another legacy as large as the Montes’ is unlikely, the families of the Tri-County Symphonic Band will always be a significant part of the band’s success.

Toby Monte will be performing all of the parts of a seven-trumpet arrangement of “The Star-Spangled Banner” in a virtual format, on the upcoming Tri-County Symphonic Band concert “March Musical Mosaic - A Virtual Offering.” The concert will be aired at 3:00 pm on Sunday, March 21. Please visit https://tricountysymphonicband.org for more information.

**MLT Blanche B. Perry Scholarship**
The Mattapoisett Land Trust is seeking applicants for their $1,000 "Blanche B. Perry Scholarship." This award is available to a Mattapoisett resident interested in the field of environmental studies, science, technology, or a related field, and is a graduating senior from a secondary school by June 2021. The scholarship is made available through the Edith Glick Shoolman fund, a bequest left to provide support for children in the community. Offering this scholarship is consistent with the mission of “preserving land in order to enrich the quality of life for present and future generations of Mattapoisett residents and visitors.”

Along with the application, the following additional information is required: 1. A personal statement about career goals as they relate to the mission of the MLT, past and present; 2. A signed community service form documenting a minimum of 20 hours of community service; 3. Professional letter of reference (teacher or guidance counselor); 4. A character letter of reference from an employer, scout, or community leader and or neighbor is required; 5. Official school transcript including credits and class rank.

Applicants will be assessed according to academic achievement, personal statement, professional and personal references, community service, and financial need. Preference will be given to individuals who are members of the Mattapoisett Land Trust or whose parents or grandparents are members of the MLT.

The participating schools are Old Rochester Regional High School, Bishop Stang High School, Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, and Tabor Academy. The deadline for submitting the forms will be April 29.

The recipient will be selected by May 20 and will be notified by mail. The recipient will be recognized at his or her school’s awards ceremony. The award will be disbursed after the student submits an official college transcript documenting a successful completion of his or her first semester in college to the President of the Mattapoisett Land Trust.

The application forms will be found in the guidance offices at the local public and private schools and at the Mattapoisett Land Trust website at mattlandtrust.org/education/grants-and-scholarships.

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The orchestra opens with Jessie Montgomery’s Sonata da Chiesa (Church Sonata), a tribute to Baroque composers. The finale brings Adolphus Hailstork’s Perkinson’s Grass, an anti-war work for piano, strings, and percussion, featuring guest soloist Joseph Joubert. The piece is based on a poem by Carl Sandburg and refers to the grass growing on the tombs of soldiers. Mr. Joubert has accumulated a long list of accolades as an arranger, orchestrator, Broadway conductor, and music director, and as a pianist has received critical acclaim for his “uncommon tonal beauty.” Mr. Joubert was the first to record this piece. The finale brings Adolphus Hailstork’s Sonatas da Chiesa (Church Sonatas), a tribute to Baroque
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**SHERMAN’S LAGOON**  
by J.P. Toomey

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**TICKET FOR LOITERING.**  
**HUH?**  
**WHAT?**  
**WELL, HOW WAS I SUPPOSED TO KNOW?**

**YOUR BACKREST.**  
**NO LOITERING**

**WHEN DID THAT SHOW UP?**

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music and the composer’s fascination with cathedrals. It moves between exalting rhythms and reflective prayers, symbolizing the different stages of a religious service as well as of human life.

To learn more about the concert music and the musicians, watch our “Three To Get Ready” video that will be posted the week of the concert on www.nbsymphony.org under the Events/Online Concerts tab.

One listener from a past virtual concert expressed a popular sentiment this way: “The multiple cameras and clever editing with the views of individual musicians, with the stark background of the Zeiterion stage, made us feel like we were right at the concert.” Are virtual concerts the next best thing to being there, or better than being there? Watch and decide!

Tickets are just $20 per household and are available at Zeiterion.org. Ticket purchasers will receive a link on 3/20 for access via YouTube.com. The concert will be available for viewing March 20 – April 19.

The NBSO is a professional orchestra that annually presents a concert series of classical and pops music as well as an outstanding chamber music series. In addition, the NBSO’s innovative and nationally recognized educational programs reach thousands of students each year in local schools and through open access online. The NBSO is dedicated to building a community of music in the South Coast. Visit nbsymphony.org today!

The New Bedford Historical Society seeks to establish a solid base of research and programs that will make the contributions of people of color a part of the life and history of the region as well as a part of the permanent public record. In the process, the history of the region in general will become fuller, deeper, and richer for everyone. Learn more at nbhistoricalsociety.org.

**Mattapoisett Congregational Church Photo Book**

Beautiful photo book now available to purchase to help raise money for Matt Congo steeple repairs. Would you like to own a beautifully bound 25+ page photo book of local Mattapoisett landmarks, landscapes, and Matt Congo Church? These would make great gifts for any occasion. The cost of each book is $50 with proceeds going to benefit much-needed repairs to the Mattapoisett Congregational Church steeple. Supplies are limited, so email Jen Shepley at shepfin@comcast.net or call 508-322-3210.

**Mattapoisett Library’s ‘ZOO to You’ Virtual Program**

Sign up now on our Events Calendar by clicking on “Events” located on our website, www.mattapoisettlibrary.org. Each event starts with an educational video or professional presenter and introduces at least one live animal. All ages welcome.


For additional information, including our other programs, visit www.mattapoisettlibrary.org or ‘like’ us on Facebook.

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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). Just kidding, it’s on this page this week!

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 March 4, 2021 edition the Aardvark was on page 19!
Superior Quality Produce

- 3 lb. Bag Clementines $4.99
- 3 lb. Bag McIntosh or Cortland Apples $2.99
  Seedless
- Red Grapes $2.49 lb.
- Fresh Asparagus $2.49 lb.
- Great Roasted Brussels Sprouts $1.69 lb.
- 2 lb. Bag Yellow Onions $1.49

Grocery, Dairy, Frozen & Bakery

Poland Spring Half Liter Bottles
24 Pack Water $4.99

4.25 oz. Selected Blue Diamond Nut-Thins Crackers $2/$6
Half Liter Bottles, 8 Pack Selected Poland Spring Sparkling Water $2.99
24 oz. Selected Barilla Pasta Sauce $2/$5
32 oz. Selected (Excludes Organic & Bone) College Inn Broth $2/$5
14.5 oz. Selected Post Honey Bunches of Oats Cereal $2/$6

5.5 oz. Selected Food Should Taste Good Tortilla Chips $2/$5
16 oz. Selected Food Club Butter Quarters $2/$6
52 oz. Selected Florida’s Natural Juice $2/$7
52-64 oz. Selected Lactose Free Lactaid Milk $2/$7
53 oz. Selected Chobani Greek Yogurt $4/$5
Fresh Baked, 18 oz. Leaf Fresh Baked, 21 oz. 8 Inch Pkg. $4.99
Irish Soda Bread $5.99
Apple Pie

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6.5 oz. Pkg. Boar’s Head Pepperoni Stick $2.99

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Blockbuster Savings!

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Angus, Flat Cut
Red Corned Beef
$7.49/lb.

Boar's Head
Raw Corned Beef
$9.99/lb.

Barilla
12-16 oz. Selected (Excludes Protein & Gluten Free)
Pasta
2/$3

48 oz. Selected Breyers
$4.99

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

Bread & Butter
750 ml California Chardonnay Wine
$13.99

Quality Meats, Deli & Prepared Foods

Freirich
Angus, Point Cut
Red Corned Beef
$4.99/lb.

Friends
Premium Black Angus Flank Steak
$8.99/lb.

Bear's Head - OvenGold Turkey Breast
$9.99/lb.

Bear's Head American Cheese
$5.99/lb.

Allen's Rotisserie Chicken
$8.99 ea.

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