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ORR Students to Perform ‘MacBeth’

The Old Rochester Regional High School Drama Club will perform “Macbeth” on May 21-22 as a drive-in movie at the high school.

Based on “The Tragedy of Macbeth” by Sir William Shakespeare and starring Tyler Trudeau as Macbeth and Chloe Bean as Lady Macbeth, the cast includes Isabel Friedrichs, Lee Grondin, Jimmy Harrington, Bessie Pierre, Jessica Vance, and Max Tucker.

Directors Beth Trout and Matthew P. Houde say, “Macbeth is a play about the desire to have it all while not caring who you hurt along the way. Macbeth and Banquo, two generals from King Duncan’s army, fight to move up the line of succession to become King of Scotland. During their physical and mental battles, Macbeth takes matters into his own hands while involving a slew of other characters to do his dirty work. He eventually reaches his goal of King, but not while hurting many people along the way. In the end, does Macbeth truly win it all?”

The play is supported by Assistant Director Margaret Berry and Stage Manager Bailey Gosse with Set Construction by John Ashley, Costume Design by Marina Stephens, Set Design and Poster Art by Taylor Green, Lighting by Cooper Newton, Camera Operator Chris Bell, and Property Manager Tiago Duarte. Berry and Bell serve as the production’s editors.

The event opens at 7:30 pm with an 8:30 pm showtime. The ORR softball field will be the Drive-In venue, and refreshments will be available for purchase at concession tables.

Drive-In tickets cost $30 per carload (a maximum of six people per car) and can be purchased through Eventbright beginning Wednesday, May 5. For more information, visit the FORD website: bit.ly/ORRDrama-FORD-2021.

The American Lobster
By George B. Emmons

The American Lobster is a classic coastal symbol of enormous national seafood environmental recognition.

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Marion Annual Election
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Community Center, 465 Mill Street (Route 6)

Mattapoisett Annual Election
Tuesday, May 18 – 8am to 8pm
Old Hammondtown School, Shaw Street
steeped in history 400 years to the landing of the Pilgrims in Plymouth.

Lobster had been so plentiful before then, the Mi’kmaq natives easily found them along the water’s edge after a windstorm. They subsequently could be gathered by the plantation settlers for fertilizer and bait-fishing hooks or later fed to prisoners, slaves, and servants to the point that household help wrote into servitude contracts they could not be served shellfish more than twice a week.

This environmental natural cornucopia of edible seafood grew to such proportion along the New England ports of call over the centuries, an industry was born that grew and changed the arts of nautical seagoing crafts that flourished and put nature’s most productive crustation on the colonial map.

The nautical era of the lobster boat soon replaced the use of sailboats to reach distant productive shoals and deep waters, when outboard and inboard motors allowed fishermen to station boats above lucrative locations with ease of coming and going out of port, making the workday go faster and easier. Early lobster boats also had an open area of the hull where flowing saltwater could keep freshly caught lobsters alive and well.

As technology advanced over the centuries, they decked out with radar depth sounders, location positioning, and radios for communication. This gradually made a very hard-working occupation of the sea-bitten laborers go somewhat faster and easier, but the industry itself remained hazardous and long suffering for, as they say, some went down to the sea in ships.
Most modern lobster traps are factory-made of wood, covered with metal screens to consist of two main chambers, the kitchen and the parlor. The lobster first enters through funnel-shaped doors that lead to the kitchen where the bait is tied. Then it enters into the parlor with a smaller exit that permits only smaller and undersized ones to escape, leaving behind those of a larger, legal size to await their fate when the trap is pulled out of the water. Those big enough have two large claws, the largest a big tooth crusher for pulverizing shells, and the other a finer edged ripper for tearing soft flesh. They both appear in the market with rubber bands to protect the handler.

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission estimates for southern New England a severely depleted stock in the coming season. Our lobsters migrate, moving out to sea for colder water when necessary, and now already evacuated all the way to Maine, due primarily to global warming.

The severe threat of environmental damage and flooding along our shores is more serious than we
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**Tucker Burr – Marion Planning Board**

I’ve been living and working in Marion for almost my entire life. I grew up on Ichabod Lane, waited for the Sippican School bus, attended Tabor Academy, and then went off to college and got a degree in mathematics. I briefly worked out west before I returned home 12 years ago to work in the family business. I met my wife, Luiza, here in Marion, while sailing. We have a black lab named Gus and a house on Olde Knoll Road. My life is in Marion. I love this town.

The unaffordability of housing in Marion should be at the forefront of the Planning Board. When I first moved back here there were no apartments available and so I rented in New Bedford. When I did manage to find an apartment in Marion, I was forced out after only a year when it was torn down for condos. I imagine this is a similar experience for those looking to downsize. Marion has a wonderful inventory of family sized houses but not many other options. For those that cannot yet afford and those on a fixed income, staying in the community is a terrible challenge. The Planning Board can help address this issue by encouraging many different types of housing developments so people in different stages of life and circumstances can stay here.

In running Burr Brothers Boats for the past three years, I have experience organizing the operation to get things done. Secondly, and perhaps more importantly, is the experience I have working for many years in the...
customer service department. The culture of the Planning Board needs to be a professional one but, in a small town like ours, it must also be welcoming and kind. Going in front of the Planning Board should be an efficient and well understood process. I look forward to bringing a level of professionalism, organization and approachability to the meetings.

Ensuring this town is a place that future generations will want to move back to and work in is a goal that is near and dear to me.

Andrew Daniel – Marion Planning Board

I moved to Marion 13 years ago and have served on the Planning Board the past six. As Rochester’s facilities manager and a former residential/commercial builder, I bring experience, can read plans, and visualize a project. I consider myself to be fair and my goal is always to do what’s best for all of Marion.

I serve on the Friends of Marion Recreation Committee and the Marion ADA Committee and was the board’s representative to the Community Preservation Committee. I am married with three children, whom we are fortunate to raise here. My wife Nichole, a Dartmouth teacher, serves on the Marion and Joint school committees.
For seven years I’ve served on the Old Rochester Youth Baseball board and coached. I was also active in Marion Cub Scouts.

I joined the Planning Board because I didn’t see a level playing field for all applicants. I no longer have a business and am not a Tabor Academy graduate. My goal is to treat every applicant fairly and adhere to Marion’s bylaws. The job of the Planning Board should never be to inject personal feelings but to see if a case conforms to the bylaws that were voted by the townspeople. From the largest entity in town to smallest candy shop, I want to promote smart business growth that benefits the tax base and serves the people. I’ve found it rewarding to eat, drink, and buy locally from groceries to my new truck. I support local businesses because they donate and sponsor youth sports and activities and community events.

I think the current board’s diversity benefits the town. Each member brings a unique view to the table. We don’t always agree but have found ways to work through each application respectfully and advance Marion’s Master Plan. We need more residents to get involved in all levels of town government, and I look forward to what any new board members will offer. Our biggest challenge is our current wastewater treatment plant, as subdivisions and housing projects stress our limited infrastructure, schools, and emergency services. Thank You.

Tom Friedman – Marion Planning Board

My name is Tom Friedman and I am proud to announce my candidacy for a seat on the Marion Planning Board. I am presently a member of the Energy Management Committee and previously served on the wastewater committee. I moved to Marion in 1996 with little knowledge of the south coast region or the town. It didn’t take long to realize that Marion is a special place, due in large part to the numerous volunteers who commit their time and efforts to supporting our community. Now it’s my turn to contribute.

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My first priority in improving the town’s financial management is separate the town accountant, the financial director, and the assistant town manager. The are other ways to redirect the load.

If I had $1,000,000 to spend, I would go to the Capital Improvement Planning Committee because I think it would be capital and not operational. Thank you.

Alanna Nelson – Marion Planning Board

Marion needs all hands on deck, which is why I’m running for the Planning Board. The 2017 Marion Master Plan identifies more than 15 goals and dozens of strategies led by the Planning Board that aim to keep our town special, address needs of our residents, and protect property and infrastructure from environmental changes. With several development proposals on the horizon, our Planning Board must review these projects according to the zoning bylaws in a cooperative, respectful manner.

With an M.S. in Recreation and Tourism Planning and hands-on experience with state and local governments, I am comfortable working in a regulatory setting that is transparent and responsive to a range of concerns. As a current member of the Energy Management Committee, I am the Marion representative to the Cape and Vineyard Electricity Cooperative. Since last summer, I’ve followed the Planning Board’s activities and studied our bylaws as an informed citizen. I’ve also taken trainings and studied guidance available through the Massachusetts Citizen Planner Training Cooperative.

Currently working as a marketing consultant, I am also a fiber artist. My husband and I are avid sailors who value Marion’s quality of life. Those who know me say Alanna is an open minded, even-keeled crew member and a sharp lookout.

I am asking Marion voters to choose Alanna Nelson on May 14 for one of the two Planning Board positions. Please visit alannanelson.com/marionplanning to learn more about me or to ask questions and share your perspectives.
races (more candidates than open seats) to write up to 350 words explaining their candidacy. Questions submitted by the League of Women Voters South Coast helped provide talking points for the candidates. Two candidates are running for open seat on the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen that is being vacated by Paul Silva. The seat held by the late John DeCosta will be addressed in a separate election. The entries for the May 18 election are presented in alphabetical order:

Jodi Lynn Bauer – Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

After hearing of Paul Silva’s retirement, the time felt right. I feel a woman’s viewpoint will help with the general operations of Town Government. I’ve been encouraged by townspeople for years to run because I am involved, caring and supportive.

I have been a business owner in town for 35 years and also handled the financial affairs for our family concrete business. I was elected to the Community Preservation Committee, decision making to support or not recommend taxpayer dollars on preservation, land purchase and other projects. I actively attend town meetings and pay attention to Mattapoisett’s fiscal standings.

It’s important to consider the needs of the older residents in town. Most of these residents have lived...
here their entire lives and raised families here. They have paid taxes for years and deserve to stay here. There needs to be options for older residents to downsize or find affordable living. I support the Council on Aging and we need to continue to offer services to our seniors. If change is needed to Mattapoisett’s Zoning ordinances, I’d encourage affordable housing for the older population and the new young homeowners. We also have an industrial district that could accommodate more business, and Route 6 could grow.

How does anyone generate interest to the public to serve any office? Working as a boy scout leader for years, encouragement is key and helps lead by providing information. Residents that commit their time to serve on boards/committees are citizens that care for their community. If you have ideas, devote yourself. It’s rewarding and makes you aware of what’s going on in your community.

Mattapoisett currently holds a AAA bond rating, key to keeping this town’s high standards with borrowing so we can continue to proceed with larger projects. I will work with the town administrator, selectmen, Finance Committee and the town’s financial team to continue our successful financial standing. If the town were to receive a $1,000,000 grant to use as I wanted, depending on the stipulations of such monies, I’d look into housing at this time. Thank you.

Nicki Demakis – Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

I grew up here and, while I’ve had a home in Mattapoisett village for many years, I now live here permanently and want to lend my professional services to my hometown. Mattapoisett faces a perfect storm of initiatives and challenges that will require experienced leadership.

I am a trained trial lawyer with significant experience building consensus across groups of people with diverse viewpoints, working toward common goals. As a business owner and partner of a law firm,
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I play a leadership role in setting policy, implementing procedures, and enforcing an annual strategic plan. This skillset aligns well with the responsibility of a selectman.

Affordable housing for certain populations in town is in demand and below the 10 percent threshold required by law, triggering 40B consideration. I have other ideas how Mattapoisett could use existing zoning bylaws to allow Accessory Dwelling Units or in-law apartments to be utilized more dynamically. Mattapoisett’s Zoning Ordinance, per Section 7.3 of Mattapoisett’s Zoning Bylaws, can only be amended at an annual or special Town Meeting in accordance with the provisions of MGL Section 5 Chapter 40A. This means that they may only be changed by town vote.

To generate more interest in public service, I would retool our municipal workforce to avoid having employees report to family members in positions of supervision. Qualifications for public office should not be dependent upon family legacy, rather based on education, professional skillset and relevant/business experience.

If elected, my first priority in improving Mattapoisett’s financial standing would be to keep our Triple A Standard & Poor’s bond rating so we can continue negotiating favorable borrowing rates and retire debt before taking on new debt, while continuing to explore ways to reduce the tax rate and increase revenue from other sources.

If Mattapoisett received a $1,000,000 grant to use any way I wanted, I would fund an assessment of all town buildings, establish a grant matching account so the town has funds available for any project partially funded by a grant, and what remains to be used on capital items considered by the board.

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Garrett Bauer – Mattapoisett Highway Surveyor

My name is Garrett Bauer and I am a candidate running for Mattapoisett Highway Surveyor. I was raised in Mattapoisett, graduated from Old Rochester Regional High School in 2009 and earned a bachelor’s degree from Plymouth State University. I have been with the Highway Department for nearly nine years and have developed the skills and responsibilities to lead the department. I am licensed in all aspects at the Highway Department and continue to better myself by attending classes related to municipal budgeting, capital planning and the latest OSHA standards.

With roughly 45 miles of paved town road, it is important that we apply basic maintenance to achieve full longevity of pavement. In areas of town where a reconstruction is needed, we apply compliance with stormwater management, ADA-compliant sidewalks and communication with the Water/Sewer Department and local utilities. While reconstructing to modern standards, we keep in mind the character of Mattapoisett and the importance of access to town services. With COA, the town nurse, library, tennis courts, waterfront and Town Hall centralized in the village, it is vital to have safe pedestrian travel to these services and recreational facilities. Not only is the village a concern for pedestrian travel, areas like North Street towards the Rochester line, the bike path intersections and safe road crossing along
Route 6 need to be taken into account. I intend to look at all of that mileage and determine what is best for the town.

Having grown up in Mattapoisett with an extensive family history, I genuinely care for the community. I love my job and the people I work with and take pride in the department. I understand the department’s capital needs and the importance of a balanced budget. I know where the town needs to improve roadways, where to do maintenance and take responsibility to provide the residents with safe and convenient roadways. While good condition of pavement is pertinent, providing the town with solid service and maintenance is expected. I look forward to the election and hope to be elected as Mattapoisett’s next highway surveyor.

Gary Bowman – Mattapoisett Highway Surveyor

My name is Gary Bowman and I am running for the position of Highway Surveyor in Mattapoisett. I live here in Mattapoisett with my wife and son and I am a lifelong resident. My biggest inspiration to run for this position is my father, who held the position for 19 years. His love for the town and dedication for the job made a lasting impression on me.

I have grown up around construction and as a teenager spent a lot of time at the Highway Department. I witnessed firsthand the duties of the Highway Department and how they were done. For over 20 years, I have also been a part-time snowplow operator for the town.

I have owned a small excavation business for the past nine years. I perform excavation for foundations, water, sewer, other utilities, grading and some landscaping. Working for myself has given me a lot of experience working with a budget, working with customers and other contractors. Before starting my company, I worked for a sand gravel company for 12 years. I understand the importance of a balanced budget and how the department’s capital needs are prioritized.

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years. My job was to operate all equipment, service and make repairs. My duties included building cranberry bogs, irrigation ponds and the maintenance of gravel haul roads. This was a very small company and we were required to perform every task efficiently.

The Highway Department, the town and the duties of the highway surveyor have grown a lot from years ago, and I accept that challenge. My goals are to keep operating costs down without affecting the great service that the people of Mattapoisett receive. This means making major purchases only when absolutely necessary, pursuing all state and federal monies that are available for road improvements and, most of all, helping keep the tradition of great work that past and present workers and surveyors have done for Mattapoisett. Thank you.

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William Osier – Mattapoisett Library Trustees
Currently serving as Chairman of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library Board of Trustees, I am running for re-election in 2021.
The public library is an institution central to the community and for the great benefit of all citizens. Not only is the Mattapoisett library a remarkable collection of 49,028 books and a total of 55,973 items, and in addition to books, lending everything from a fishing pole to a telescope, but also sponsors numerous cultural programs, including lectures, films, music performances, etc. From all directions, the library is an essential part of the Mattapoisett Community.

As a former educator, teacher of English, and Head of School, I have always been closely associated with libraries, and now I am delighted and honored to participate in this extraordinary service, led by our talented Director and wonderful staff.

I thank you for the opportunity I have had to serve, and I look forward to continuing this rewarding work.

Jennifer F. Shepley – Mattapoisett Library Trustees

By running for Library Trustee in the hometown I love, I seek only to serve. I believe in public service. For me, our library is integral and necessary to the community.

Who am I? I earned my master’s degree in Education and taught English and Gender Issues in public schools for eight years. I now work as a Certified Financial Planner in town, following in my father’s footsteps. Reach me online at Shepleyplanning.com.

I served many years on the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library board. We raised funds to improve the library for all patrons. You may recognize me from book sales and other fundraisers. I enjoyed the relationship the FOML had with the librarian and with the library trustees.
I want to continue the efforts to support the library and librarian for Mattapoisett by serving as trustee. Please vote. Every vote matters.

Elizabeth Sylvia – Mattapoisett Library Trustees

I am currently running as a candidate for re-election to the Mattapoisett Library Board of Trustees. I have served on the board for three years and hold the role of board clerk. I was initially asked to run for the position by the former director Susan Pizzolato because of my family’s deep love for the Mattapoisett Library. Before
the pandemic, rarely a week passed without our family visiting the library, often more than once! As a parent and an English teacher, children and youth programming are particularly important to me. Our library has a wonderful children’s department that draws families from surrounding communities, which is an important metric of a library’s vitality. I hope to continue working on maintaining youth engagement as children age so that today’s picture book readers become tomorrow’s “upstairs” patrons.

As the world changes, the library’s role will continue to change. I hope to be able to continue supporting the library’s innovative programs and collections, like the STEAM kits and 3D printer, that create new ways for patrons to use the library, and I will continue to support the library’s commitment to collections diversity. Last year, at my suggestion, the library began a diversity audit; the picture books collection exceeded expectations for representing diversity, and the junior books collections are now working towards meeting that goal.

Like every institution, the library has faced unexpected challenges in the past year. I’m proud of how well the new director worked to retain our community’s connection to the library, and as we move towards returning to “normal,” it is essential that the library continues to reach out and reengage with the community through a variety of means. I see meeting and exceeding pre-pandemic levels of community usage as the library’s single most important mission in the next year. Libraries are essential institutions of community literacy and civic engagement! Please support my candidacy so that I can continue supporting our wonderful library.

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Eric Beauregard — Mattapoisett School Committee

I am Eric Beauregard, announcing my candidacy for Mattapoisett School Committee for a couple of important reasons. The 2020 global pandemic economically and emotionally strained every family, presenting our community with impactful challenges.

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QUALIFICATIONS MATTER

My candidacy boils down to qualifications. Both my opponent and I are Mattapoisett residents and we both love our town. As a voter, you’ll need to decide who you feel will be most effective as your next Selectman. As someone who has run a successful business employing large groups of people, as a lawyer and litigator, and as a professional who has counseled municipalities like our own as clients for decades, my background is better suited to help lead Mattapoisett.

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FINANCIAL — fiscal management, lower taxes and fees, less red tape, implementation of Rte 6/village business district plan, new revenue sources

EDUCATION — supporting parents/kids and teachers, progressive policies, common sense optimization of school buildings, continuing to build reputation for excellence

HOUSING — new approach to affordable housing, flexible alternative-use zoning laws, new types of housing units that meet the needs of diverse populations

QUALITY OF LIFE — safe roadways/bike paths and sidewalks, beautification of town buildings & public spaces, addressing global warming impact on vulnerable areas

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT — promoting transparency of important issues across all aspects of town government, developing more impactful and contemporary communication tools to better educate citizens

Thank you again for your support,

Nicki Demakis

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Nicki Demakis is the only candidate for Mattapoisett Selectman that has been endorsed by Elect Southcoast.
our children maximized the opportunity to return for Academic Year 2021; it’s a thankless task that I will be the first to say thank you for all of your efforts. I am an advocate on mitigating identifiable risk and avoid being risk adverse because, if we are ever again confronted with a pandemic, we must be ready to keep our communities safe and functioning.

I believe that with an elected seat on school committee I can offer attributes critical to the committee keeping our students and faculty strong, resourced and competitive using leadership, followership, and trust. Yes, leadership is important providing purpose, motivation and direction; however, I value followership as critical element for the school committee that is often overlooked because followership welcomes new ideas, putting the needs of others before your own.

A community builds trust from a common understanding that ultimately strengthens the culture of the School Committee and Administration. I believe that a candidate should also have a “common understanding” within the community beginning with children actively enrolled in the school system because it grounds elected leaders from a bottom-up approach as opposed to a top-down policy push through student and parent interaction. As our community finally postures for normalcy and the academic year nears completion, we need to keep in mind that we got here because of your sacrifices and contributions from a strong community, voicing your ideas, addressing your concerns, and I am eager to roll up my sleeves and get to work. I ask for your vote because the most important asset we have in this election is our children so please invest in our future.

For more information visit Facebook; Eric Beauregard for Mattapoisett School Committee.

James Muse – Mattapoisett School Committee

I have had the privilege of serving the citizens of Mattapoisett as a member of School Committee for nine years. My fellow members elected me as their chair for the last two years. In addition to serving on the Mattapoisett School Committee, I have been the committee’s designee to the Old Rochester Regional Committee for six years. I have served on the finance, contract negotiation, superintendent search and other subcommittees for both the district and elementary school boards. I served on the Elementary School Building Committee overseeing the schools’ reconstruction. I have been on the Board of Directors of the Southcoast YMCA for the past 20 years. I was a trustee at Southern New England School of Law for nine years until it became the UMass School of Law at Dartmouth.

I am a candidate for re-election because I believe I have an obligation to support our community whenever
and however I can. Community service is a family affair, I could not serve if not for the support of my wife and children. My wife and I are extremely grateful to the administrators, teachers, staff, and taxpayers of our town for giving our children a truly compassionate top-quality education. I hope to ensure that our current and future students have the same opportunities.

This “Covid” year has been challenging to say the least. When our newly hired superintendent took over, he had to immediately hire almost a whole new team, including the assistant superintendent for Finance, assistant superintendent of Teaching and Learning as well as a director of Student Services. This team and all the teachers, administrators and staff, with the support of parents, town boards and officials, school councils and committees, developed a flexible plan that was thoughtfully modified and executed to provide a safe and equitable public education to all our children.

I am proud to have supported our schools in these unprecedented times. If elected, I will draw on my personal experiences and institutional knowledge to help our school system deliver quality educational opportunities to every student in what we all hope will be less turbulent times.

Tiffini Reedy – Mattapoisett School Committee

I was inspired to run for a seat on the Mattapoisett School Committee in part to advocate for and support increased mental health services and social and emotional learning supports in our schools.

I’m a nurse practitioner certified in both primary care medicine and psychiatry across the lifespan. I practice in two busy outpatient clinics treating both children and adults. One thing I quickly learned during the COVID-19 pandemic is that mental health care has never been needed more.

Our family decided to move to this beautiful seaside town nearly two years ago largely for the renowned school system. Currently, I have a daughter at Center School and a son who will join her in two short years. This year, I’ve attended all school committee meetings and am acutely aware of the roles, responsibilities, challenges and opportunities presented to committee members. As a parent of children in the elementary district for the next eight years, I also have a vested interest in our district’s attention to the whole child.

I have clearly heard the importance of ensuring our schools provide healthy and welcoming environments for all children, families and employees, prioritize scaffolding/additional supports for children and teachers ‘post-pandemic’ with emphasis on social, emotional and learning supports, working with our school leaders to make processes associated with student services (IEPs

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and more) more transparent for students and families, ensuring our district is a thoughtful steward of taxpayer investments, and making sure all stakeholder voices are considered in town-wide capital planning efforts that will consider uses of our existing school buildings.

I believe every child deserves an educational experience second to none. I believe in transparency and working together to create a better, brighter future. I trust in our dedicated educators and hope to support them, along with students and families, as we all continue to navigate these unprecedented waters. Any questions, please contact me at Tmm1119@gmail.com. I close by asking for your vote on Tuesday, May 18. With your support, I know tomorrow will be a better day for our children and families!

Article to Cut Housing Density Limit Rejected
Marion Town Meeting
By Mick Colageo

Three articles on Marion’s Annual Town Meeting Warrant drew substantial discussion from the floor. One of those articles carried, one carried with an amendment authored from the floor, and one was voted down on May 10 at Sippican Elementary School.

Developer Sherman Briggs, whose 28-unit housing project planned off Spring and Mill Streets is currently in the vetting process, spoke twice from the floor to state that passage of Article 43 would take the incentive away from developers to build residential housing in Marion.

The article, a proposed amendment of Chapter 230-5.3 that would halve the density limit of multi-family residential housing from 12 units per-acre to six per-acre, did not pass. Its purpose was to encourage a limited amount of low-density, affordable housing multi-family rental or ownership housing compatible with its neighborhood.

Planning Board Chairman Will Saltonstall gave village housing as a frame of reference for what six units per-acre looks like, but the mere mention of the village stirred up attendees who feel like town government looks after the village disproportionately to the rest of the town.

Briggs further suggested that such an amendment would leverage developers toward 40B affordable housing, which brings more government control and offers less to the town in the way of revenue via water and sewer ratepayers.

Article 43 was the only one among 50 in the Annual Town Meeting and two more in the Special Town Meeting to be rejected.

Another article related to major development proposals in town was Article 45, a residential classification zoning change sought by a developer for land off Route 6 near the Heron Cove project. That article was withdrawn as a new strategy potentially involving town sewer is planned. A motion to pass over the article carried.

Sewer remains the hottest topic in Marion, which sought in Article 4 to appropriate $3,392,767 to operate the sewer enterprise fund, including $1,791,545 for debt service and a $220,000 boost from free cash.

Asked from the floor by Board of Assessors member Patricia DeCosta the purpose of drawing from free cash, Town Administrator Jay McGrail said the appropriation will help offset rate increases. Not everyone in attendance agreed with the logic.

“Some of the biggest users are tax-exempt,” argued DeCosta.

Board of Selectmen Chair Randy Parker clarified that water and sewer rates rise together and that Tabor Academy, contrary to implications made from the floor,
pays for water and sewer.

William Washburn expressed concern that the strategy will become a trend. He called the cost of required denitrification technology in septic upgrades a “burden,” and suggested an enterprise fund be established to support homeowners against the steep cost of the harbor-friendly upgrade.

Margaret Malkoski said that the town needs to fund the sewer system to everyone’s benefit. Planning Board member Chris Collings also applauded Washburn’s suggestion.

Collings, who said he cannot hook up to town sewer from his River Road residence, said the 20-year-old strategy to take water and sewer out of Marion’s operating budget and establish enterprise funds has not succeeded in its intention to properly fund the system.

McGrail noted that the $220,000 (free cash) subsidy would have to be voted upon annually.

Article 20, which carried without substantial comment from the floor, authorized the town to borrow $2,740,000 for the lining to complete the lagoon cleanup project at the wastewater treatment plant.

Article 3 also carried, authorizing a $2,463,476 appropriation to the water enterprise fund, 0.37 percent less than the FY21 appropriation of $2,472,642.

From the floor, resident Sharon Matzek proposed an amendment to Article 39 addressing Animal Control that quelled the concern of some dog owners who found the language “at heel” to be too restrictive. Chief of Police Richard Nighelli explained that the wording was not as important as the intent and that being under the owner’s control was the point.

The purpose of Article 39 was to address the attorney general’s rejection of existing language that contradicts state regulations.

Noting that she does not own a dog, Matzek suggested adding to the “at heel” phrase “or obedient to the command.” Her solution was embraced, and her amendment and the amended article both carried.

After Article 8 carried, Annual Town Meeting adjourned so the 7:30 pm Special Town Meeting could take place. Articles S1 and S2 both carried, S2
appropriating $255,000 in free cash for the installation of air conditioning on the first floor of the Town House.

From the meeting floor, Jonathan Henry and Bob Raymond made technical suggestions based on their knowledge of the building, and McGrail and Parker said they would follow up on their ideas. Energy Management Committee Chair Christian Ingerslev urged the town to consider energy efficiency and financial impact not only for FY22 but over the long term.

The Special Town Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm, and the Annual Town Meeting resumed with Article 9. In all, Annual Town Meeting Articles 1-42 carried, along with Articles 44 and Articles 46-51.

Article 46, brought by citizens petition, authorized the Board of Selectmen or its designee to apply for federal, state, or foundation grants to help Marion address a wide variety of long-term infrastructural challenges.

The meeting, held in two rooms at Sippican Elementary School, easily established a quorum. Full COVID-19 vaccination was the basis for attendance in the Sippican auditorium, and the basis of the second room was overflow and for anyone not fully vaccinated.

The main meeting room communicated with the second room via Zoom as projected onto a movie screen set up on the side of the auditorium. Moderator Brad Gordon checked in on all voter actions with Vin Malkoski, who acted from the second room as deputy moderator until deep into the meeting when only five attendees remained in the second room. Those attendees joined the main room for the duration.

**Mattapoisett Voters Move All Articles to Finish Line**

**Mattapoisett Spring Town Meeting**

By Marilou Newell

The overwhelming sentiment of those attending Mattapoisett’s May 10 Town Meeting: Let’s get it done. While a few articles brought out some questions and concerns, none was so unpalatable as to be kicked to the street. All articles passed rather smoothly through the voting process, including Article Two, the $29,894,778 General Operating Budget.

Just prior to that vote, Barry Denham, soon-to-be-retired highway surveyor, stood up and spoke against a decrease in salary planned for his replacement when Article 1: Elected Officials Compensation was to be opened. In support of keeping the salary at the current $90,958 level versus decreasing it down to $75,000, Denham said that the surveyor doesn’t get overtime pay or sick days and he felt that a $15,000 decrease is unfair. The article, in its totality, including the new rate of pay, was passed 98 for and 4 against.

Of all the articles seeing some need for discussion, the one that inspired the most emotion was the one viewed as a new revenue money maker – a meals tax.
Happy Mothers Day

Dedicated to my mother, Louise Tripp

Always Remembering!
Thanking God for the precious gift
He gave me.....You, my mother

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and guided my paths through life as I went from
a child to an adult.
Always showing me unconditional love along the way.
I’ll never forget you....my mother, my best
friend!

Tender Hearts Home Health Care

Dedicated to Keeping the HEART in Home Care!
Championing Article 18, which passed with a majority vote of 90-18, was Town Administrator Mike Lorenco. Having been charged by the Select Board almost since his first day on the job with finding new revenue sources, Lorenco has sought to bring a small local meals tax to that effort. As he had previously explained at numerous public meetings, the proposal would mean a 75 cent or 0.75 percent tax. Simply put, 75 cents on a $100 meal ticket.

Select Board member Jordan Collyer said that nearly all surrounding towns have a similar local meals tax, some 75 percent of all cities and towns in the commonwealth.

Lorenco explained that local restaurants would not be taking on more work or paying the tax themselves but simply would be passing the collected monies onto the state as they currently do. The state would then pass along those monies to the town. Douglas Schneider had voiced his concern that restaurants have suffered enough from the pandemic and should not be burdened with additional paperwork or with paying increased taxes.

Lorenco explained that the state does not allow the use of new revenue to be used for operating expenses, that the estimated $90,000 in new money would be earmarked for special projects such as roadwork, and that the tax would start being collected in October. The article passed 90-18.

FEMA's flood plan mapping Article 21 titled Zoning Bylaw Flood Maps and Flood Regulations
JODI LYNN BAUER
SELECTMAN

VOTE TUESDAY, MAY 18

AS SELECTMAN, I WILL:

★ Employ a common sense approach to decision making

★ Determine the best course of action for the town

★ Investigate affordable housing options

★ Encourage boards to work collaboratively

★ Provide leadership for the municipal departments needs

★ Secure needs & services for taxpayers in compliance with Capital and Master Plans

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required time in which voters questioned the intentions of FEMA with respect to insurance increases and new lands noted in the maps. The article asked voters to amend existing bylaws by deleting the current Article 8 in its entirety and replacing it with a new bylaw, the purpose of which among other things would be to avoid the loss of utility services by flooding and to reduce damage to public and private property from flooding.

Section 8.8 of the new bylaw establishes that “issuance of a variance to construct a structure below the base flood level will result in increased premium rates for flood insurance up to amounts as high as $25 to $100 of insurance coverage,” and that “such construction below the base flood level increases risks to life and property.”

Several voters objected to the possibility of insurance premium increases. Schneider, standing again to speak, took umbrage to Section 8.10, which noted that other approvals such as Planning Board site plan review may be required for any changes to structures or lands within the new mapping plan. “This is another layer of bureaucracy,” he said. “It’s an extra burden on the homeowner.” Schneider also stated that the Conservation Commission is already the oversight committee for work within flood zones and thus changes within the flood zone are already being reviewed. The new bylaw would put the Planning Board in the position of oversight to all changes within the flood zone.

Planning Board Administrator Mike Gagne reminded the voters that, if the bylaw amendments were not adopted by the town, “insurance will be cancelled in Mattapoisett in July.” The article requiring a two-thirds vote passed 64-15.

Earlier in the proceedings, Chairman of the Capital Planning and Community Preservation Act Committees Chuck McCullough spoke on behalf of Article 10 Acceptance of the Report of Capital Planning Committee and Articles 13, 14, and 15, representing three proposed grant allocations from the CPA funds.

Regarding the Capital Planning Committee report, McCullough explained in detail why the committee was asking for more time to prepare the annual report. He said, “The role of Capital Planning is
to forecast the future needs ... fund the most pressing needs, [and] look at funding sources.” He said that, given the committee is now filled with “new member energy” and that the challenges lay ahead for the funding of large projects such as culvert repairs and bike path maintenance, the committee wants more time to complete its research in such matters.

McCullough said that for years many large ticket projects such as roadway repairs and improvements and the management of the municipal fleet, as well as the aforementioned bike path, had never hit their radar. He now feels as the committee does that all spending over $10,000 should filter through the committee for review and funding feasibility.
The items listed for FY22 funding were typified by McCullough as light: $42,889 for local schools’ phones; $18,500 for library roof and window repairs; $85,000 for sidearm mover attachment; $14,500 for fire department boat pontoons; $54,000 for design development for Long Wharf repairs and upgrades; $25,000 for floor tiles for local schools; and $55,000 for a new police cruiser.

Article 10 passed, authorizing Capital Planning to issue its report at a fall special town meeting.

McCullough then moved onto Articles 13, 14, and 15, grant applications for CPA funds. All were moved by majority vote. Those were $35,000 for repairs to the entrance way of the Mattapoisett Museum, $20,000 for the digitization of Cushing Cemetery records, and $20,000 for the ORR press box, contingent upon an equal sum being approved by voters in Rochester and Marion.

Other articles of note included the passing by two-thirds vote for Article 19, Town Road Improvement Plan Funding in the amount of $450,000 for the development of 75 percent design for the village streets project, and Article 17, Authorization of Use of Grant Anticipation Notes for Town Projects. Article 17 is a funding vehicle that allows the town to pay for a project immediately after receiving notification of an award but before the actual monies are received.

While four voters disagreed with Article 20 that asked voters to change gender-specific titles such as selectmen and chairman to gender neutral terms like “select board” and simply “chair,” 104 voters thought the time had come to make the change.

Article 24, Transfer of Funds for New Project Funding, received approval from the voters, 77-2, after a presentation by Water and Sewer Superintendent Henri Renauld, who told the voters that savings in the amount of $644,944 should be transferred to design costs associated with running a new sewer line across the Eel Pond breach. He said that the proposed construction would bury the new sewer line down 17 feet below sea level via directional boring. Renauld explained that, once the line reaches Reservation Road, several decisions would have to be made including whether or not to send the pipe along Reservation Road to Route 6 or along the YMCA property.

Regarding replacing the existing sewer line currently across the breach with another sewer line in the same relative location was not as problematic as previously believed. “New materials and technologies make it possible,” Renauld said in a follow-up. He also said that the bridge for the bike path has pilings driven deep into the seafloor, reaching bedrock that would help to protect the sewer line against objects being pushed upstream in a storm.

**Board Recommends Flood Plain Bylaw Article**

**Rochester Planning Board**

**By Jean Perry**

Rochester Planning Board on May 11 held a public hearing for an Annual Town Meeting Warrant article pertaining to an amendment to the flood plain zoning bylaw, something Town Counsel Blair Bailey said the town must undergo every few years as the federal flood insurance regulations change every so often.

Bailey said most people won’t notice anything resulting from the bylaw amendment, “But the ones who do pay [for flood insurance], they know.”

The amendments, though, are positive in nature, Bailey said, as they do provide additional definitions and more clearly spell out specific situations and questions that have become common. The bylaw amendments will make having to dig through federal regulations to answer common questions of applicability less frequent for residents, he said.

“Make no mistake … we don’t really have a choice,” said Bailey when it comes to adoption of this specific article. “This is what we’re told we have to pass in order for residents of the town to get coverage under the federal flood insurance program.” However, he added, it does not alter the program as it currently stands.

With no questions from the board or the public, the board voted to recommend the article at Town Meeting on May 24.

Before adjourning, Planning Board Chairman Arnie Johnson reminded the public that this was the final remotely held hybrid meeting of the Planning Board. All future meetings will be held at Old Colony in-person only; if the public has any questions about any current or future agenda items, he advised, “You must do it in person.”

The public hearing for a Special Permit for Snipatuit Road Solar, LLC for a large-scale solar photovoltaic installation slated for 0 Snipatuit Road was continued until May 25 at the applicant’s request.

The public hearing for a Definitive Subdivision Plan application, “Longbow Lane,” for Planning Board member Bendrix Bailey was also continued until May 25 at the applicant’s request.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 25, at 7:00 pm and will be in-person only (no Zoom) at the
**Revising Float System a Delicate Matter**

*Marion Conservation Commission*

*By Mick Colageo*

The manner, method, and size of how William E. Weber Jr. and Elizabeth Weber would replace an existing float and bottom-anchored chain system with a pile-held, two-float system at their 21 East Avenue home was discussed by the Marion Conservation Commission in a continued public hearing on April 28.

Continued from April 14, the discussion was a deep dive into the length of pile stops, their impact on shellfish habitat, and recommendations of the state Division of Marine Fisheries.

The emerging opinion among Conservation Commission members was that Division of Marine Fisheries standards should be followed. DMF recommended 30-inch float stops was interpreted as a gauge for shellfish disturbance.

Chairman Shaun Walsh told project representative Dave Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone Inc. that a smaller float than what is proposed might come with DMF’s blessing to use 24-inch float stops.

The Webers filed a Notice of Intent for work in shallow water that would hopefully allow the family to enjoy the float this summer, but approvals are complicated.

ConCom member Jeff Doubrava reported his struggle with the area of disturbance. “I don’t begrudge anybody the right to use the waterways,” he said, noting it is now a 60-foot float.

Davignon said the gangway is 45 feet long, at least twice the length of a normal gangway, and it is so heavy it needs to be centered on the float. “That can’t be corrected unless we put in a pile-supported pier in the waterway,” he said.

One ConCom member asked if the applicant knew what the harbormaster recommended, and Davignon and William E. Weber Jr. reported the harbormaster’s support for their plan.

Although ConCom Chair Shaun Walsh determined that the lack of depth of the water in the area negate navigational interference for boats, he said it’s on the applicant to come up with a design that meets DMF approval. Davignon said the plan had not yet been submitted to DMF and it could be, but Walsh said he prefers for ConCom to see and vet the plan before it goes to the state level.

“I would strongly urge the applicant to revise the plans to meet DMF’s recommendations,” said Walsh.

Based on the time it takes to obtain a Chapter 91 license, Davignon told ConCom he doesn’t believe he’ll be able to install pilings until winter or spring of 2022.

“But we can certainly revise the plans to comply with the 30-inch height requirement regardless of the method that they be installed for this year and next year.”

Walsh reasserted that 30-inch float stops would be within DMF’s recommendations.

Davignon agreed to a continuance to the commission’s May 12 meeting at 7:00 pm.

Sippican Lands Trust was issued negative determinations of applicability for two of three RDAs filed on April 12 that were continued to April 28.

One negative determination will allow the placement of boards atop existing rocks allowing passage over a stream for visitors to White Eagle parcel at Old Indian Trail Road. The other negative determination will allow the repair of a stone wall, and removal and cutback of invasive vegetation across from 173 Front Street.

In the continued public hearing proposing the rerouting of the Osprey Marsh trail to avoid encroachment of private property at 354 Point Road, the SLT reported ongoing work with a design engineer to survey of the applicable portion of the property. No timeline had been established by the April 28 meeting. Walsh said that once the land is surveyed and stakes are established to delineate the property line, the option will be there to “go back out to look at the least invasive rerouting” of the path.

The case was continued to May 12 at 7:00 pm.

In a continued public hearing, Todd Zell was issued a Negative 3 determination of applicability for...
what ConCom called buffer-zone work associated with a
construction project involving a roadway, underground utilities, and stormwater management spanning the
Rochester town line.

In a public hearing continued from April 14, Anne Bramhall was issued a three-year Order of
Conditions to remove non-invasive vegetation and trees
within the buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetlands
at 260 Converse Road. No cutting of vegetation will be
permitted within 25 feet of the wetlands line.

Under Action Items, ConCom voted to approve
Diane Sorace’s request for a Certificate of Compliance for
work at 12 West Avenue.

The Zoning Board of Appeals requested comment
from ConCom, which considered the cases of Antoinette
Russell and Louis Bailey at 63 Pleasant Street and the case
of Nicole Gotthold at 39 Ryder Lane not to be within its
jurisdiction.

In a new public hearing, Kyle Prien filed an RDA
for construction of a shed measuring 16 by 16 feet on a
slab at 19 Giffords Corner Road. In keeping with Marion’s
remote-access meeting policy, the case was presented and
continued to May 12.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation
Commission is scheduled for May 12 at 7:00 pm.

**Schools Versus Municipal Needs**

*Mattapoisett Master Plan Committee*

By Marilou Newell

It became a bit more of a debate versus
brainstorming when the Master Plan Committee
reconvened on May 5 to discuss schools, municipal
building needs, and what the future might look like for
those critical community structures.

Coming out strongly on the side of “Our children
should remain in Center School” was committee member
Yamin Flefleh, saying, “It’s silly to move our kids on that
side of Route 6,” referring to Old Hammondtown School.
She expressed impassioned concern over discussions she
said had taken place on the topic of a municipal complex
at the Center School location. Flefleh said that moving all
students to Old Hammondtown School would “change
the culture of the community” and that Mattapoisett
would lose an important social asset. “I don’t want to see
young kids bused away from the village.”

There was a palpable silence before committee
member Shirley Haley asked, “Does she think Old
Hammondtown School is a horrible place?” Flefleh said
she does not think that, that Old Hammondtown School
would lose an important social asset. “I don’t want to see
young kids bused away from the village.”

Another member offered a different angle on
where a new town hall might work, at the property
now being used by the police and fire departments.
Carlos DeSousa said, “It makes sense to put the Town
Hall there.” He went on to say that buildings generally
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have a 30-year lifespan and that the Police Department is nearing that now but that, “People like a campus (style) for convenience; it makes sense to group them there.” DeSousa went on to say that it is necessary to look at sustainability and new technologies using LEED standards. LEEDS stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Standards, developed in 1994 by the U.S. Green Building Council to encourage more sustainable design practices.

DeSousa went on to say that a facilities master plan committee should be deployed to study all options for new municipal buildings and/or repurposing. He also said that both elementary schools are about halfway through their life expectancies.

Planning Board Administrator Mike Gagne said that about seven years ago the town acquired the Gomes property on Church Street in order to have the option of building a new town hall next to the police station. Conceptual drawings were executed by Field Engineering, he said.

Outgoing Mattapoisett School Committee and Master Plan member Carole Clifford said it is an emotional point to keep Center School functioning as a school, but that declining enrollment with associated decreases in professional staffing is a reality.

Moving away from this simmering topic, Gagne introduced Library Director Jennifer Jones, who shared the current level of services being offered within the pandemic restrictions and her hopes moving forward. Jones said that technology would replace some familiar items such as compact discs and some printed materials over time. She said she wants the library to partner with more local organizations bringing new programing to the community.

Later in the meeting, the committee returned to the subject of Center School when Clifford brought up her opinion that the senior center deserves its own location, not limited to being part of Center School, and wondered aloud at what uses are intended for the now town-owned former Holy Ghost grounds. “Nothing is being done there; it’s not being used,” she said.

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Walter E. Bowman III passed away on May 5, 2021 at The Oaks in New Bedford following a long illness. He was the loving husband of Rosemary (Zajac) Bowman. Walt and Rose were married in 1973 and have lived in Mattapoisett since that time.

Walter was the son of the late Walter E. Bowman, Jr. and Martha (Foster) Bowman. He was born in Taunton and lived in that community with his family throughout his youth. The Bowman family spent every summer at their home on Aucoot Road in Mattapoisett. Walt’s love of sailing and being near the ocean were focal points of his formative years. He and his family moved permanently to Mattapoisett when Walt was a young adult.

Walt’s love of Aucoot Cove and the caring relationships of the Aucoot community were gifts that he treasured throughout his lifetime.

Walt’s professional life was spent as a Mortgage Officer at Fairhaven Savings Bank. He spent thirty-four years in that position. The people with whom he worked were extraordinary individuals and were his life-long friends.

Throughout his life Walt’s passion for cooking never wavered. His creativity was evident in each special meal that he prepared for his family. Walt’s extensive collection of cookbooks reflects his ongoing quest to learn new techniques to enhance his culinary skills.

Walter is survived by his wife, Rosemary; his children Amy Miller, Andrea Clark and Michael Bowman; his grandchildren Julianna and Tessa and was predeceased by his grandson Peter. He is also survived by his beloved sister Ann Bowman. He is the husband of Sandra Lee (Braley) Bowman. He loved guns, yardwork and being outside. Jock worked well into his 70s to provide for his family. He worked for JM Equipment and Pallatroni and Gingrass construction.

Survivors include his wife; his children, Alexander Bates “Jock” Bowman, Jr., 86, of Mattapoisett passed away unexpectedly Thursday, May 6, 2021. He is predeceased by his siblings, Kenny, Carl, Donald, and Doreen.

Marlene’s family would like to thank the staff at The Oaks Nursing and Rehabilitation facility in New Bedford for their kindness, great care and compassion.

Services will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, donations in Marlene’s name may be made to the Mattapoisett Council on Aging, P.O. Box 1116, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 or the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, P.O. Box 284, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Marlene A. (Newberg) Simmons, 84, of Mattapoisett passed away on Saturday, May 8, 2021 after a period of declining health. She was the wife of the late Robert A. Simmons, who passed this past October. They had shared 65 years of marriage.

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Marlene worked in retail for a large part of her life, starting at Apex in Pawtucket, then the Acorn Shop in New Bedford, and later entered retirement after years of being front store manager at the Mattapoisett Pharmacy. She had also previously worked at Plymouth Savings Bank as a teller.

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Services will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, donations in Marlene’s name may be made to the Mattapoisett Council on Aging, P.O. Box 1116, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 or the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, P.O. Box 284, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Marlene A. (Newberg) Simmons, 84, of Mattapoisett passed away on Saturday, May 8, 2021 after a period of declining health. She was the wife of the late Robert A. Simmons, who passed this past October. They had shared 65 years of marriage.

Born in Pawtucket, RI, she was the daughter of the late Emil and Margaret (Bickerstaffe) Newberg.

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decisions regarding Center School. Gagne said the Board of Selectmen, but also the School Committee because they “have control and custody of the building.” He also reminded the group that a study by UMass would start soon with two goals, one of which is to study school building needs and usage, the possibilities and consequences of school consolidation, and a second study involving the transfer station.

Swinging wildly from those village-related themes, the group spoke with outgoing Highway Surveyor Barry Denham, who reported that of all the public buildings in Mattapoisett, the highway barn located on Mendell Road is the oldest after Town Hall.

He assured the committee, however, that he was not proposing a new building for the department but said ongoing upgrades need to include a sprinkler system and other safety improvements.

On the subject of roadway conditions brought up by Planning Board and committee member Janice Robbins, Denham said most roads are in pretty good shape, but he reiterated his often spoken statement that there is never enough money to do everything. Denham speculated that, if he received not only the annual sum of $250,000 from Chapter 90 funding but an additional sum of $300,000 from the town, then, “We’d be able to space out projects [and] bounce between large and small

OBITUARIES

No services are scheduled at this time.

Alice Hunt Williams of Point Connett, Mattapoisett, died peacefully on Thursday, May 6, just three weeks shy of her 96th birthday. She was surrounded by friends and family.

Born in 1925, Al lived her first years in West Roxbury, MA, and moved with her family to Pawtucket, RI, as a child. There she met her best friend and soul mate Eleanor Tyler and they remained kindred spirits for life.

As a young woman Alice attended Bryant College, and then began a secretarial career at Brown University where her administrative skills were invaluable. She worked there as the manager of the Admissions Office in the 1940’s and later, when her children were older, worked as an executive temp secretary.

When married and raising her three sons, she settled into many communities, from Cincinnati to Natick, Sudbury and Mattapoisett. Wherever she was, she always chose to volunteer—at the Women’s Clubs, the Whaling Museum, the libraries—developing many lifelong friendships through her service.

Alice loved to read. She was a true champion of the local libraries in each town that she lived. She was equally passionate about sharing her love by teaching and coaching others to read and by always giving a book as a gift for a special occasion.

Alice loved to garden, preferring informal settings with daffodils and primroses. She always brought her favorite plants with her when she moved.

She loved all of her sons’ cooking, a bourbon on the rocks, rabbits, and the sights and sounds of her family laughing together. At the beach when her grandchildren were young, she would float on her back, toes to the sky, while they swam and splashed around her. She looked gangbusters in blue.

Alice was the loving mother of Roger and wife Betsy. She was grandmother to seven and great grandmother to three!

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to The Buzzards Bay Coalition or the Mattapoisett Public Library.

Her private arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home For Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

George Baron, 69, of Rochester died May 8, 2021 unexpectedly at Tobey Hospital.

Born in New Bedford, son of the late George and Viola M. (Labbe) Baron, he was raised in Fairhaven and later lived in Falmouth before moving to Rochester in 1981.

He received his bachelor’s degree in Electrical Engineering with a focus on oceanography from Southeastern Massachusetts University and later received his MBA in Business from Suffolk University.

He was formerly employed by Ocean Research Equipment in Falmouth, Sippican in Marion and Data Sonics. In 1996, he founded Technical Writing Services.

He enjoyed SCUBA diving, line dancing, cross country skiing and hiking in New Hampshire.

Survivors include his cousins, Rochelle Sullivan of Ocala, FL, Lucille Sevigny of Mattapoisett, Robert Sevigny of Dartmouth, Gary Baron and his wife Rochelle of East Free-town, Kenneth Baron and June Tsonos, both of Taunton.

Funeral from the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home For Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett Friday, May 14th at 9 AM followed by his Funeral Mass at 10 AM in St. Mary’s Church, Fairhaven. Burial will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, May 13th from 4-7 PM. For directions and online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.
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Gagne took the roads discussion in another direction when he said that there is an impact on the personality of a community, in Mattapoisett’s case its “quaintness,” when new roads intersect with old country roads. He asked the group, “How do we address this in the Master Plan?” Gagne said that narrow old roads are impacted by new home construction and that Route 6 and rural roads are not built to absorb the increase of traffic from new roads. Denham stated of the older roads, “They’ll have to be widened.” Gagne responded, “Wider roads are not the answer…. Vehicles will only go faster. Maybe you limit density in some locations. The Master Plan committee needs to think about that.”

Also visiting the committee on this night were Police Chief Mary Lyons and Fire Chief Andrew Murray. Murray reported that a grant has been secured for new traffic lights and signals at the new fire station. Lyons reported that she recently met with Capital Planning members to discuss the department’s needs and associated recordkeeping and that the police station’s current condition is “good.”

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Master Plan Committee is scheduled for June 2 at 7:00 pm, at which time schools will be revisited as well as the topic of open space and recreation.
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MRV Water District Earns Award
Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee/District Commission
By Marilou Newell
The news may have come at the end of the June 11 meetings of the Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee and Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Commission, but it was hailed as a great accomplishment when Mattapoisett Water and Sewer Superintendent Henri Renauld announced that the district had received a Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency award for Outstanding Performance and Achievement. Renauld said the award spoke to the work done by all to ensure the safety of public drinking water in the district.

Earlier in the meeting, Laurell Farinon, Rochester’s conservation agent and representative on these committees, announced her departure. She still has another month to go before heading towards a new career in nursing, but the impact of her departure will have far reaching implications not only in Rochester but throughout the MRV, which serves the Tri-Town and Fairhaven. Farinon has been the clerk on both the committee and the commission for many years, and her contributions, all agreed, exceeded much more than setting up meetings and taking minutes.

Chairman Vinnie Furtado of Fairhaven said he would like someone on the two committees to step up
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Small blue butterflies were everywhere on a Mattapoisett Land Trust walk to the old pig farm. Photo by Nancy Prefontaine

A new wishing well has been added at the former Santo’s Pig Farm, part of the Old Aucoot land trust. Photo by Nancy Prefontaine

It was tree-planting time at the Marion Town House this past week. From left: Paulo, Mark McSweeney, Herman Hildebrand, Steve Gonsalves, Sherman Briggs, and Connor Flynn. Photo by Sarah Briggs
and volunteer but understood if people wanted a chance to think it over. The vacancy will be on the June agendas.

Jon Gregory of Tata and Howard said he is willing to assist in any way possible. “We’re here to help,” said Gregory, who also reported that new pieces for the level loggers, devices that measure water levels and other critical data, have been installed and are functioning properly. Gregory also suggested a quarterly report from his office to the members, an overview on monitoring data. He also mentioned the need to renew contracts moving into FY22 for both entities.

Moving into their MRV Water District Commission meeting, Gregory said that a pilot test of new filters is underway. He explained that the sampling will take four weeks with two rounds of samples sent to the Department of Environmental Protection. Gregory said that once the pilot program has concluded, a full scope will be drafted for the towns’ consideration. Gregory also reported that chemical bid estimates are pending and will be ready by the end of June.

Renauld noted that the plant located at Tinkham Lane is having raw water sampling inconsistencies. Renauld said that there had been some abnormal tests and will most likely conduct some line flushing to see if that clears up the issue.

The next meetings of the MRVWSPAC and MRVWDC are scheduled for June 8 beginning at 3:30 pm.

Harris Bids MOSAC Official Farewell
Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
By Mick Colageo

Vice Chairman Alan Harris decided not to run for re-election to the Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission primarily because he believes new blood is needed to strengthen the group. Chairman John Rockwell said during MOSAC’s May 6 Zoom meeting that he hopes Harris will remain interested in what commission is doing.

“Mostly, Alan, thank you for your guidance and thoughtful suggestions over the years on guiding us through turbulent times,” said Rockwell.

In his Point Road Path update, Rockwell reported

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*About Endlessness.* Starring Martin Serner and Jan Eje Ferling. Directed by Roy Andersson. Running time: 76 minutes. No MPAA rating: Now playing in select theaters and streaming on video-on-demand services.

It is the common fatigue. That’s what my ears thought they heard during a scene in Roy Andersson’s typically deadpan *About Endlessness.* What I was really hearing was a priest delivering communion in Swedish: *The body of Christ broken for you.* But, in a lot of ways, Andersson’s first film in five years, and possibly his last, is all about the common fatigue. The priest, as it happens, is going through the motions, administering the ritual with a heavy heart and hollow soul — we have just seen him in the church kitchen, swigging from the same bottle that pours the blood of Christ. He appears several times in the film, often on the edge of tears as he admits he has lost his faith. But nobody much cares, even his psychiatrist.

Sounds heavy, especially if this is your first tour through the bemusement park of Andersson (best known for his “Living” trilogy: *Songs from the Second Floor*, 2000; *You, the Living*, 2007; *A Pigeon Sat on a Branch Reflecting on Existence*, 2014). But *About Endlessness,* in the sort of irony remarked on by legions of critics by now, is in and out in 76 minutes. Andersson, who spent a long hiatus from feature filmmaking directing commercials (Ingmar Bergman was a fan of them), knows that the type and mode of story he wants to tell is best achieved with brevity. (His only film to exceed two hours, 1975’s *Giliap,* tanked hard and drove him out of features for 25 years.)

The movie is an anthology of moments: some dreary, some distressing, some carefree. The anecdotes add up to a meditation on life as experienced individually and specifically by each subject.

Sometimes the placement of scenes does a lot of the work. Early in the movie, and then not long before the end credits, a man grumbles to the camera that a former schoolmate has been ignoring him because of something unspecified he did to the schoolmate, way back then. That this man is the second, and then second-to-last, person we hear from — bracketing a collection of vignettes ranging from the mundane to the apocalyptic — makes a quietly funny point about the ridiculousness of long-running grievances. Motifs announce themselves: water or wine pouring into glasses, overflowing the glass, or filling a vase for flowers at a dead soldier’s grave; the reality of death captured just before or just after its arrival. If there is despair here, though, there is also joy. Andersson knows that a vision without one or the other is false. The joy whisks away despair, insisting that despair doesn’t last. The despair infects our enjoyment, murmuring that joy won’t last, either. And on and on in a loop.

*About Endlessness* features Hitler his own bad self, in his bunker being dusted by bomb-loosened plaster and barely acknowledged by exhausted old generals who can’t even muster a decent *sieg heil.* The straight-faced absurdism of the segment recalls some of Monty Python’s “historical” sketches; the flatness of the style is a wicked rebuke to Leni Riefenstahl’s voluptuous portfolio of lies, *Triumph of the Will.* So we meet the Devil, and he’s this dull clerk celebrated by half-dead flunkies in the most banal-looking crypt any soon-to-perish despot ever had. Where’s God? Oh, I saw Him here and there, despite the complaints of the priest. He was there in the spontaneous dancing of teenage girls and in the fatal knife wounds of another — the A to Z of human experience.

The movie leaves us talking back to it — we don’t want it to go just yet. The brevity sometimes verges on a taunt: most of the people we meet, we’ll never see again. The rare exception, aside from the recurring faithless priest, is a dentist who gets two segments — two consecutive segments, which nobody else gets. We first see him in a sketch that seems to be making a point about how emotions can get in the way of how we engage with people personally and professionally, leaving them hurt. The next bit finds the dentist in a bar, with a gentle snowfall visible out the windows — the cozy warm comfort of the scene is palpable, and it seems to nudge one of the customers into blurting “Everything is terrific.” As Kurt Vonnegut said, “I urge you to please notice when you are happy, and exclaim or murmur or think at some point, ‘If this isn’t nice, I don’t know what is.’” But Andersson isn’t finished, and the last two anecdotes are bitter and desolate, respectively — yet still with glimmers of mitigation. If this isn’t life, I don’t know what is.
that he put down some stakes with assistance from area resident Carol Molander, and more needs to be done.

“I will not be on MOSAC at that time, but I will be there,” said Harris, noting that Deborah Ewing is running unopposed for the commission’s open seat in the May 14 town election. “I highly recommend her,” he said.

Clearing for power lines resulted in a lot of stumps, according to Rockwell, who suggested the path be far enough off the road to avoid many construction problems.

In his Hoff Property Conservation Restriction update, Rockwell reported positive feedback to pathway cleanup performed by the Sippican Lands Trust. Open space maintenance has been focused on
The ospreys have done some home renovations, and mother osprey has not left her nest since mid April. The father seems to go fishing, snack on the fish, and bring the rest to the mother. Hopefully, we will see some babies in June. It looks like his fish feast could feed a family of four. Photos by Mary-Ellen Livingstone

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fire roads on existing trails, and Rockwell reported on a meeting with Fire Chief Brian Jackvony, who wrote a memo indicating interest in looking at two of the properties involved. Rockwell told members he and Jackvony are working on setting up a walking expedition.

MOSAC is looking to update its bike path plan where it borders Sherman Briggs’ proposed development off Spring Street near Mill Street.

Under the approval of April meeting minutes, Harris noted for the minutes a fire at Peirson Woods, which he emphasized is Sippican Lands Trust property but not his property.

Car traffic at Grassi Bog has become more consistent, according to Harris, who suggested a sign be
COLOR

SALOME’S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You’re the first sign in the Zodiac and like to take the lead wherever you go. But this time, you’d be wise to follow someone who has much to teach you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your adversary hasn’t given up trying to undermine you. Continue to stay cool -- someone in authority knows what’s happening.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Spring brings a positive aspect for relationships. Paired Twins grow closer, while the single set finds new romance -- perhaps with a Leo or Libra.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Wavering aspects this week mean weighing your words carefully to avoid misunderstandings.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You could soon be on a new career path in pursuit of those long-standing goals, but don’t cut any current ties until you’re sure you’re ready to make the change.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A former colleague wants to re-establish an old professional connection. It would be wise to make the contact, at least until you know what he or she is planning.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A relationship that survived some rocky moments could be facing a new challenge. Deal with the problem openly, honestly and without delay. Good luck.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A recent and much-appreciated change in the workplace inspires you to make some changes in your personal life as well. Start with a plan to travel more.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your circle of friends continues to widen. Expect to hear from someone in your past who hopes to re-establish your once-close relationship.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A friend needs your kind and caring advice, but you need to know what he or she is hiding from you before you agree to get involved.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your aspects favor the arts. Indulge in whatever artistic expression you enjoy most. A workplace situation will, I’m pleased to say, continue to improve.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Warning! Your tendency to let things slide until the last minute could have a negative effect on a relationship that you hope can develop into something meaningful.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are both emotional and sensible. You enjoy being with people. Good career choices include teaching, performing and the clergy.

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posted there. Harris believes the signs reminding dog owners to clean up after their pets are working.

Harris’ final word as a MOSAC member to his peers was, “Thank you all for all your work.”

The next meeting of the Marion Open Space Acquisition Committee is scheduled for June 3 at 7:00 pm.

**Outgoing Members Saluted**

*School Committees*

*By Mick Colageo*

At the meetings of the Old Rochester Regional/Superintendency Union #55 Joint School Committee and the Mattapoisett School Committee, it was time to recognize those members whose terms are expiring in concert with this academic year.

Region side Chairperson Cary Humphrey opened the May 5 JSC meeting by thanking outgoing member Tina Rood for her 15 years of service. Humphrey said he heard of Rood since moving to Rochester in April 2002 and met her during a subcommittee meeting shortly after he was elected to school committee in 2013.

“I was just wowed with her unbelievable skillset of breaking down things and understanding things when it comes to the schools,” he said, telling Rood “We’re very, very, very thankful for your service.”

“It has been a pleasure and super fulfilling for me and really an honor to serve our town,” said Rood, noting that she would speak more extensively at the next Rochester and ORR school committee meetings.

“What a pleasure it is to work with all of you ... and to work together in achieving great things for our students. Thanks for your kind words.”

Union side Chairperson Shannon Finning recognized outgoing Mattapoisett and Union #55 School Committee member Carole Clifford, who was not able to attend the start of the JSC meeting because she is “devout to the very last moment” (and attending another subcommittee meeting).

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**Tri-town Police Logs**

**MARION**

*Log highlights May 2-May 8*

- Front St - Disturbance
- Point Rd – MV stop/citation
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious activity
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious MV
- Cottage St – EMS/medical
- Allen St – Animal complaint
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Point Rd – Follow up investigation
- Hartley Ln – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Animal complaint
- Wareham Rd – Fraud
- Mill St – Abandoned property
- Sippican Rd – Health/welfare
- Pine Hill Rd – Suspicious activity
- Reservation Way – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Abandoned MV
- Olde Farm Rd – Identity theft
- Mill St – MV collision
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Wianno Rd – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – MV stop/citation
- Front St – Health/welfare
- Mill St – Lost property
- Parlowtown Rd – General service
- Front St – Health/welfare
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Delano Rd – Lost property
- County Rd – MV collision

**MATTAPOISETT**

*Log highlights May 2-May 8*

- Park St – Health/welfare
- Marion Rd – mV violations
- County Rd – MV crash
- Martin Ave – Animal control
- Prospect Rd – Abandoned 911
- Gary Dr - Threats
- Church St – Sex offenses
- Acushnet Rd – Health/welfare
- Hammond Rd – Animal control
- Cove St – Ambulance request
- Industrial Dr – 911 call
- Tinkham Ln – General service
- Fairhaven Rd – MV crash
- Marion Rd – Assist citizen
- Fairhaven Rd – Suspicious persons
- County Rd – MV crash
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Fairhaven Rd – Health/welfare
- Harbor Nk Rd – Assist citizen
- Acushnet Rd – Stolen property
- Bay Club Dr – 911 abandoned
- Barstow St – Ambulance request
- Ridgewood Rd – Medical/assist
- Angelica Ave – MV violations
- Bayberry Ln – 911 call
- County Rd – MV lockout
- Fairhaven Rd - Threats
- Homestead Ct - Threats
- Fairhaven Rd – Restraining order

**ROCHESTER**

*Log highlights May 2-May 8*

- Alley Rd – Civil complaint
- North Ave – MV stop/citation
- Dexter Ln – Suspicious activity
- Walnut Plain Rd – Animal control
- Kings Hwy – Road hazard
- Perrys Ln – Suspicious activity
- Forbes Rd – 911 call
- Neck Rd – MV stop/citation
- Négus Way – Suspicious activity
- Burgess Ave - Medical
- North Ave - Medical
- North Ave - Investigation
- High St – Assist other agency
- Mattapoisett Rd - Medical
- Paradise Ln - Medical
- Neck Rd – Inside investigation
- Ginny’s Dr – Animal complaint
- Forbes Rd - Disturbance
- Cole Dr – Civil complaint
- Ginny’s Dr – Animal control
- Featherbed Ln - Disturbance
- Mattapoisett Rd – 911 call
- Mendell Rd – Noise complaint
- North Ave – MV stop/citation
- Rouseville Rd – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity
- Paulines Way – 911 call
- High St – 911 call
- Marys Pond Rd – MV collision

For a full PDF of the three towns’ police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Highway Department, Town of Rochester is soliciting sealed bids for the following services under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws:

- 50,000 square yards (plus or minus) of roadway pulverizing, re-grading and preparation within the Town of Rochester for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

Specifications and bid forms may be obtained on the Town of Rochester’s website at www.townofrochestermass.com/home/pages/bids-rfps or at the Selectmen’s Office between the hours of 8:30 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Thursday, and Friday until 1:00 pm, excluding holidays. Bids will be accepted at Town Hall in the Selectmen’s Office, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770 until June 3, 2021. Bids will be opened and publicly read via Zoom at 4:00 PM on June 3, 2021. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86398747257.

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TOWN OF ROCHESTER
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for the following item will be received at the Selectmen’s Office until the time specified below at which time the proposals will be opened and publicly read via Zoom:

- Type I Bituminous Concrete Laid in Place

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- Pavement micro-milling of 75,000 square yards (plus or minus) of roadway within the Town of Rochester for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

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TOWN OF MATTAPoisSETT
BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

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TOWN OF MARION
BOARD OF HEALTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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Finning discussed Clifford’s remarkable service to the Union side school committee for three years, alluding to her role in the superintendent’s search and return-to-school planning “and so many more efforts.” A former school administrator and teacher, Clifford will be taking “her real retirement,” according to Finning.

Finning also thanked Humphrey, saying it’s been an “honor to co-chair these meetings with you the last two years,” focusing on the meeting with the leadership of Tri Town Against Racism and ORR’s resultant new anti-racism agenda, the superintendent search, and COVID-19 coordination. She called serving with Humphrey an “honor and a pleasure. You have demonstrated day in and day out ... that public officials are accountable to the public they serve.”

Humphrey’s final ORR School Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12. He thanked his “Rochester peeps,” Robin Rounseville and Sharon Hartley, for their support.

On May 3, Mattapoisett School Committee Chairman Jim Muse announced that a book, “The Perilous Voyage That Changed The World,” would be donated to the Old Hammondtown School library in Clifford’s name.

“This has been a nice four years, working in this school committee,” said Clifford, who retired from her career as an educator in Connecticut and took up in Mattapoisett the very next day.

Before that announcement, the Mattapoisett School Committee held its school-choice hearing.

ORR Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson conducted the public hearing, saying that eight students are currently enrolled in Mattapoisett elementary schools on school choice.

A vote was required to open slots to allow kindergarten-age students for 2021-22. Nelson told the Mattapoisett School Committee that they could set parameters and priorities with their votes. Muse instructed the members that two votes would be taken.

Finning motioned that the eight existing school-choice students be maintained and that three kindergarten students be invited to join the schools. The motion was amended to add three students in grades K-2 with a priority on kindergarten and voted unanimously.

Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and
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Learning Janell Pearson-Campbell reported to the May 5 JSC on a detailed survey of students and staff in all district schools. The data collected from many questions asked in several categories, a professional development plan is emerging with a calendar for the 2021-22 academic year.

Frances Kearns asked about how technology is worked into the 2021-22 program, and Pearson-Campbell said technology will be imbedded throughout. Hartley requested an update so that new teachers would be able to use responsive classroom.

Both the Region and Union sides voted unanimously to approve Pearson-Campbell’s Professional Development Plan.

The JSC voted its approval of the 2021-22 academic calendar. Rood suggested a longer break in lieu of traditional February and April vacation weeks.

Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Howie Barber discussed his budget approach for the 2021-22 academic year.

In his report, ORR High School Principal Mike Devoll said the Senior Walk will not take place, but the Prom is scheduled and the Senior Parade will take place on June 4. The June 5 graduation will be held on the same basic format with a slightly relaxed standard from family pods to group seating.

Nelson brought the JSC up to date on the district’s negotiation for an amended agreement with the three member towns and then state approval. Nelson reported that all three towns have indicated that they will bring the agreement to their respective summer or fall town meetings.

In referencing the failed attempt to fund the ORR track rehabilitation, Rood said the establishment of a stabilization fund is a document whose time has come.

The Mattapoisett School Committee also voted to authorize the school nurses to delegate other school personnel to dispense medication as necessary.

Finning and Muse both opened their respective school committee meetings by remembering 27-year bus driver Brian Dean, who recently passed away.

The ORR School Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, May 12, at 6:30 pm. The next Mattapoisett School Committee meeting will be held on Monday, June 7, at 6:30 pm. The Marion School Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, May 19, at 6:30 pm. The Rochester School Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 2, at 6:30 pm.

Bulldogs Learning from Title Run

Sports Roundup

By Nick Friar

For the first time since 1980, Old Rochester Regional High School volleyball is the cream of the crop in the South Coast Conference. After going a perfect 11-0 throughout the regular season, the Bulldogs managed to secure the SCC title by knocking off Somerset Berkley, GNB Voc-Tech and Case.

“Going into that last game, we knew it was going to be the hardest game because we were going for both the undefeated season and the SCC; Case was going for the SCC and some revenge,” ORR coach Jimmy Oliveira said. “I absolutely think we got their best game. It was three sets, but it felt like a five-set thriller.... We were put in situations at the end of each set where we were tested, and we didn’t buckle. We didn’t leave the door open for them, and we finished the job.”

While it took over four decades for ORR to earn another SCC volleyball banner, the 2020-21 Fall II season was only Oliveira’s fourth as varsity head coach. Winning the conference is a goal he has set for the team since he was promoted from coaching the JV squad, but now he doesn’t want his players to stop at the SCC title in the coming seasons.

“Now that we’ve won the SCC, I want it to be the expectation now that they know that we’re capable of doing it,” ORR’s head coach said. “I think our confidence was riding high after beating Bourne, Case, and Voc-Tech, but I think finally getting over the hump and winning the SCC will go a long way with the group that we have returning, as well as the younger kids that go to witness it.”

Of course, a perfect regular season with an SCC title was the absolute best the Bulldogs could have done this year. There was no MIAA state tournament for them to contend in due to the pandemic, but Oliveira thinks there was a little something extra his players walked away with this season — to go with their flawless record.
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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 26, 2021 at 8:00 pm at the Marion Police Station (via Zoom and closed to the public*), on a Request for Determination of Applicability (File # 411-D-1790), submitted by the Town of Marion –Department of Public Works, for the clearing and grading for the installation of a twenty-foot wide paved emergency driveway from Mill Street to the rear parking lot of the Sippican School at 0 Mill Street.

The site is further identified as Lots 13,16 and 17 on Marion Assessors’ Map 14. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

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

Water main flushing will be conducted on 5/24/2021 AND 5/25/2021. Flushing will begin 5/24/2021 at 7:30 pm until 3:00 am. Flushing will be continued 5/25/2021 to address any dirty water concerns, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Discolored or red water may be expected along with periods of low water pressure in some areas. Locations most likely to be affected are those south of Route 6 extending from Main Street. Other areas may be affected due to system hydraulics please contact our office if you have any questions or concerns.

Chlorine may be injected into the system before flushing begins and will continue for a period after flushing is completed; Henri Renauld, Superintendent 5/13, 5/20

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

An Open Hearing of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, May 24, 2021 at 6:30 pm regarding a Notice of Intent Application submitted by Estate of Raymond W. & Alice D. Clapp. 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 clear phragmites vegetation to create a seasonal campsite for use by the Applicant’s family.

The proposed work will be performed within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE (E1.19), and within a Coastal Dune. The property is located off Mattapoisett Neck Road and is further identified as Lots #39 & 42 on Assessors Map #15.

Contact Elizabeth Leidhold, Agent of the Conservation Commission by email at ELeidhold@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information.
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Contact Elizabeth Leidhold, Agent of the Conservation Commission by email at ELeidhold@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information.
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TOWN OF MARION  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing remotely on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 4 pm on the variance request submitted by Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. pertaining to the property located at 689 Point Road, further identified as Map 7, Lot 19B.

The following variances are requested from Title 5 (310 CMR) of the State Environmental Code and the Marion Sanitary Code:

- 310 CMR 15.212: Depth to Groundwater: Request a variance to install the bottom of the soil absorption system 2 feet above the maximum seasonal high groundwater rather than the 4 foot requirement.

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Marion Sanitary Code 4.60.2: Sewage System Flow Design Criteria: Request to design for a 440 gal/day per Title 5 standards vs. 510 gal/day requirement. Edward P. Hoffer, MD, Chairman
*Please contact Maureen Murphy at 508-748-3530 or mmurphy@marionma.gov during regular business hours for instructions on attending the meeting. The Zoom Link will be provided upon request 5/13, 5/20

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

by Stephan Pastis

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“This team, yes, it was skilled – and I’ve said it before – but I think they really came together as a group on and off the court,” he said. “I feel like it’s hard to tell kids, ‘I want you to take life lessons from this, I don’t want it to be just about volleyball.’ I think this group really came around on that and they bought into that idea. They were able to push each other without having issues on the team, [and] I was able to push them. They’re just a great group of kids that responded really well.

“T’m not here to be a preacher and tell them, ‘This is right, and this is wrong,’ but I want them to learn some things that they’ll find valuable in life. Whether they go onto college or a job, I want them to think back and believe, ‘Coach did this and this kind of relates.’”
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Old Rochester Regional Football

After an up-and-down regular season, ORR football worked its way into a chance at winning the SCC Blue Division title. They just had to get through their Thanksgiving Day rival, Apponequet. Unfortunately for the Bulldogs, an SCC title was not in the cards after losing to the Lakers on May 8.

Despite being on the wrong side of the 42-7 finish, the Bulldogs were the first to score in the game. Ryon Thomas found his brother, Dylon Thomas, for a 27-yard touchdown pass, then ORR’s QB knocked him the PAT to take an early 7-0 lead in the first quarter. From there, it was all Apponequet.

Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor

On behalf of John DeCosta’s family, I’d like to thank the people that came out to honor him. The moving tribute both at the funeral home and the day of the funeral by the Fire Department, the Highway Department and the public school system meant a lot.

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Tundra
by Chad Carpenter

OK, you're going to feel a pinch...

Amber Waves
by Dave T. Phipps

Mom says I need to come out here and "earn my keep."

She thinks some manual labor would do me good.

She also tells me that "nothing in life is free."

With that, I suppose we should first begin with salary negotiation.
Department, and the Police Department filled our hearts with gratitude during this sad time. The Crossed Ladder Salute provided by the Marion and Fairhaven ladder trucks was spectacular! John would have been humbled and overwhelmed by the honor bestowed upon him. Mattapoisett is truly special!

Thank you,
The DeCosta Family

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society
By Susan LaFleur

The Boston Post newspaper was founded in November 1831 and grew to be one of the largest papers in the country. The paper closed in 1956. In 1909, Edwin A. Grozier, head of the paper, came up with a way to get publicity. He proposed giving a special cane to towns in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine, and New Hampshire. Between 400 to 600 were made and donated. The ornate gold-headed canes were given with the specific request that they be given to the oldest male resident in each town. When the recipient passed away, it was to be given to the next oldest person and so on.

J. F. Fradley & Co. of New York, maker of the finest canes in the country, was hired to make these special canes. Logs of Gaboon ebony from the Congo, Africa were brought to America cut and dried for months (twice) before finally being shaped, layered with varnish, and hand polished. The ornamental head was made with 14-karat gold. Engraved on the top were the words: “Presented by the Boston Post to the oldest citizen of (the town’s name).” The specialized work took a year to make a cane.

Though 100s of these special canes were made and given to towns in New England, many have been lost, and others have been retired from use. There are towns that still continue with the tradition.

Rochester is one of those towns still presenting this very special cane honoring its oldest resident. Though the list is not complete, here are the names of some of those who were honored. Note: It was not until the 1930s, with some protest, that women were included in this honor. The first cane awarded by Rochester was given to Savery A. Morse who passed away June 22, 1910 at
### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

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- Grace Alford, May 19
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- Louie Rezendes, May 19
- Olivia George, May 19
- Stephen Sadeck, May 19
- Zachary Rogers, May 19

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the age of 87. His daughter, Lucinda S. LeBaron, received the cane in August 1969. She had turned 99 that April. Rochester’s last Civil War veteran George H. Randall had held the ebony cane for many years before passing away at the age of 97 in 1939. His son, Edgar Randall, who was living in Freetown, held that town’s cane. Roxanne Metcalf received the honor on her 87th birthday, November 24, 1979. Another recipient, Arthur Lionberger, lived to be 105. Other Rochester residents to be honored were Harriet Rouaneville at age 98 in 1963, Ethelbert Tripp in 1973, Louise Martin 1974, Hattie Slight 1974, Lila Brewer 1994, Henry Hartley at age 99 in 1995, Chester Rollins at age 98 in 2008, Ralph Walker at age 95 in 2009, Edna Chadwick in 2018, and Marion Thomas in 2019.

**Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day**

Help raise boating and life jacket safety awareness! Come to Ready, Set, Wear It Life Jacket event on Friday, May 21, sponsored locally by U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 63 Onset Marion to raise awareness of the life-saving importance of always wearing a life jacket while boating. Visit www.safeboatingcampaign.com or www.facebook.com/flotilla63 for more information.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 63 Onset Marion reminds you to always wear your life jacket while boating.

**MAC Seeks Artwork for Online Auction**

Ready to downsize to a tiny house (or at least a smaller one)? Need to make room for new artwork? Ready to part with that piece of sculpture you thought you couldn’t live without? Now is the time! Back by popular demand, the Marion Art Center is preparing for its second summer online art auction fundraiser with a request to the public for donations of well-cared-for, preowned pieces of art. Potential donations cover a broad range of categories including framed wall art, sculpture, glass, handmade ceramics, objets d’art, and more. On the suggestion of last year’s enthusiastic bidders, a new category, jewelry, will be introduced to this summer’s offerings.

In addition to generating much needed funding to underwrite the operating costs of this treasured Southcoast resource, the online art auction promotes MAC’s mission to support and promote vibrant art experiences in the community. Donating objects for the auction provides an opportunity for the greater community to gift quality works of art, confident that they will provide years of viewing pleasure and appreciation to a new owner.

“We are accepting items until June 15, but early donations to the auction are strongly encouraged,” says the MAC’s Executive Director Jodi Stevens. She notes that this will provide the opportunity to photograph each piece and gather as much information as possible to document a submission’s provenance. This year, in addition to being able to view auction offerings online, the public is invited to visit the Marion Art Center during our Summer Art Auction Days scheduled July 28-31.

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Pathway to Planting Passport
It’s gardening season and the Mattapoisett Woman’s Club is offering a unique way to save money on outdoor and indoor plants including shrubs, vegetables, and flowers. There are even three shops offering discounts on flower arrangements.

Proceeds from the Pathway to Planting Passport help provide scholarships annually for Mattapoisett students. This $10 passport booklet offers special discounts May 21-23rd at: Always in Bloom Flower & Gift Shoppe, Blossoms Flower Shop, Crystal Lake Garden Shop, Eden Florist & Garden Shop, Great Scapes Nursery, Lawrence Family Greenhouses, Nessralla’s Farm and Greenhouses, Roseland Nursery, and Williams’ Trading Post. Two of the vendors offer only the following special dates: Village Gardens (May 17-23), and TomCat Daylily Farm (the month of July only).

The Pathway to Planting Passports are available for purchase at The Town Wharf General Store and Pen & Pendulum. For more information contact Carole at 774-582-1913 or email info@mattapoisettwomansclub.org.

The Mattapoisett Woman’s Club is always open to new members from the south coast area. For more information and a membership application, please see the Club’s website www.mattapoisettwomansclub.org/

Peter Hodges Memorial Scholarship Recipients
Ross Kessler, President of the Mattapoisett Lions Club, one of 45,000 Lions Clubs worldwide, has announced the 2021 Peter Hodges Memorial Scholarship awardees. The two $2,500 scholarships are sponsored by the Mattapoisett Lions Club.

This year’s recipients are Colin Mackin of Rochester, a senior at Old Rochester Regional High School, and Bridget Farias, also of Rochester, a senior at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School.

Colin will be attending The University of Massachusetts, Amherst where his education will focus on Environmental Studies. Working within COVID restrictions, Colin is recognized for community work with the Rochester Council on Aging for delivering Meals on Wheels, spearheading a drive for sanitary supplies, volunteering at Damien’s Pantry, and delivering books for the Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library. Colin’s Eagle Scout project culminated from many hours of work designing and building the Little Hundred Acre Woods, a reading garden in the wooded area on the library grounds in Rochester.

Bridget will be attending the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, focusing her studies on Graphic Art and Design. Bridget is being recognized for her out-of-the-box thinking during COVID restrictions by utilizing her graphic design skills for non-profits such as the Rochester Women’s Club, Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library, and the Rochester Lions Club. She is also being recognized for creating “Kindness Kits” and designing holiday cards for seniors and others in need of outreach.

Both students are being honored for service in their local community, as well as school community involvement and academic achievements.

In the past 11 years, the Mattapoisett Lions Club has awarded $55,000 in scholarships to 19 recipients.
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**ORRHS Term 3 Honor Roll**

The following students have achieved honors for the third term at Old Rochester Regional High School.

**High Honors, Grade 9:** Noah Bongiorno, Theodore Cecil, Henry Cooney, Sara Costa, Elizabeth Harrington, Matthew Kennefick, Camryn Maniatis, Owen Modracek, Garrett Salit, Reese Souza, Tyler Williams. **Grade 10:** Mya Braga, Torsten Brickley, Tyler Cardinal, Failenn Fitzpatrick, Alexander Harrigan, Sofia Irish, Philip le Gassick, Jillian LeBlanc, Jordan Nguyen, Jeffrey Radek, Lauren Rapoza, Kira Sarkarati, Norah Schiappa, Samuel Williamson. **Grade 11:** Jaelyn Allen, Amanda Armanetti, Isabella Correia, Anna Dube, Jillian Ferreira, Edward Gonet, Mia Hall, Mia Hemphill, John Kassabian, Drew Miranda, Emily Murphy, Olivia Mydlack, Sawichaya Phimolmas, Isabella Romig, Emma Thorell, Cameren Weaver. **Grade 12:** Taylor Amaral, Shelby Carmichael, Margaret Carroll, Mia Costa, Colin Kulak, Brianna Machado, Colin Mackin, Abigail McFadyen, Lindsey O’Donnell, Daphne Poirier, Kathleen Tenerowicz, Mason Tucker, Emma Viveno, Emma Williamson.


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**DECA International Competition**

Old Rochester Regional High School is pleased to announce that two students currently qualify for the final DECA International Competition: Teddy Carroll and Edward Gonet IV. Eddie placed 7th Internationally and Teddy placed in the top 20. Both were up against thousands of other students. They had to complete a 100 question business exam and 3 “roleplays” in which they were given a scenario and tasked to come up with a solution in 10 minutes. They are grateful to the Tri-Town Education Foundation for partially funding the DECA program this year and allowing them to have access to business materials. This year’s international competition would have been held in Disneyland California, however it was held over Zoom. Nonetheless, the students were still prepared and eager to represent Old Rochester on the International Level.

DECA is an international student organization which prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. Pictured: Edward Gonet IV (seated), Teddy Carroll (standing)

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I Found the Aardvark!

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

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

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

In the May 6, 2021 edition the Aardvark was on page 33!

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**Phases of the Moon**

- First Quarter May 19th
- Full Moon May 26th
- Last Quarter June 2nd
- New Moon June 10th

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**Puzzle Answers**

**Crossword Solution**

- OMANI
- LISP
- SPECS
- BLOG
- CAROM
- ONTO
- ARLO
- BETTA
- TRILATERAL
- PROFESSOR
- ALOCKWORKS
- TILS
- SOLIL
- SOSO
- LOU RAPHAEL
- LOU TOPIB
- MACABRE
- MUSEUM
- ALIASES
- PONCE
- SEXT
- MEANEST
- ERG
- PRINCESS
- PERSAVER
- LOCK
- INTIMATE
- STONE AMID OWN
- LOA
- LOHAN
- WAKE
- BIDA
- COMIC
- INA
- GIT
- STOP
- ROACH
- MARIACHI
- STEN
- PHIL
- ELECTRIC
- LEAGUE
- LABORED
- KIAG
- ISLES
- ENSNARE
- VINYLS
- AMHERST
- GNAR
- ENG
- THESE
- USES
- OARS
- IS
- SO
- EXTREME EXPIRATION
- NOTWORTHY
- CALIFORNIA
- CREED
- OMNITVIES
- RAITT
- MADE
- LANG
- INRES
- EEE

**Scramblers Solution**

1. Curse
2. Style
3. Point
4. Charge

**Today’s Word TOUCH**

- 6 2 9 8 1 3 5 7 4
- 5 3 4 9 7 6 1 8 2
- 8 7 1 4 2 5 9 3 6
- 1 8 5 6 3 7 2 4 9
- 4 9 3 2 5 8 6 1 7
- 2 6 7 1 9 4 3 5 8
- 3 4 6 5 8 2 7 9 1
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**Sudoku Answer**

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