



# THE ONSET VINE



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## FOUR CORNER'S CORNER

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We spoke with Bruce the other day and he was concerned that the 4 -Corner chairs might have blown away in our recent storm. We assured him that he had nothing to worry about as we sold all the chairs, the day after he returned to Florida.

We also let Bruce know that during this last storm we had to shovel 4 corners three times. Consequently, he will be receiving three bills rather than one. Bruce is hoping the revenue derived from the chairs will cover the expense but I doubt it. ☺ This reminds me of a running joke with Jim Brown. Last year we told Jim that since he wasn't coming up this year, we rented his house out to a nice family. Jim is not sure if someone is living there or not. PS. (Jim could you be sure to give us 30 days notice of when you will be back. We need to notify the renters)



Without people joining together at 4 Corners our news source is somewhat limited. Mr. Bear is hybernating in the Winter Chapel hoping for someone to adopt him. Almost toothless Baby patiently awaits the bear to wake up.. Baby still follows Ray around the grounds making sure he doesn't get lost.

Many of the running 4-corner jokes carry forward: "How would you like your coffee?" (In a cup). Most famous punchline: "Tonight's the night". Most asked question: "Who was that?" Funniest Quip: "Was that blue frosting made with food coloring or Sherwin Williams paint?" PS. We invited a bicycler to have one of those cupcakes with his. He came back two weeks later and said his friends now call him "Blue Man".

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## WILDLIFE REPORT

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The gang of 5 large turkeys have returned and stroll around the grounds pecking at whatever they can find. They seem particularly skittish this year, no doubt as a result of the large coyote that multiple people have reported patrolling the grounds.



Judy took this photo of the coyote inspecting her back yard. It is sad to see how emaciated it is. It also seems to have mange. When Judy slams the back door, it temporarily leaves but soon returns. (much like Ray). We aren't sure if it likes the scent of Baby, Ray's squirrel friends, the turkeys, or perhaps Ray himself.

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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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Jan 1 <sup>st</sup>	Louise Hannington
Jan 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mal Booth
Jan 4 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Couto
Jan 9 <sup>th</sup>	Lee Petere
Jan 9 <sup>th</sup>	Dee Grange
Jan 12 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Williams
Jan 14 <sup>th</sup>	Gloria Mitchell

Jan 16 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Brousseau
Jan 21 <sup>st</sup>	Deena Cummings
Jan 21 <sup>st</sup>	Elijah Thomas
Jan 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Virginia Mead
Jan 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Mulch Cook
Jan 28 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Singer

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## THE CERAMIC VASE MYSTERY

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Two years ago, while exploring the wooded area by the salt marsh, I spotted the lip of something unusual sticking out of the ground. I dug it up and found this beautiful hand made ceramic vase. On the base is the name, "Tifane B." I asked around and nobody seemed to know of her. A few months back I decided to try to find Tifane by searching Facebook. I found a possibility of a woman who grew up in Onset and now lives in Tacoma Washington. I contacted her and sure enough, she made the vase. I sent her a photo of it and she immediately recognized it. She made it almost 20 years ago at Wareham High School and has no idea how it came to be partially buried on the grounds.

According to Tifane (last name Bryant); "Back then was a whole different world. I grew up on 13<sup>th</sup> street but never attended the camp or church. It was private property. But as kids our curiosity would bring us back there to explore. There was a hill that we used to ride our bikes down. I wish I knew some of the people who lived on the grounds but at the time we were simple neighborhood kids. Those were the times we could play outdoors until the street lights came on."

It's 20 years later and Tifane is raising a beautiful little girl and still loves making pottery. I am mailing this vase back to her. I look forward to the day Tifane and her daughter return to Onset and provided an open invitation for her to join us for church and have a welcome back meal at the end of the service.



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## OUR NEWEST NEIGHBORS

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We are all excited to greet our newest neighbors. We wish them a very happy Christmas and New Years. We look forward to getting together when Covid is over. Below is a listing of the new owners.

Donna Palmer purchased the cottage on Riplah and has been doing a great job restoring it. The view is beautiful.

David Couto inherited the cottage at 40 Zarahemla Rd. For those who haven't met you yet, we look forward to it.

Anne Griffith purchased the cottage at 9 Liberty road. The family is renovating it and it looks great. It was amazing how painting it a new color, made it look almost new again.

Kathleen Cummings purchased the Churbuck house at 30 Zarahemla Rd. The landscaping transformation is amazing. We could not believe how quickly the grassweed took hold and made a beautiful lawn.

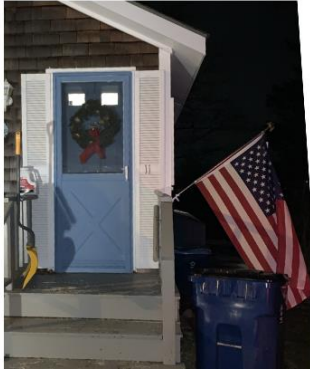
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## CHRISTMAS DOOR DECORATION

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This year we decided to have some fun so had a "decorate your door" competition. Below are pictures of some of the doors and trees that were decorated. Everyone had a good time decorating and going on evening strolls to check out new additions. . It made for a great community event and gave everyone a chance to enjoy themselves.






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## THE COOK CHRISTMAS CAROLERS

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The Downtown Boys lead the family in door to door Christmas Caroling last night. When I opened the door and saw Kiran and Ravi I dove behind Carolyn assuming it was another Downtown Boys Snowball Assault.



The boys have their own snow fort and snowball inventory. They are difficult adversaries as they run fast, throw snowballs very accurately and make for relatively small targets.

When we got up the courage to go outside we were greeted with a chorus of “Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer” and “We Wish You a Merry Christmas and a **snowball** for you.