By KELLY ROGERS

The last three years have brought changes, both good and bad, to students’ experiences at Sandwich High School. The Class of 2023 will be the first to have a full year of school since the pandemic started, and it will have undergone changes as a result of the pandemic.

Emma Abramson and Chloe Whalen are two of the Sandwich High School seniors who have experienced changes due to the pandemic. They have been involved in numerous school clubs, activities and organizations that have undergone changes as a result of the pandemic.

Emma is the president of the Class of 2023, a member of the Superintendent’s Council, and is involved with broadcast journalism. She is also a senior captain of the field hockey team. Emma said that while golf was mostly unaffected by the pandemic’s social distancing and mask requirements, there remained challenges in balancing sports with schoolwork at the height of the pandemic’s subsequent spread.

Chloe is a senior at Sandwich High School and is an active member of the Sandwich Soul singing group. “Sometimes I still feel like a freshman in high school because we get that year taken away,” Chloe said.

“Emma’s senior year for the Class of 2023 was Chloe’s first year at SBHS so she’s been in a different environment and changed a lot,” Emma said.

Emma said that one of the prominent difficulties was the burnout during the recovering stages.

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With the rope and buoy gathered atop the lobster trap, Finn Hoctor pushes it overboard.

Water District Prepping For Treatment Of Contaminated Well

By KATIE GOERS

Work on major facilities projects for the Sandwich schools has been continuing with help from the community while schools facilities director Jonathan Nelson continues to recover from a serious medical condition.

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Despite the shutdowns, that part of the system could cost upwards of $10 million, which could be paid for through district debt exclusion approved by Town Meeting.

Mr. McGrail served on the school committee before resigning to become the facilities director for the district in 2018. He left the district in 2019 when he was hired as the town administrator for Marion.

Mr. McGrail said that one of the major projects—the elementary school playgrounds and the district administrative offices—were making some headway.

The playground project at Forestdale could be completed as early as late spring and a feasibility study has been completed for the projects at both elementary schools he said.

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