

# OLD COLONY GAZETTE



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## Sportsmanship Award

By Ashlyn Buzniak



Old Colony's Athletic Department and student athletes were recognized by MSSADA or Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association. This association looks for the most outstanding athletic programs in the state of Massachusetts. Our school has been selected by the MSSADA to represent the district Sportsmanship Award for the school year.

Our school was chosen as the top school out of the 45 other schools in the district. This sportsmanship award is credited to the coaches, staff members, parents, and student athletes for their great sportsmanship during all seasons. Paul Soucy and Cydney Girard were the two students who accepted this award on behalf of the Athletic Department.

## Mr. Trimble

By Faythe Neil

Who is Mr. Trimble? Some people may know him from the Electronics shop, where he taught last year. Then there are those of you who just met him this year as the teacher of Engineering Technology or Physics. This is his first year teaching in academics. He said that when he was a shop teacher in Electronics, he was responsible for only a few students for six hours. Now that he is an academic teacher in Physics, he has many

more students for forty five minutes. He likes getting to know all of his students, working with them and letting them know about the opportunities that will arise from the good ideas that they come up with. His least favorite thing about teaching is "that I don't like the amount of paperwork I have to grade." When it comes to vacation for Mr. Trimble, went to the Honey Harvest Festival for a cake competition in which he has won first place. He has also visited Algarve, a region



of the southern coast of Portugal that features beautiful beaches and castles. He is currently going to Endicott College to get his master's degree. His hobbies include flying radio control planes, growing his own vegetable garden, and beekeeping with his own natural honey. If you haven't gotten to know Mr. Trimble, he is an excellent teacher and friend to be around.



## Fall Jokes



By Sadie Lombardi

**Q:** What do you use to mend a jack-o-lantern?

**A:** A pumpkin patch.



**Q:** Who won the skeleton beauty contest?

**A:** No body.

**Q:** Who helps the little pumpkins cross the road to school?

**A:** The Crossing Gourd.

**Q:** Who lives in the scary Hundred Acre Wood?

**A:** Winnie the Boo.

**Q:** What do you get when you divide the circumference of your jack-o-lantern by its diameter?

**A:** Pumpkin Pi.

**Q:** I'm tall when I'm young, I'm short when I'm old, and every Halloween I stand up inside Jack O Lanterns. What am I?

**A:** A candle.



**Q:** If money really did grow on trees, what would be everyone's favorite season?

**A:** Fall.

**Q:** What do you get when you drop a pumpkin?

**A:** Squash.

A family of fall leaves were trying to change a light bulb. A squirrel walked by and asked why the bulb wasn't changed yet and the red leaf said, "Because we keep falling."

**Q:** What happened when the turkey got in a fight?

**A:** He got the stuffing knocked out of him.

**Q:** What did one leaf say to another?

**A:** I'm falling for you.

**Q:** Why are all Superman costumes tight?

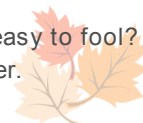
**A:** They're all size S.

**Q:** Why do birds fly south in the Fall?

**A:** Because it's too far to walk.

**Q:** Why is Dracula so easy to fool?

**A:** Because he's a sucker.



## Football



*By Sarah MacFarland*

It's the season for football, the Old Colony Vocational football team has new coaches Brandon Mendez and Matthew Trahan. Assistant coaches are Mike Prior, Gil Franklin and Mike Ponte, and the freshman coaches are Ben Trahan and Bryan Sweeney.

The Cougars sure know how to be a strong team with great supporters from each player. The Cougars have been working outstandly hard, allowing for the Mattapoissett's Jack Murphy and Freetown's Drew Maurer to score several touchdowns. "Murphy is a very competitive player", Trahan said. Both Murphy and Maurer work



as a team to defeat the other teams. "Maurer is one of

the top players on the team", Trahan said and Senior Luke Cavallaro works very diligently during practice.

After a great first game win 28-20 against Southeastern Reg. Tech High School. The 2nd game on August 28th 2015 against Blue Hills Regional Tech School the Cougars tried their best but lost to 20-8. The third game was a close game against Diman Reg Vo-Tech High School on September 5th, ending with a loss.

Old Colony's offense has speed, throws great passes and the defense is strong which makes the Cougars a winning team. The team's next game is this Saturday at home against Nantucket High School at 1:30 pm. Come support your Cougars, the more people we have to come to support our team the better.

The homecoming game is on October 17th at 2:00 p.m. vs Sacred Heart. Keep working hard Cougars you'll do great.

## Day of German Unity

*By Kyle Corga*

October 3rd is the official "Day of German Unity" in Germany. It is the 25th anniversary of the unification of the German state, which occurred after the fall of the Berlin Wall on November 9th, 1989. The Berlin Wall was created in 1961 and separated the Allied-controlled Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany) from the Soviet-controlled German Democratic Republic (East Germany). The wall stood for 28 years, tearing the broken nation of Germany into two. However, just short of a year after it fell, the country was officially reunified as Germany on October 3rd, 1990.

## Video Games Can Help Heal Your Brain

*By Jacob Sharland*

There are about 1.23 billion people on earth that, on average, play video games for around an hour a day. Some people would say that there are much better things to do with all that time. However, a game designer and author known as Jane McGonigal says that playing video games for a long period of time can be a great thing.

Jane first mentions that people around the world combined, play

about 1.75 billion minutes a day just playing Candy Crush. This would sound like a massive waste of time to some people, but she explains how when we play video games, we are "wholeheartedly engaged in creative challenges." Jane says that this is support-



ed by science because it is the neurological opposite of depression.

According to Jane, when people actively play video games, their brain scans show the most active parts of the brain are the rewards pathway system, which mainly has to do with motivation, as well as the hippocampus, which is associated with learning and memory. These are the two main parts of the brain that don't activate when people are suffering from depression.

McGonigal mentions that she suffered from a traumatic brain injury a few years ago, so she created a game to heal herself. So she encourages others to play video games as much as possible if they are suffering from depression, or some sort of brain injury.



## Apple's New iPad Pro

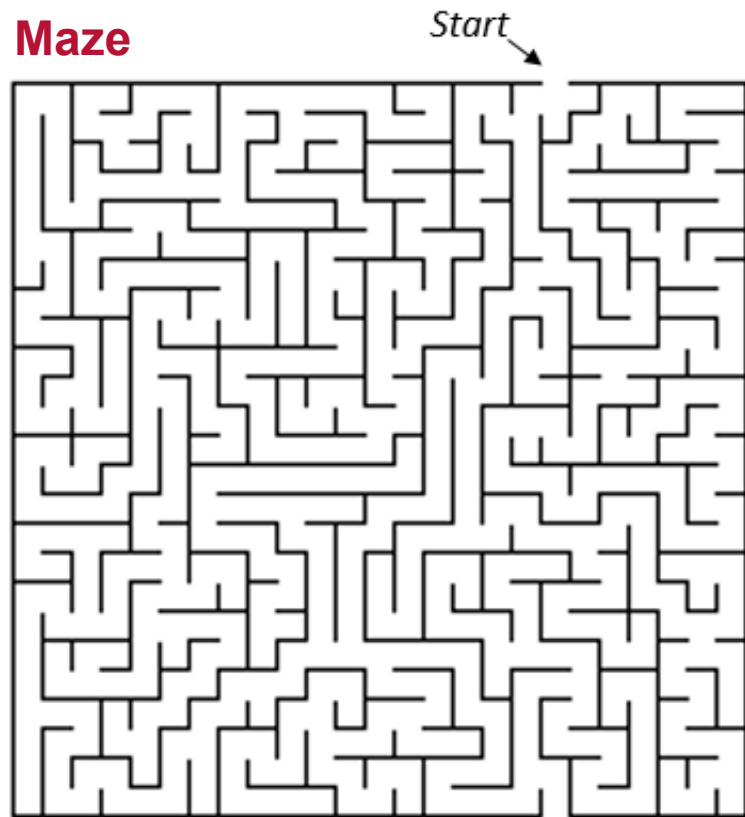
By Owen Ashley

The newest addition to the Apple lineup, the iPad Pro, releases in November. With many changes—both positive and negative—where do we begin? The iPad Pro is lightweight at only 1.57 pounds but has a screen size of 12.9 inches. This iPad feels more like a laptop than a tablet because of its large lightweight style and extremely powerful processor. The newest applications for iOS, Apple's operating system, are only accessible through the iPad Pro. Two different capacities will be made available on the release date: a 32GB model priced at \$799 and a 128GB model priced at \$949. The most expensive version of the product is \$1079, has 128GB of storage space, and is cellular. Overall, the only downside to the iPad Air is that it is pricey.

The secret weapon of the iPad Pro is its newest feature, the Apple Pencil. It is Apple's version of the stylus, which is not your basic piece of plastic. It has multiple features that put it ahead of the pack. The Apple Pencil has a simple yet unique design. It is 10 inches long and the "eraser" can be pulled off. This reveals the built-in Lightning Jack, or the miniature usb that plugs into the iPad Pro, which charges the stylus. It only takes 15 seconds of charging to add 30 minutes of battery life. The stylus has a high pressure sensitivity, but Apple has not released the exact amount of pressure it detects. It also has a built-in gyroscope which detects the angle of the stylus. Right now, it will be sold for \$99 as an aftermarket purchase.



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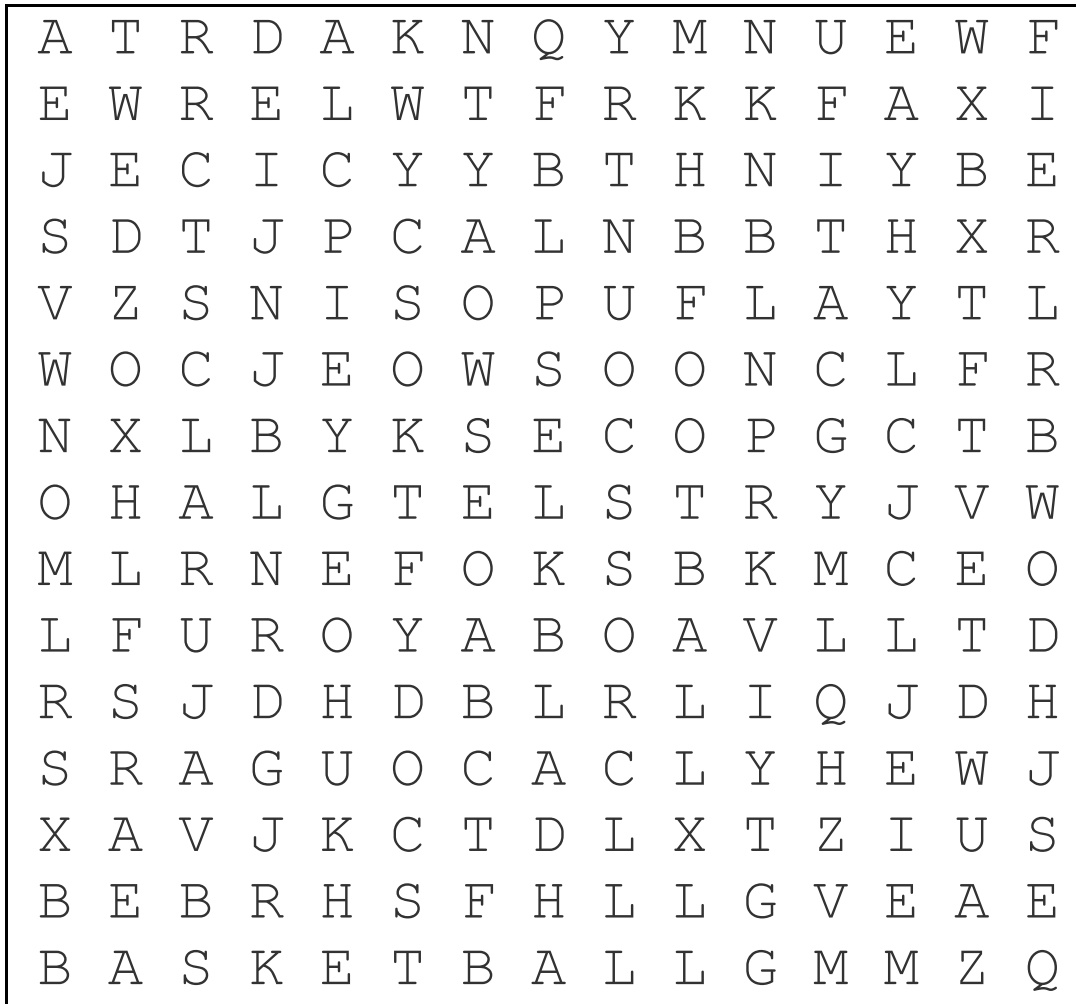
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## Word Search



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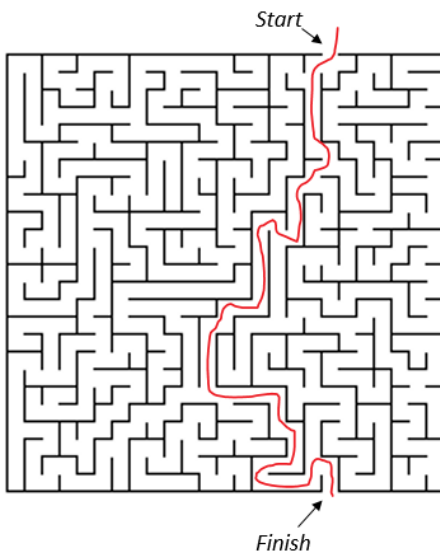
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