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"The Rats" perform "Stacy's Mom" by Fountains of Wayne to a packed house at the 2019 Fairhaven High's Got Talent show held on 2/1/19 in the FHS Performing Arts Center. See page 12. Photo by Glenn C. Silva



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

They hate us 'cuz hey ain't us! Patriots Nation celebrated this week and our intrepid photog Glenn could NOT wait to get there.

He left before the crack of dawn and got a good spot to give you, my faithful readers, some great shots of the our beloved New England Patriots. Of course, we could only run a few, but he gave us a link to see many more online. Check okut page 18 for that.

Our cover story is also lots of fun this week. The very talented students at Fairhaven High School took to the stage. And Glenn was there, too. See page 12 for some great low-light shots of the kids on stage.

Not to be out-done by the big kids, the elementary schools wrapped up their Great Kindness Challenge last week (see page 7). The did all sorts of good stuff to keep the vibe friendly and kind.

Our own Pattie Pacella got a little surprise in the middle of a work day, when her church group got the Unlikely Strummers to strum their ukeleles in her honor right at town hall. See page 6 for that.

And, now for the big news: The Carter conviction was upheld by the Mass. Supreme Judicial Court (see page 3). Of course, that came in on Wednesday, which bumped out all sorts of other stuff I was supposed to be writing today. The decision itself will be available on our website for those of you who like a little light reading. No, really, it's only 33 pages. That's not bad.

The Animal Contol Officer has a message for everyone: Don't run off with people pets. Gee...did I really have to say that out loud? See page 22 for the story on why that little instruction suddenly seemed like it was important to give to people.

There's a bunch of other stuff in here, of course, but at some point, this baby has to get to the printer.

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Carter conviction upheld by SJC

By Beth David
Editor

The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) has upheld the conviction of Michelle Carter, the Plainville woman who was convicted of involuntary manslaughter in the suicide death of Conrad Roy III. The decision was released on 2/6/19.

Mr. Roy was found dead of carbon monoxide poisoning in his pickup truck in the Kmart parking lot in Fairhaven on 7/13/14. A spent gas-powered water pump was inside the vehicle with him.

The case was heard in Taunton Juvenile Court because Ms. Carter was one month shy of her eighteenth birthday at the time of Mr. Roy's death. She was tried as a juvenile offender, which means she was tried as an adult, so the proceedings were open to the public.

On August 3, 2017, Ms. Carter was sentenced to 2.5 years in the Bristol County House of Correction, with 15 months to be served and the balance suspended with probation for five years (ending 8/1/22). The sentence was stayed pending state appeals.

Now that her state appeals are exhausted, she will have to serve the 15 months in the HOC. She does have one last possibility to delay, however. She can request, within 28 days, a review by the court. However, it is unlikely that the court would reverse itself, especially since it is the second time the SJC has heard arguments in the case. The first time was in 2016 (Carter I) when the court found there was probable cause for the case to continue.

In oral arguments heard on 10/4/18 (see 12/6/18 issue of the *Neighb News*: <https://www.fairhavenneighborhoodnews.com/sjc-has-carter-appeal-under-advisement/>), attorneys argued that Ms. Carter was not present when Mr. Roy killed himself and that her texts, emails, and phone calls were protected speech.

The prosecution, as they did at trial and ruled by the judge, stated that Ms. Carter's actions were "wanton and reckless" and purposely caused the death of Mr. Roy.

In its ruling this week, the SJC affirmed the conviction, writing: "We conclude that the evidence was

sufficient to support the judge's finding of proof beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant committed involuntary manslaughter as a youthful offender, and that the other legal issues presented by the defendant, including her First Amendment claim, lack merit."

The court found that the relationship between the two was mostly by texts, emails and phone calls. The decision includes samples of their text messages, in which Ms. Carter collaborates with Mr. Roy on how he can kill himself.

"As the victim continued researching suicide methods and sharing his findings with the defendant, the defendant helped plan how, where, and when he would do so, and downplayed his fears about how his suicide would affect his family. She also repeatedly chastised

There is no doubt in this case that the defendant wantonly or recklessly instructed the victim to kill himself, and that her instructions caused his death.

him for his indecision and delay, texting, for example, that he 'better not be bull shiting me and saying you're gonna do this and then purposely get caught' and made him 'promise' to kill himself," wrote the court.

The court also went into great detail about a lynchpin of the lower court's decision, that in an email by Ms. Carter herself to a friend she says that Mr. Roy got out of the truck and she told him to get back in.

"Although we recognize that legal causation in the context of suicide is an incredibly complex inquiry, we conclude that there was sufficient evidence to support a finding of proof of such causation beyond a reasonable doubt in the instant case," reads the decision. "The judge could have properly found, based on this evidence, that the vulnerable, confused, mentally ill, eighteen year old victim had managed to save himself once again in the midst of his latest

suicide attempt, removing himself from the truck as it filled with carbon monoxide. But then in this weakened state he was badgered back into the gas-infused truck by the defendant, his girlfriend and closest, if not only, confidant in this suicidal planning, the person who had been constantly pressuring him to complete their often discussed plan, fulfill his promise to her, and finally commit suicide. And then after she convinced him to get back into the carbon monoxide filled truck, she did absolutely nothing to help him: she did not call for help or tell him to get out of the truck as she listened to him choke and die.

"In sum, the evidence at trial, in the light most favorable to the Commonwealth, was sufficient to establish the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt."

Another argument made by the defense was that the juvenile Ms. Carter could not have known that her actions were illegal and therefore her conviction violated her right to due process. She contended that the involuntary manslaughter law is "unconstitutionally vague."

The court rejected that argument.

"A statute is unconstitutionally vague if [people] of common intelligence must necessarily guess at its meaning," wrote the court citing Carter I.

"It has long been established in our common law that wanton or reckless conduct that causes a person's death constitutes involuntary manslaughter," wrote the court in its new ruling, and cites previous case law defining involuntary manslaughter. "There is no doubt in this case that the defendant wantonly or recklessly instructed the victim to kill himself, and that her instructions caused his death."

The ruling then cites several cases where coercion and taunting caused a suicide.

"Indeed, the principle that a defendant might be charged and convicted of a homicide offense merely for 'repeatedly and frequently advis[ing] and urg[ing] [a victim] to destroy himself,' with no physical assistance, can be found in centuries-

CARTER: cont'd on page 17

Black History events continue: Douglass read-a-thon this Sat.

Press Release

To mark Black History Month, the New Bedford Historical Society and the New Bedford Free Public Library are hosting a series of programs highlighting the maritime contributions of African-Americans and Cape Verdeans. *From Slavery to Freedom: African-Americans and Maritime History*, a panel exhibit on loan from the Commonwealth Museum, traces important themes in maritime history that have often been hidden or ignored.

For African-Americans, the year 2019 marks the 400th anniversary of the first Africans coming to the Americas. Records reveal, that in 1619, at least twenty skilled African tradesmen arrived in the fledgling English colony of Virginia while the first Africans arrived in Massachusetts in 1638. The sea played a significant role in the history of African-Americans. It was a source of misery on the dangerous Middle Passage from Africa to the New World, meanwhile some Massachusetts merchants grew rich from the slave trade and close economic

connections with sugar plantations in the West Indies. New Bedford also experienced great wealth from the whaling and textile industry, both with their connections to slavery.

By the nineteenth century, Massachusetts became an important center of the abolitionist movement and seaport communities became an avenue of escape for enslaved individuals as well as a source of employment. This was particularly true in the whaling port of New Bedford.

The exhibit highlights the Quaker merchants who thought slavery was immoral and who became ardent anti-slavery advocates. Quakers like William Rotch, Sr. and Jr., Charles W. Morgan, and William Rodman were among those who joined the members of the free Black community to hide the enslaved and provide sanctuary and routes of escape. Merchants provided escape and support to fugitives like Frederick Douglass, Harriet Jacobs, Henry Box Brown, Lewis Hayden and countless others who went on to be the leaders of the abolitionist movement and the

voices of the enslaved.

In addition to the exhibit, Dr. Timothy Walker will give an overview about African Americans and the Maritime Trades in New Bedford on February 23 from 2:30–4:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served with an opportunity to meet the speaker.

From Slavery to Freedom captures the journey of African-Americans through slavery, abolition, and emancipation in New Bedford and across the state and will be on display through March 2, 2019.

The Main Branch of the New Bedford Free Public Library is at 613 Pleasant St., in Downtown New Bedford.

Black History Month Events Sponsored by the New Bedford Historical Society

From Slavery to Freedom: African Americans in Maritime History. A panel exhibit that highlights the important role of African Americans and Cape Verdeans in New Bedford's maritime history. Jan. 17–Mar. 2, Library 3rd Fl.

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Keep the BPW Independent Stop the \$17,917 wage increase

The Fairhaven Selectboard is about to vote on an item that will amend the Wage Classification plan that will affect how much you will pay in water and sewer rates. It will result in a combined \$17,917 wage increase for water and sewer superintendents. At their 1/28/19 meeting, Selectboard members continued this item due to objections by members of the Board of Public Works.

The current, proposed vote for the Selectboard's 2/11 meeting will place the two superintendents under the jurisdiction of the Town Administrator, an outcome that voters clearly DID NOT want when they voted to keep the BPW independent.

I am **urging** Fairhaven voters to call Selectboard members and ask them NOT to vote on the item at Monday's meeting, but to postpone it until the BPW can be added to By-Law 61-2 as exempt from the WC plan along with School Department employees. The BPW already has an article prepared for the next Town Meeting.

Please show your support again for the BPW and keep Fairhaven fiscally responsible. This change WILL increase your water and sewer rates, as these positions are paid from those funds.

Paid for by Frank Coelho, BPW candidate

AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Scholarship

Mariner Youth Soccer is now accepting applications for its annual scholarship program. Applicants must be seniors in high school and have played a minimum of 4 years in the Mariner Youth Soccer Association program. Applications are available on the Mariner Youth Soccer website: www.marineryouthsoccer.com.

The deadline for applications is April 1, 2019.

Mariner Youth Soccer provides recreational and competitive soccer training and opportunities at its Fairhaven facility to players ages 4-18, with more than 25 teams competing this spring in the NSL and Southcoast Soccer Leagues.

Fall Recreation registration will be opening up soon on our website, so don't delay in getting your child registered. Upcoming training includes a Spring Skills Clinic for players ages 4-8 and multiple summer soccer camp options in 2019. Registration for the Girls High School Summer League will also open up March 1, 2019. Visit our website at www.marineryouthsoccer.com to find out more.

After Prom Needs Donations

After Prom needs your donations to help us keep our kids safe on Prom Night. Please consider donating whatever you can.

The After Prom Event has been very successful in providing a healthy, safe, alcohol and substance free celebration for over 18 years.

It is an excellent alternative activity, which will take place after the Junior/Senior Prom. We are all painfully aware of the many tragedies that occur around prom season when a safe, chaperoned event is not available to students. The cost of providing a safe and successful After-Prom Event is in excess of \$15,000. The Fairhaven High School After Prom funds are strictly from the community and parent donations, and the event is chaperoned by parent volunteers at the High School. Without community support, this event would not be possible and would force the students to find alternative activities on their most memorable night. Last year almost

300 students attended the After Prom Event and we are hoping for an even larger turnout this year. Entertainment and activities are provided from midnight until 5:00 a.m.

Please consider helping the youth of your community! We would like to, again, thank those who have helped in prior years and hope that they will consider helping again this year. The student you support could be your own, a relative, a neighbor's, or an employee's child. Join the list of local businesses and community professionals who have made it work. We will display a community support board at the high school and at the After-Prom event. **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.** If you wish, we will pick up your donations. If you have any questions, please call: Jennifer DeMello 508-951-4552.

Mail donations to FHS After Prom Committee, c/o Fairhaven High School, 12 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven, MA 02719. Bronze Patron, \$1-99; Silver, \$100-249; Gold, \$250-499; Platinum, \$500-999; Diamond, \$1,000+. Gift card and merchandise donations also welcome.

Foxwoods with the Lions

Fairhaven Lions Club day trip to Foxwoods Resort and Casino, **Sun., 5/19, \$35 pp.** Pick up 10 a.m., return 7 p.m., 1 Fairhaven Commons Way. Free buffet or \$10 meal voucher. \$10 slot play. Contact Bill, 508-996-3420, or lc1914bb@aol.com

SAVE THE DATE

Monarch Butterflies: Our special summer visitor

Join us for special talk, Monarch Butterflies and Fairhaven: Our special summer visitor, on Sat., 3/2, at 1 p.m., at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven (Walnut Street entrance)

It's winter now, but spring is just around the corner! Join Fairhaven resident and local monarch butterfly enthusiast, Louise Barteau, for an hour of warm conversation and colorful photos about one of the most interesting migrants on the planet. She'll tell her own "monarch story" while discussing the monarch life cycle, the migration, how to plant a Monarch waystation and more. Come and hear how you can help to save the

monarch butterfly and one of nature's most amazing migrations, by adding just three plants to your back yard.

Louise is a local artist and naturalist, whose primary interest is coastal native plants. An active volunteer for the New England Botanical Club and a Plant Conservation Volunteer for the New England Wildflower Society, she received her Advanced Certificate in Field Botany in 2015 from the New England Wildflower Society. She is currently inventorying all the plants in the West Island Reservation for the MA DCR and the NEBC.

Sponsored by the Fairhaven Acushnet Land Preservation Trust. Accessible. Free. <http://falpt.org/>

Lions Pancake Breakfast

Fairhaven Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, **Sunday, March 3, 2019, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., St. Mary's Church, 440 Main Street, Fairhaven**

Enjoy a breakfast of pancakes, sausage, fruit cup, coffee and juice. **Tickets are \$7.00** per person and may be purchased by calling Bill at 508-996-3420. Proceeds benefit the projects of the Fairhaven Lions Club, providing 75 years of service.

Vendors Wanted

The Huttleston Marketplace in Fairhaven, MA, will be starting its second season on Saturday, June 1, after a successful run last summer.

The marketplace, operated by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, is held on Saturdays on the lawn of the Fairhaven Visitors Center, 141 Main Street at the intersection of Route 6, next to Fairhaven High School. In 2019 it will run from June 1 through September 14. The following Saturday, September 21, the seventh annual Harvest Fun Day will be held at the same location. Huttleston Marketplace vendors have the option of adding Harvest Fun Day to their schedule.

Download an application form that includes all the specific rules and guidelines at <http://fairhaventours.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Application-Form-2019.pdf>

Visit <https://fairhaventours.com/huttleston-marketplace/>.

If you have any other questions, feel free to call the Fairhaven Office of Tourism at 508-979-4085 or email FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov.

Strummer surprise!

By Beth David
Editor

On February 1, Fairhaven Town Hall employee (and *Neighb News* Acushnet reporter) Pattie Pacella was recognized for her 10 years of service as Treasurer at The Centre (formerly Centre-Trinity Church) in New Bedford.

The Unlikely Strummers serenaded Ms. Pacella with "You've Got a Friend in Me" in a surprise visit.

"I was having a rough morning," wrote Ms. Pacella on her Facebook page with the video. "...was a bit speechless, a lil overwhelmed & surprised when these people offered a surprise song to me at work... Thank you Centre friends!!!"

The Unlikely Strummers have approximately 25-30 people who gather to play together. They have performed at nursing homes, senior centers, corporate parties, fairs, museums and even ball games!

All donations go back to the community in the form of ukuleles given to local libraries with tuners so others may try out and fall in love with the instrument! New Bedford



Fairhaven Town Hall employee Pattie Pacella (RIGHT) listens on February 1 as the Unlikely Strummers, a ukelele group, performs "You've Got a Friend in Me" in commemoration of Ms. Pacella's 10 years serving as treasurer at The Centre church in New Bedford. Submitted photo.

library received one this summer as part of their summer reading program.

The group is currently raising money for the Kids Club which donates ukuleles to children in long term care hospitals. Members come from all over the area from just south of Boston to Wareham easterly and

into Rhode Island.

"Our passion is to bring the joy of music to all we meet!" wrote Sharon Corey in an email.

For more info, contact Cynthia Miller at unlikelystrummers@gmail.com.

To learn more about The Centre, visit <http://thecentrenb.org>

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Kindness tunnel and Patriots spirit in one big week

By Beth David
Editor

Both elementary schools in Fairhaven, The LL Wood School and the East Fairhaven School are committed to making each student feel welcome and part of the wider community. Last week both schools participated in the "Great Kindness Challenge."

As part of that effort, members of the community were invited to join a "Kindness Tunnel," a human tunnel giving high-fives and fist bumps students as they entered the building.

EFS greeted students with a tunnel last Thursday, 1/31, and Wood School held theirs on Friday, 2/1.

According to its website, The Great Kindness Challenge is a "proactive and positive bullying prevention initiative that improves school climate and increases student engagement."

It is one week of students performing as many acts of kindness as possible on campus.

"All kids deserve to learn in a safe, supportive and caring environment," reads the website. "The Great Kindness Challenge provides a powerful tool that actively engages students, teachers, administrators, families, and communities in creating a culture of compassion, acceptance, unity, and respect."

The program provides a checklist of 50 challenges for students in different grades to complete. In Fairhaven, students collected gloves, mittens, socks, and hats for the New Bedford Homeless Advocates; created compliment cards for their buddies; collected money for Kind Coins for Liberia; EFS students made posters for the Wood School and decorated their halls with them.



Members of the community create a Kindness Tunnel to greet children at the East Fairhaven school on 1/31/19 (LEFT) and at the Wood School (ABOVE) as part of The Great Kindness Challenge. Submitted photos.

New England Patriots spirit, too



ABOVE: Students at the Wood School in Fairhaven show their support for New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, TB12, on Friday 2/1/19, before Sunday's Super Bowl game. ABOVE RIGHT: #11 NEVER gives up! Students (and a couple of adults) show their support for Julian Edelman. BELOW RIGHT: Students show their support for Rob "Gronk" Gronkowski. Submitted photos.

Black History

See page 3 for Black History Month events.

Spaghetti Supper

Joins us for the Pilgrim United Church of Christ annual Valentine Spaghetti Supper with raffle. Includes salad, garlic bread, dessert, beverages

On, Sat. 2/9, at 6 p.m., Pilgrim Church Home, 634 Purchase St., New Bedford. Donation: Adults \$10; child \$5. Proceeds to benefit Holiday Meals at soup kitchen

For reservations, call 508-996-1498 or 508-993-3407

YTI performances

Your Theatre, Inc. has cast two short one-act plays as part of its February Heart-Warmer presentation running from February 8th to February 10th at the Rivet Street Playhouse at St. Martin's.

Appearing in "Adam's First Job" is Chris Podrecca of Mattapoisett, Carl Roy of New Bedford and Tim Goff of Fall River; and appearing in "First Valentine" is Kevin Mitchell and Joanna Tomasz, both of Fairhaven. Eric Paradis has directed both plays.

In "Adam's First Job," written by local playwright Ray Veary, Adam is hard at work in the garden of Eden, at his first job. It is a wondrous world, and this light-hearted, funny tale shows Adam breaking ground on the human experience that has been endured ever since.

In another fun look at life and relationships in pre-civilization, "First Valentine," written by local playwright Lawrence R. Houbre, Jr., shows how Adam has invented a holiday! Adam and Eve are just outside the garden having a discussion about his lack of responsibility, just before he presents her with a gift and inaugurates the first holiday to celebrate love.

The last part of the presentation features special speaker Rob Palermo of Stamford, CT, an ex-limo driver from Beverly Hills. He will relate stories from his years of driving, and share his experiences and the frustrating, rewarding and entertaining romps he endured. It's a funny, yet poignant observation of the human condition, told first hand by a true explorer of down-to-earth mankind. He has driven for Jimmy

Stewart, Elton John, and Joe Walsh, and will tell stories about driving for Johnnie Cash, Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell and Don Rickles.

This is an open seating event, please call 508-993-0773 to confirm a seat: \$12 - GENERAL ADMISSION, \$10 - MILITARY, SENIORS AND STUDENTS, \$8 - YTI SUBSCRIBERS.

The theatre is located at 136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), New Bedford, in the auditorium of St. Martin's Episcopal Church.

For more information, or to make reservations, call the theatre at 508-993-0772 or E-Mail your request to: info@yourtheatre.org.

Staycation Fun

The Department of Parks, Recreation & Beaches is now enrolling students for their annual February and April Staycation Fun Weeks at the Andrew McCoy Recreation Center. The Staycation Fun Week runs Monday through Friday during both school breaks, February 18- 22, and April 15-19, 2019. For the **daily cost of \$25 for residents or \$30 for non-residents**, parents can enroll their children in a camp-like experience from 8:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Residents save by signing up for all five days of activities and fun for \$100. Throughout the week, students will participate in daily sports, crafts, computer time and more.

This year, Parks, Recreation & Beaches is also providing a separate model boat building program with the Community Boating Center during our April Staycation Week. Model boat building will be offered Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for ages 10 and up.

Interested parents may register their children at the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center, located at 181 Hillman Street in New Bedford. Parents may also reserve a seat for their child by visiting www.nbprb.com to register online. **The Enrollment deadline for February Staycation is February 11. The Enrollment deadline for April Staycation is April 8.**

For more information regarding the Staycation Fun Weeks or other programs, contact Andrea McCoy Recreation Center Manager Dave Ponte at david.ponte@newbedford-ma.gov or (508) 991-3015.

Southcoast Women

During cold weather months, the New Bedford Whaling Museum is offering new indoor tours exploring the historical impact of inspiring SouthCoast women. The one-hour indoor guided tours of the Museum's collections run **every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.** and are based on research conducted during the collaborative community project "Lighting the Way: Historic Women of the SouthCoast."

The tours are free for Whaling Museum members or with paid Museum admission. The Whaling Museum is located at 18 Johnny Cake Hill in New Bedford, Mass. More information is available at www.whalingmuseum.org or 508-997-0046.

"Lighting the Way" tells the stories of remarkable historic women from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds who shaped their SouthCoast communities, the nation, and the world. Led by the Whaling Museum, a diverse group of organizations and individuals is contributing to the ongoing project.

"Lighting the Way" launched www.historicwomensouthcoast.org in 2018, along with a walking trail in New Bedford, Mass., and associated mobile app and printed map. Outdoor guided tours of the Lighting the Way Walking Trail were offered in the summer and fall of 2018 and will resume in the spring.

The cornerstone of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, the Museum is located at 18 Johnny Cake Hill in the heart of the city's historic downtown. Museum hours: January through March, Tuesday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.; The Museum is open until 8 p.m. every second Thursday of the month. Admission is free for Museum members and children aged three and under; adults \$17, seniors (65+) \$15, students (19+) \$10, child and youth \$7. For more information, visit www.whalingmuseum.org.

Free Screenings

Communities and neighborhoods throughout the City of New Bedford will once again join a growing national movement to "Love Your Heart" on February 10th. Individuals will have a chance to receive free blood pressure screenings at participating sites,

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helping them to “know their numbers” and learn more about their heart health.

More than a dozen locations will be staffed with trained volunteers to administer the screenings. Participants will receive a rating of their blood pressure, learn of any potential risks for harm, and receive information specific to their current reading. They’ll also receive educational materials and guidance on what to do to both improve and/or maintain optimal heart health.

Love Your Heart NB engages various community partners in healthcare, the fire and police community, universities, city

government, nonprofits, and the business community. The event will take place on Sunday February 10th from 9:00am - 1:00pm at participating sites. All locations can be found at www.nbewell.com.

Love Your Heart is an initiative that was originally started by the County of San Diego in California. The event has expanded into communities across the West Coast and South into Mexico. New Bedford is the first and only location in the East Coast to fully implement the initiative.

Scanning Day

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, 38 Bethel St., New Bedford,

will host their monthly **Scanning Day on Sat., 2/9, from 10:00 a.m. to noon.** Scanning Day is an opportunity for the public to share and preserve a digital image of their fishing industry photographs, documents, and other records for future generations.

The owner will leave with their originals along with a digital copy of the scans on a flash drive. These documents will help us to tell the story of the fishing industry. This event is free and open to the public.

Please call 508-993-8894 or email info@fishingheritagecenter.org to make an appointment if you can't make it that day. Email programs@fishingheritagecenter.org.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Author Event

The Acushnet Public Library welcomes local author and Chronicle reporter Ted Reinstein for a author talk on **Mon., 2/11, at 6:30 p.m., in the Library Community Room at 232 Middle Rd., Acushnet, MA 02743.**

Local author, Ted Reinstein, will speak about his book, *New England's General Stores: Exploring an American Classic*. The general store, as old as America itself, harkens back to a simpler time and a more innocent and rural nation. The general store conjures a country-like place where kids come in to buy penny candy, and adults to buy everything from swaths of fabric, to fresh vegetables, to four-penny nails. It was a place to pick up mail, the newspaper, and perhaps tarry a bit on a cold, winter's morning to chat over a cup of coffee and a warm wood stove. Fact is, the general store is still very much here, and very much in business. What's more, like the diner, it has seen resurgence. In some places, it is even being reimaged for a new era.

He welcomes questions during and after his talk; a book signing follows.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library.

History Talk

Land surveying, Ellis Brightman, and stone walls presented by Sean Leach, **2 p.m. Sat., 2/9 (snow date 2/16), Westport Public Library, 408 Old County Road, Westport MA**

This program will highlight the importance of colonial land survey-

ing and the historical significance of original stone walls, using the Ellis Brightman Farm, 533 Division Road, as a case study. **Suggested donation \$5.**

Woman's Club Mtg

On Thurs., 2/14, the Mattapoissett Woman's Club will hold their luncheon and meeting at 11:00 a.m. in Reynard Hall of the Mattapoissett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street, Mattapoissett, MA.

Come and join the members of The Club as Jill Sanford takes everyone on a visual journey into the world of art observation. Review the basics of line, color, form, texture and composition, then apply your knowledge to specially selected art images displayed in vibrant, digital clarity.

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Bird Club Meeting

The Paskamansett Bird Club's February meeting will be at **7:30 pm on Wed., 2/13, at the Community Hall of Friends Meeting, 739 Horse-neck Rd, South Dartmouth.** Local scientist and educator Evan Dalton will discuss the digital age of bird-watching and the ways in which eBird has become an extremely useful tool for scientists and birders alike.

Since its creation in the early 2000's, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's citizen science project known as eBird has received over a half a BILLION observations of over

10,000 species of bird throughout the globe. The success of eBird relies entirely upon the observations of birdwatchers of all skill levels. In exchange for submitting data into the eBird database, eBird users get an excellent method of keeping track of their sightings, sharing their lists with others and, for the bird listers out there, keeping track of life lists. eBird is also an exceptional tool for helping bird watchers find new birds or places to go for a bird walk.

Many are unaware of the benefits of eBird, or intimidated by the process. In this talk, Evan will aim to demystify the process and show how birders can best utilize this powerful tool to better understand birds and birdwatching.

The meeting is free, open to the public, and accessible.

SAVE THE DATE:

Comedy Night, Tickets NOW

Acushnet PTO presents Comedy Night Dinner & Show, featuring Michael Petit, seen on Comedy Central and E! Entertainment. **Sat., 3/9, at 6:30 p.m., at the Century House, 107 S. Main St., Acushnet.** Please join us for a fantastic adult night out to support our school district and raise funds for completion of our Elementary School playground. Full buffet dinner, entertainment and DJ/dancing are included in ticket price. Cash bar and raffles. For tickets, contact Jamie Alves, call/text 774-263-5982, email jpm28@comcast.net, **by Feb. 25.**

Recipe of the Week

Crispy Baked Chicken Wings

4 pounds chicken wings
1/2 cup butter
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 tablespoon dried parsley
1 tablespoon dried oregano
2 teaspoons ground paprika
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 tsp ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 350°. Line shallow baking dish with foil, grease lightly.

Cut tips from chicken wings and discard. Cut between the joint to separate each wing into 2 pieces.

Combine butter and garlic in a small saucepan over low heat; heat until butter is melted and garlic is fragrant, 3 to 5 minutes.

Mix Parmesan cheese, parsley, oregano, paprika, salt, and pepper together in a shallow bowl.

Dip chicken wing pieces in melted butter mixture; coat with Parmesan cheese mixture in the bowl. Arrange in the prepared baking dish. Drizzle any remaining butter on top.

Bake in the preheated oven until skin is browned and juices run clear, about 1 hour. *From allrecipes.com*

Deadline for nomination papers is 2/7

By Beth David
Editor

The annual election for town offices in both Fairhaven and Acushnet will be held on Monday, April 1, 2019.

For both towns Thursday, 2/7/19, at 5 p.m. is the deadline for requesting nomination papers. Mon. 2/11/19, at 5 p.m. is the deadline for turning in nomination papers to the town clerk's office. Wed., 2/27/19 is the last day to withdraw papers.

Tuesday, March 12, 2019, is the last day to register to vote for the town election. Boh Town Clerk's offices will be open until 8 p.m. that day.

In Fairhaven you may register to vote any day from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Fairhaven Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven.

In Acushnet, you may register to vote at the Town Clerk's Office, Parting Ways Building, 130 Main St., Acushnet, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Tuesday 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Fridays 8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Mail-in voter registration forms are available at both Town Clerk's

Offices, the Millicent Library in Fairhaven, and state and federal offices throughout Massachusetts. You may also register to vote online at <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/>

After picking up nomination papers, candidates must gather the proper number of signatures to appear on the ballot. In Fairhaven, to vote at Town Meeting, you must be a member. You must get nomination papers and gather 10 certified signatures from YOUR precinct only.

Acushnet has an open Town Meeting, where any registered voter can vote.

For Townwide Offices

In Fairhaven papers for townwide office require 50 certified signatures.

In Acushnet, papers for townwide office require 43 certified signatures.

Candidates should speak with their town clerk for details.

Contacts

Fairhaven Town Clerk: 508-979-4023, Ext. 3; at Town Hall, 40 Center Street.

Acushnet Town Clerk: 508-998-0215; Parting Ways Building, 130 Main Street (adjacent to Town Hall).



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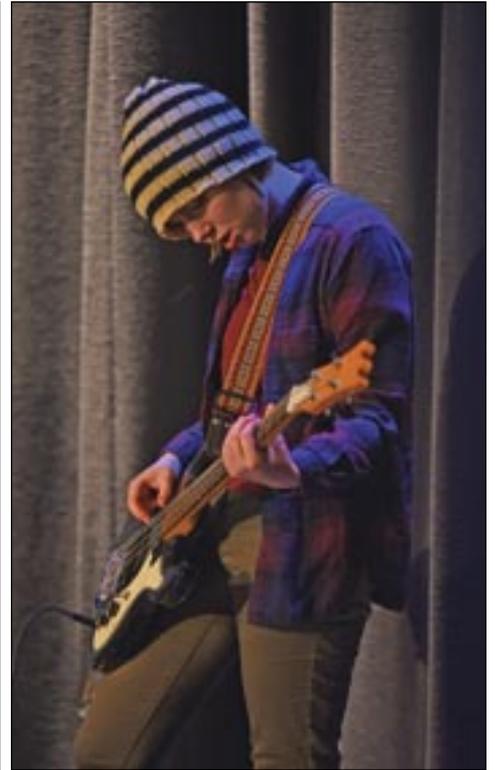
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The Fairhaven High School PTO held its annual Fairhaven High's Got Talent show on Friday, 2/1. The annual fund-raiser gives high school students a chance to show off their talents, and raise money for the PTO in the process. The contest does not grade students on their performances. It's just a fun time for all. ABOVE LEFT: L-R Trinity Esposito and Claire Hubert hold up a sign to show support for fellow classmate Cheyann Tavares. TOP RIGHT: Bethany Tetrault plays piano and sings "Never Enough" from the Great Showman. ABOVE RIGHT: Sophia Siverston drums for "The Rats." BELOW LEFT: Diego Perry performs classical selections on his Xylophone. BELOW MIDDLE: Emcee Kyle Imbeau did a great job hosting the event and introducing the acts and provided some great commentary. Evan Pina sings "My Way" by Frank Sinatra and looks quite dapper doing so. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva.*



FHS Got MORE Talent!



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This 4 day program is a great opportunity to make new friends while participating in fun group activities such as pillo polo, floor hockey, dodge ball, cooperative games, flag football, arts & crafts, etc. Kids will need to bring their own lunch for the first 3 days. The last day is a pizza lunch. Come ready to have fun! Sneakers and active clothes must be worn each day. Kids will be grouped according to their current grade in school. Grades: K-5. Dates: 2/19/19-2/22/19. Drop off 8-8:15, pick up by 3 p.m. \$100/Member. \$125/Non

Volleyball Clinic

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Coach Jacob Girard has designed the next level volleyball clinic for young athletes who want to take their volleyball game to the next level. Coach Girard has volleyball coaching experience in New England's professional Women's Volleyball team, division three NCAA Collegiate volleyball, & Junior Olympic club volleyball. The next level clinics are drill/workout based to focus on improving the skills used to play volleyball. Game play will be used in varying levels in the session. Wed, 3/13-3/15, 5:15-6:15 p.m., \$60/Members \$75/Non Members.

Yoga Vibes

Yoga vibes combines gentle yoga with user friendly dance moves that gives class an aerobic nature with uplifting, inspiring music to groove to. Combining yoga asana with breath, fluid movement and meditation in motion yoga vibes will help you experience joy in the body as well as the mind/heart/spirit. Instructor Stephanie Lawrence is hoping to create a fun, light class that allows for laughter and love to permeate to the physical and emotional heart all while building strength, flexibility, balance, awareness and coordination. Ages: 16+ Jan 23-Mar. 27, Weds., 6-7 pm Cost:\$50, member, \$75/non member

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2/27 Warwick Mall
3/6 Tiverton Casino

Entertainment: 12:30-2:30 p.m.

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Special Activities

Meet and Greet

Brad Fish, Fairhaven's New Veterans Agent, Monday March 18th 2019 from 1-2:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center. Enjoy coffee and pastry and hear about what Brad has to offer the Veterans of Fairhaven.

Weather Cancellations

If we have any amount of snow accumulation, there will be no shopping that day and activities may be cancelled. Call the Senior Center (508-979-4029) to confirm. So please stock up on non-perishable food items. If the Town Hall is closed because of bad weather, the Fairhaven Senior Center will also be closed.

Southcoast VNA & Hospice

Grief Support Group, 1st Tuesday of the month Widows and Widowers Grief Support Group 5:00-6:30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday of the month General Loss Grief Support Group 5:00-6:30 p.m. Join Nancy Arnold as she provides the support you need to get through these difficult times. Call the Fairhaven Senior Center to sign up at 508-979-4029.

Sewing Circle

Mondays 1-3 p.m., 2/11; and Thursdays 5:45-8 p.m., Feb. 7, 21, 28. Call

508-979-4029 for additional dates.

Volunteer

Looking for something to do this summer? Sharing the Harvest Community Farm is looking for green thumbs of every skill level who can help during the harvesting season. All produce from the farm is donated to those in need throughout the South Coast. Email sharingtheharvest@ymcasc.org for more information

Computer Technology for Seniors

9-10:00 a.m. Participants must sign up at the main desk at the Senior Center. Bring your own laptops. The first eight to sign up will be accepted. Remaining dates: Feb. 8, 11, 13, 15. Please call the Fairhaven COA to sign up.

One Drop at a Time

Amy LeBlanc will share her knowledge on how to support your health and wellness with Young Living Essential Oils, Room Sprays, Immune Boosting Roller Balls and Achy Feet Soaks at \$5.00 per item on February 12, from 6-8:00 p.m. please call the Fairhaven Senior Center to sign up at 508-979-4029.

Ongoing Programs

Call 508-979-4029 for days and times

A/G Consumer Mediator; Bingo; Board Meeting/monthly; Bridge; Caregiver Support & Education Group; Chair Yoga, Computer Training; Fit Quest; Friends of Elderly/monthly meeting; Grocery Shopping; LGBT Supper Club; Line Dancing; Live Band; Medical Transportation; Nutrition Program/ meal served; Osteoporosis class; Outreach Coordinator; PACE Fuel Assistance; Pitch; Reassurance Program; Shopping; Singles Senior Supper Club; Supportive Senior Social Day Program; Tai Chi; Tap 'N' Time, Walking Clubs, Zumba.



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Acushnet Selectboard reviews more budgets

By Pattie Pacella

Neighb News Correspondent

The Acushnet Selectboard heard from Town Finance Director, Julie Hebert on her budget and the Treasurer/Collector budget. Ms. Hebert stated that the salary line item had increased 2% for the COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment).

Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar asked what the line item "Professional Technical" meant. Ms. Hebert explained that was a "catch all" line item for courses, or classes that someone may take. She said it was a more generic category.

Ms. Hebert explained that the Treasurer/Collector budgets had been combined to be one this year and also included a 2% COLA increase. She also explained that there was a portion of that in the Golf Enterprise budget for the reconciling of the Golf fees and statements that the collector's office does monthly.

Selectboard member Roger Cabral asked if a footnote could be added to the budget that best described what amount exactly was off set from the

Golf Enterprise budget.

Ms. Hebert also presented the Selectboard with their budget. Again, she stated there was a 2% increase for the administration as well as 2% increase for the clerical positions.

Mr. Cabral asked if the COLA had to be at 2% for non-exempt employees. He said it should be a discussion at a future meeting, and not just arbitrarily be 2% without discussion.

Mr. Gaspar agreed there should be a discussion, as he stated he has done research on the COLA and the average nation-wide is 1.36%.

Town Administrator Brian Noble stated in his report that he has given his performance evaluation to the Selectboard members to review and complete.

Chairperson Mike Cioper stated he would like to give the opportunity to Department Heads to anonymously either fill out the evaluation or send their comments to the Board.

Mr. Gaspar disagreed, saying that it was up to the Selectboard to issue the evaluation not the department heads to give their opinion on their boss.

Mr. Cabral said he could see both opinions. He asked whether or not Mr. Noble minded if the department heads put in their comments, and perhaps they could send them to the Selectboard directly.

Mr. Noble said he did not mind if they weighed in with comments. He said he was not worried about it at all.

Mr. Gaspar made it clear that he was not in favor of the idea.

In other business, the Selectboard will put on as a future agenda item a letter received from Charlene Correia regarding a Senior Tax Abatement program that has never been implemented or funded in the Town. Mr. Noble stated it does have income restrictions and have limited contributions. He will add it to a future agenda for further discussion.

The Board also agreed to open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant date as February 5, 2019 and close as of March 5, 2019. Anyone who wants to have an item on the TM Warrant should contact the town clerk's office for more information, 508-998-0215.

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old Massachusetts common law," wrote the court. "In sum, our common law provides sufficient notice that a person might be charged with involuntary manslaughter for reckless or wanton conduct, including verbal conduct, causing a victim to commit suicide. The law is not unconstitutionally vague as applied to the defendant's conduct."

The court also addressed the free speech claims made by Ms. Carter.

"The only verbal conduct punished as involuntary manslaughter has been the wanton or reckless pressuring of a vulnerable person to commit suicide, overpowering that person's will to live and resulting in that person's death. We are therefore not punishing words alone, as the defendant claims, but reckless or wanton words causing death. The speech at issue is thus integral to a course of criminal conduct and thus does not raise any constitutional problem," wrote the court, and then addressed concerns that bedside, end-of-life suicide discussions could be criminalized, specifically noting that this case does not involve those situations, or general discussions about euthanasia or suicide.

"We emphasize again, however, that the verbal conduct targeted here and in our past involuntary manslaughter cases is different in kind and not degree, and raises no such concerns. Only the wanton or reckless pressuring of a person to commit suicide that overpowers that person's will to live has been proscribed."

Ms. Carter's attorneys also argued that she did not "inflict serious bodily harm" on Mr. Roy, and the definition of "infliction" was argued at length in the oral arguments. The defendant argued that she herself had to be present and directly inflict the harm.

"If we were to interpret the statute to include such a requirement, it is difficult to see how a juvenile could be indicted as a youthful offender for, say, hiring a third party to carry out an attack on a victim," wrote the court. "It is enough, as we said in Carter I, that 'involuntary manslaughter in these circumstances inherently involves the infliction of serious bodily harm.'"

The defense also claimed that her actions should have been evaluated under the "reasonable juvenile stan-

dard" rather than "reasonable person" standard. The court found that the judge gave "sufficient consideration to her age and maturity."

"Her ongoing contact with the victim in the days leading to his suicide, texting with him about suicide methods and his plans and demanding that he carry out his plan rather than continue to delay, as well as the lengthy cell phone conversations on the night itself, showed that her actions were not spontaneous or impulsive," wrote the court.

The defense also contended that the lower court erred when it refused to allow testimony by an expert witness, a psychologist who was going to testify about the development of the juvenile brain.

The SJC decided that the judge was within his rights to bar that testimony

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and it showed no prejudice to the defendant.

In conclusion, the SJC wrote: "The evidence against the defendant proved that, by her wanton or reckless conduct, she caused the victim's death by suicide. Her conviction of involuntary manslaughter as a youthful offender is not legally or constitutionally infirm. The judgment is therefore affirmed."

According to the Bristol County District Attorney's Office, the next step is for the DA to file a motion for the stay of sentence to be revoked and the jail sentence to be imposed. The DA's office will file that "within the coming days," said DA spokesperson Gregg Miliote.

In a statement, Bristol County DA Thomas M. Quinn III said the case was



Michelle Carter cries on 6/16/17 after being found guilty of involuntary manslaughter in the suicide of Conrad Roy III. Her attorney Joseph Cataldo is seated next to her, and defense attorney Cory Madera is standing. *Neighb News file photo by Glenn C. Silva.*

a "tragedy for all of the people impacted."

"However, as the court found in two separate decisions, her conduct was wanton and reckless, and caused the death of Conrad Roy. This was clearly established during the trial through the voluminous text messages sent between several parties in this case," reads the statement. "As the court stated, the defendant herself admitted that she caused the death of Conrad Roy by her own conduct. The court found there was 'no doubt in this case that the defendant wantonly or recklessly instructed the victim to kill himself, and that her instructions caused his death.'"

The statement noted that the court also addressed the contention that the conviction punished words alone.

"The court further found that, 'The only verbal conduct punished as involuntary manslaughter has been the wanton or reckless pressuring of a vulnerable person to commit suicide by overpowering that person's will to live and results in that person's death..... We are therefore not punishing words alone, (as the defendant claims), but reckless or wanton words causing death,'" wrote Mr. Quinn, quoting the decision. "This type of conduct has long been a crime in Massachusetts."

For a copy of the decision, visit www.NeighbNews.com, navigate to "Archives" and then the 2/7/19 issue.

Patriots win gives our fearless photog another fun chance

By Glenn C. Silva

Photographer

The Patriots had done it again and with only a day to recover from Sunday's Super Bowl LIII victory I was on the 4:30 a.m. bus into Boston to see "the guys" count the trophies, six of them now, and cover the celebratory parade Tuesday morning.

After witnessing how deep and tight the people were packed from the Red Sox parade I attended just 97 days ago I wanted to make sure I got a good spot.

With the help of technology I was able to see via Google Maps the lay of the land and decided where the best spot was to get a nice picture of the duck boats as they went by.

I had packed my gear the evening before and knew it would be in the mid 30's with a slight chance of rain when I arrived but the temps would climb to the low 60's by noon. A far cry from the snow and rain we had two years ago when they last won the Super Bowl.



So with two layers of sweatshirts and my photo-vest I was stepping out of South Station at just past 6 a.m. into a very dark and drizzling city. The parade route wasn't far so I decided to forgo the T and walk the few blocks to "my spot."

There were very few signs that in just five hours there would be a million people here. Sure there were some barricades set up but aside from the couple that had just come out of the Starbucks across the street in Patriots' garb you'd never suspect anything out of the ordinary.

I met up with a colleague that had never shot this type of event and we stood and waited. As the first hour

went by a few more people showed up, then a few more. It had stopped drizzling and then the sun came up.

People started setting up chairs and more and more were getting off the green line stop at the Boston Common across the street. They came in packs at first then by the trainload. The MBTA had added seven more coach cars on select scheduled

trains as well as 16 extra trains on top of the normal schedule to accommodate the highest ridership ever seen on the Boston network.

We were packed tight but I had a front row seat for this thing! There was a building being renovated across the street on a high rise and every bit of scaffolding and building opening was full of construction workers and they were waiting too.

Officials stopped the traffic and blocked off the remaining openings in the parade route. It was getting close. Sure there were people from our area here but I met fans from RI, CT, VT and a woman who even flew in from Florida just to see the parade.

As time passed the crowds passed footballs around and flew gigantic paper airplanes made out of the cardboard handouts with the various Patriot slogans.

Then 11 a.m. came and went and we waited and cheered. The parade was on its way. Then at noon there was a roar in the distance and we could hear cheering, and it got loud really fast.

The police were on motorcycles and flew by, and, here they were. The duck boats with our beloved team!

On the very first duck boat was Robert Kraft the owner of the



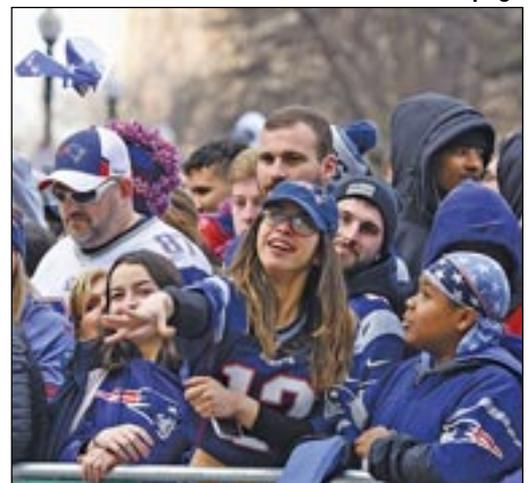
ABOVE: The air is filled with confetti, the side of the building is filled with construction workers, the windows and balconies are filled with fans, and the sidewalks are jam packed with fans as the duck boats turn the corner from Boylston Street onto Tremont Street during the Patriots Super Bowl parade on 2/5/19 in Boston. LEFT: Tom Brady waves to the crowd. BELOW RIGHT: Fans made giant paper airplanes and flew them across the street while waiting for the parade. Photos by Glenn C. Silva. To see more of Glenn's photos visit <https://photos.app.goo.gl/BDMio2QxXQ9M1S3D7> or on Instagram at ASTTEPHOTO

Patriots, and he had a trophy. Then there was coach Belichick with another and Tom Brady with yet another. It seemed everyone had one. Oh yea, we now have six!

Gronk was being Gronk, dressed in a reflective police vest and getting the crowd even more pumped up — if that was even possible. The confetti cannons were working full time and at times you couldn't see anything. The crowd was deafening.

Then as quick as it had started, it was over. I think it took about 35-40 minutes from start to finish, but so worth it. As the crowds began to thin my colleague and I decided to walk

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down to China town for some Cantonese dim sum and enjoy the day by walking the city. After all it was now sunny and a warm 61 degrees.

I noticed we weren't the only ones to hang out in the city. Everywhere you looked people were in Patriots

jerseys and just enjoying the spring-like day.

And the confetti... It was everywhere too. It was in South Boston, the water front, the North End, and even Government Center. This was nowhere near the parade route but there it

was: Red White and Blue little pieces of paper that had blanketed the entire city of Boston to remind us that we truly are a "Patriot Nation."

And yes, I got some of it for proof that I was there. See you at the next parade! ●●●



Rob "Gronk" Gronkowski celebrated with teammates and a drink or two during the Patriots Super Bowl parade on 2/5/19 in Boston. He sported many different looks. Here he is in a reflective police vest, along with teammate James White*. ABOVE RIGHT: Patriots owner Robert Kraft holds one of the six Super Bowl trophies and gives a shout to the crowd during the duck boat parade celebration held in Boston on 2/5/2019. Photos by Glenn C. Silva. To see more of Glenn's photos visit <https://photos.app.goo.gl/BDMio2QxXQ9M1S3D7> or on Instagram at ASTTEPHOTO. (*Fixes error from previous versions, wrong name)

BOTTOM LEFT, L-R: Dawn Cormier, Shaun Cormier, Lucas Cormier, Noah Cormier, and John Higgins, all of Mattapoisett grab a great spot right at the barrier to watch the parade. BOTTOM RIGHT: L-R: Adin, dad Brian, and Elaine Monroe take a selfie before the Patriots Super Bowl Parade on 2/5/19 in Boston. Brian's oldest son Gabe had to sit this one out. e could not skip school because he could not skip track or he would miss his meet on Saturday. The irony was not lost on Mr. Monroe, a Fairhaven School Committee member, who admitted that Gabe was the responsible one that day. Submitted photos.





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Programs for Young Readers
Thursday, 2/14, 5:30-7 p.m., Happy Birthday, Frederick Douglass. Enter the Douglass birthday card contest at any of the branch libraries. Prizes given for most original cards.

Join Doodles in a kid's workshop to make birthday cards to celebrate the 201st birthday of this great American. Handouts and materials provided. Library 3rd Floor

Tuesday, 2/19, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sgt. William H. Carney — short film. Carl Cruz highlights the life of William H. Carney and reads about Carney's heroics during the U.S. Civil War in, *Hold the Flag High*. Handouts and

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Saturday, 2/23, 2:30 - 4:40 p.m. Professor Timothy Walker presents *African Americans and the Maritime Trades*. Talk and Presentation. Light refreshments to follow. Library 3rd Fl.

Contact: Lee Blake, President of the New Bedford Historical Society, info@nbhistoricalsociety.org visit www.nbhistoricalsociety.org

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Mon., 2/4, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Council on Aging

Mon., 2/11, Senior Ctr., 9 a.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 2/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 3/6, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 2/11, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
(Snow date, Wed., 2/13)

Acushnet Meetings

Conservation Commission

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Historical Comm.

Tues., 2/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Old Colony Charter Subcom

Wed., 2/20, Old Colony Lib., 5 p.m.

Old Colony District Comm.

Wed., 2/20, Old Colony Cafe., 6 p.m.

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Tues., 2/22, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Street Naming Committee

Tues., 2/12, Town Hall, 8:30 a.m.

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Fairhaven ACO: Don't take animals you find roaming

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Animal Control Officer Terry Cripps, took to Facebook to urge residents not to remove animals they see unaccompanied.

A dog named Mia was taken by a passerby and was kept from her owners for more than a day, even though she was only a few doors away from her home and her owners were looking for her.

The ordeal could have been avoided had the person who spotted the dog simply called the police or

the ACO and wait for him to arrive. Instead, Mia spent a night in an unfamiliar home and her owners were worried about her for a lot longer than necessary. Mia is a 10-year-old dog with very specific needs and diet.

"If you ever find a dog in the community, please do not remove them from where they are!" wrote Mr. Cripps. "Please call Animal Control or the Police Department. Mass General Laws require individuals who find a dog to contact the PD or Animal Control within 48 hours.

"More often than not dogs are close

to their home when out. In Mia's case she was just a few houses away from home and her family was looking for her, and could be with her family now!

"This happens all the time! Please do not take animals.

Please do not take dogs — please call the authorities if you are concerned about a loose animal.

To contact Fairhaven Animal Control, call 508-979-4028; for Fairhaven PD, call 508-997-7421.

"You may not keep loose animals," added Mr. Cripps in an update on the Facebook post.

Mass. Animal Fund program helped 10,000 cats and dogs

Press Release

The Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) announced that the Massachusetts Animal Fund's Voucher Program has helped spay, neuter, or vaccinate 10,000 cats and dogs since the Fund's inception in 2014. With tax season underway, MDAR is encouraging Massachusetts taxpayers to assist the Fund's efforts to help animals in need and end animal homelessness by donating to the Massachusetts Animal Fund on Line 33f of their income tax returns.

"The Baker-Polito Administration is proud to celebrate that through the help of voluntary donations by Massachusetts taxpayers, the Massachusetts Animal Fund has been able to help so many animals in need within its first five years," said Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Matthew Beaton. "The Voucher Program is a great example of how a strong partnership between state and municipal agencies can make an impact in animal welfare. We encourage Massachusetts taxpayers

to continue to help vulnerable cats and dogs by donating to the Massachusetts Animal Fund."

The Mass. Animal Fund's Voucher Program was created in July of 2014 as a mechanism to provide assistance to Massachusetts' most vulnerable companion animals. The Voucher Program is dedicated to bringing resources to homeless animals and animals owned by low-income Massachusetts residents.

Obstacles such as poverty, insufficient funding, transportation, and lack of accessible veterinary care often prevent sterilization and vaccinations in these at-risk populations. Through the Fund's large collaborative network of municipal animal control officers and 37 local veterinary providers, over 13,000 vouchers have already been distributed across the Commonwealth to reach these animals.

The sterilization and vaccinating of animals benefits the overall animal health of a community by decreasing the number of homeless and feral animals born each year, decreasing

unwanted behaviors in animals like roaming and aggression, which often lead to the surrender and euthanasia of animals, reducing the occurrence of reproductive diseases and providing protection against disease outbreak.

Since inception, the Mass Animal Fund has spent over \$1.1 million dollars to sterilize and vaccinate animals in over 300 Massachusetts municipalities. The Voucher Program turns donations into a resource that local animal control officers can utilize to get assistance for animals their community. The Mass Animal Fund also provides free training opportunities and support to Massachusetts ACOs so they can provide uniform enforcement of animal control laws.

Taxpayers can contribute to the Mass Animal Fund by donating on Line 33f of the 2018 state income tax return, or directly at <http://massanimalfund.com/donate>. Follow the Fund on Facebook and Twitter for the most up-to-date information about ending animal homelessness in the Commonwealth. •••

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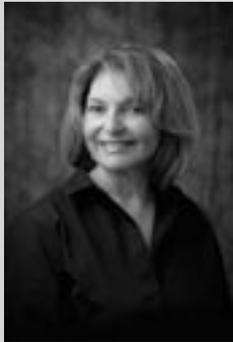
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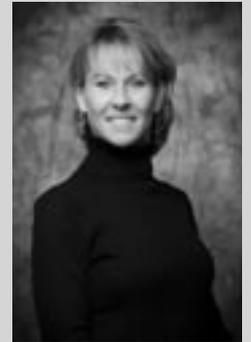
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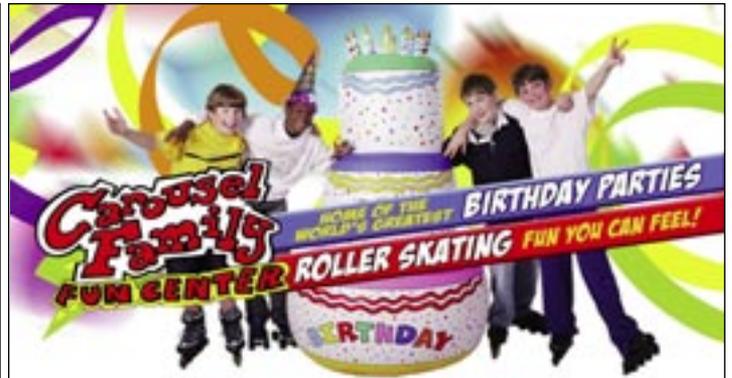
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