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It's fun to be kind



Students at the East Fairhaven School and Leroy L. Wood School in Fairhaven participated in the "Great Kindness Challenge" by dressing up on Tuesday, 1/24. The national event includes 50 kind acts for students to perform to help fight bullying and build community spirit. ABOVE: Students in Mrs. Castelo's third grade class at EFS dress up like superheroes. See page 12 & 13 for story and more pictures. Photo by Beth David.



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Is it really winter? Not that I'm complaining about it. I'm a big baby in the winter, I admit it. I love that I can get out there and do stuff outside, but...gee, a little winter would be good. It makes us appreciated spring more.

Our cover story is fun stuff this week.

The elementary school children in Fairhaven have been having fun all week with crazy clothes and crazy hair, all in an effort to be kind to each other.

It's a great program. See page 12 for some photos of the future generation just having a good time.

The Big Women's March was this weekend (see page 19). People from all over the world rallied and marched in response to the promises made by our new president, mostly about civil rights. Some local people went to Boston (that would be me), and to DC. Not a single arrest in Boston, DC, Los Angeles, Chicago. All told, there were only a handful of arrests related to the march, including a counter-protester who sprayed marchers with pepperspray in St. Paul, Minn.

Think about that: About 2.9 million marched in this country and only about five arrests.

I was very happy I went to the march in Boston, although it wasn't really a "march" for those of us in the middle or the back. It was more like "The Great Boston Shuffle of 2017." We didn't continue along the march, I admit it. It took an hour just to get through the Common and half a block, so we gave up and found some food.

But we were counted. And I have a great bunch of pictures I'll be posting on Facebook soon.

This generation gives me great hope. Their signs were so creative, the mood was upbeat, and the concept was all-inclusive. This younger generation has no problem with diversity. To them, it is the norm.

This is what we must preserve.

We cannot let any politician, no matter how powerful, try to turn our country into a homogeneous zone. The demonization of immigrants and certain religions is not something we can just walk away from anymore. This is no longer barroom talk, or back yard talk that is harmless, and we just walk away and not hang out with those people anymore. This talk is in the White House now, and it is time for all people of good conscious to speak up and act up. Our new president's promises of economic prosperity and political upheaval are fine, that's what people voted for. But it should not come on the backs of certain groups of people: Whichever group he decides to pick on at any given time.

Until next week then...see ya,

First They Came...

First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out — Because I was not a Socialist.

Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out —

Because I was not a Trade Unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out —

Because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for me — and there was no one left to speak for me.

Pastor Martin Niemöller

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Bethel A.M.E. has big-name headliners for Black History Month

Press Release

The drummer on Michael Jackson's hit single, "Billie Jean," the attorney who defended the police officer in the infamous Sean Bell murder trial in New York City, and one of the few African-American women in the nation with a Ph.D. in mathematics are the guest presenters for the 2017 Black History Series at Bethel A.M.E. Church.

"We couldn't be more excited that Ndugu Chancler, the Rev. Paul P. Martin and Dr. Carol Smith have agreed to present as part of our second annual Black History Series," said the Rev. Kevin T. Taylor, pastor of the city's oldest African-American congregation.

"We are excited to continue to complement the rich Black History offerings of the New Bedford Historical Society and other community organizations with our Series, which is designed to educate, enrich, enlighten, engage and empower," added Rev. Taylor.

Areas of focus in 2017 include civil rights, music, literature and arts, law enforcement and a double-dose of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Why devote two of the six symposiums to S.T.E.M.?

Quoting NASA Scientist Katherine Johnson, whose fame has skyrocketed as one of the women profiled in the critically acclaimed film, *Hidden Figures*, Rev. Taylor explained, "We will always have STEM with us. Some things will drop out of the public eye and will go away, but there will always be science, engineering and technology. And there will always, always be mathematics. Everything is physics and math."

• **S.T.E.M. (Part I). Saturday, January 28, 1-3 p.m.** Featured Film: the award-winning, *Hidden Figures*, which chronicles Johnson and two other pioneering African-American women who played vital roles in the NASA mission to send a human into space.

• **MUSIC. Saturday, February 4, 1-3 p.m.** Guest Presenter Ndugu Chancler, Grammy-award winning percussionist, composer, clinician and adjunct professor of Jazz and Popular Music Studies, University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

A part of the musical ensemble on the "Thriller" and "Bad" albums, Chancler was the drummer on the hit single "Billie Jean" and has also played on a number of movie soundtracks including, *An Officer and a Gentleman*, *Indecent Proposal*, and *The Color Purple*. He also co-wrote "Dance Sister Dance" for Santana, "Reach For It" for George Duke, and "Let It Whip" for the Dazz Band, and will speak to the immeasurable contributions of African-Americans to the genre of music.

• **Literature & Arts. Sunday, February 12, 2-6 p.m.** Bethel will support the 17th Annual **Frederick Douglass Community Read-a-thon** sponsored by the New Bedford Historical Society. Rev. Taylor will join other community residents, leaders, historians and book enthusiasts in reading excerpts from *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*, the 1845 memoir and treatise on abolition written by famous orator and former slave Frederick Douglass. NOTE: Held at First Unitarian Church, 71 8th St., New Bedford

• **Law Enforcement. Saturday, February 18, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.** Black History Symposium #5 will combine with Quarterly Conversation on Race, Class & Social Justice #7. The special session will begin with the critically acclaimed documentary, *Thirteenth*, which examines the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, especially in the present-day context of mass incarceration and the school-to-prison pipeline. The movie will be followed by a panel discussion headlined by the Rev. Paul P. Martin, the New York-based attorney who has successfully represented hundreds of individuals accused of crimes, and represented clients in such notable cases such as the Martha Stewart Case; the New York State Governor Patterson Investigation; and the Sean Bell Murder Case among many others. Rev. Martin, pastor of Mt. Carmel A.M.E. Church in New Rochelle, NY, will be the guest preacher at Bethel on Sunday, February 19 at 11 a.m. as well.

• **S.T.E.M. (Part II). Saturday,**

February 25, 1-3 p.m. Guest Presenter: Dr. Carol Smith, professor emeritus California Polytechnic University, Pomona, Calif. Post-retirement, Smith has partnered with the California State University system to present a multi-week Summer Mathematics Institute for middle schoolers in greater Los Angeles. Smith is one of a small number of African-American females in the nation with an earned Ph.D. and will speak of the impressive contributions of African-Americans to the discipline of mathematics and the career opportunities S.T.E.M. degrees afford.

All sessions take place in the sanctuary of Bethel A.M.E. Church, 532 County St., New Bedford (unless otherwise noted on the accompanying flyer) and are free and open to the public. For more information contact the church office at (508) 997-2410 or Rev. Kevin T. Taylor, Pastor, at (323) 509-8706.

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Selectboard gives okay to mobilize the Revere Bell

By Beth David

Editor

Members of the Fairhaven Bell Committee presented a plan at the Selectboard meeting on Monday to display the famous Paul Revere Bell at events around town, and to create a website for the purpose of informing people about the history of the bell and to announce upcoming events where the bell will be displayed.

Nils Isaksen and John Medeiros told the board that many people have been asking about the bell and the progress the committee has made on finding a permanent display location for it.

The bell was removed from the roof of Oxford School in October of 2015. The bell was made by American patriot Paul Revere in 1795 for a church in the center of Fairhaven. Around 1914, the school department bought the bell and placed it on the school where it signalled the beginning and end of school. It also rang for fire alarms.

The Bell Committee received permission for two requests: To create a website for information about the bell; and to transport the bell for display at various events.

The committee anticipates taking the bell to the Memorial Day Parade, July Fourth Parade, Homecoming, and other events where people will be able to view it and learn about its history.

The committee is working with students at New Bedford Voc-Tech to build a cradle for the bell that will then be easily moved on and off a trailer for transport and display.

"The purpose of this 'tour of the bell' is to get the bell out into public

view, raise awareness of its current condition and need for preservation of our Town's history treasure and artifact," wrote the Bell Committee in a letter to the Selectboard.

The committee hopes that when people see the current condition of the bell, they will donate to have it restored. The committee will also see Community Preservation Act funds to restore the bell once a final display location is found.

"Our goal is to have the original clapper that was with the bell restored first," the committee said in its letter. "And then the metal analyzed for possible multiple layers of coatings, level of corrosion and then cleaned in the proper solution. Once cleaned the green patina will be applied."

The committee will not display the bell without first notifying the Selectboard and town administrator of the plans, Mr. Isaksen told the board.

He also told the board that the committee wanted the website to "stop misinformation."

He said if there is an official place for information, people can see for themselves what is happening with the bell. A volunteer has offered to create the website at no charge.

The website will have a section with photos of people with both the Revere Bell and the bell taken from the Rogers School; a section on the histories of both bells; a comments section; an upcoming events section; and a "What's Happening Now" section to let people know of the current works and status of the bell, plans for cleaning, funding, location of a permanent site, how it will be displayed, and the next meeting date.

"There has been quite a lot of interest generated in the Revere Bell by the Town residents and other Committees that just want to know what is happening," said Bell Committee Chairperson Doug Brady in a letter to the Selectboard. "This website will help to provide answers to these questions and also prevent any misinformation from being circulated."

After discussing the various nuts and bolts of the town's social media policy, such as who will have access to the site, etc., the board approved the request.

In another matter, the board voted to change the location of the primary posting place for meetings. The town's website will now be the official posting location, and the town hall will be the alternate location. Meeting notices will still be posted at the main entrance to town hall on Center Street and near the wheelchair entrance.

In other business the board asked local photographers to submit photos for the town's annual report cover. The photo will wrap around the cover, with the right side of photo being on the front, the left side of the photo being on the back, so photographers should keep that in mind when choosing.

The annual report needs to be printed in time for the annual Town Meeting in May.

Deadline for submissions is Thursday, 2/2, by 4 p.m. Contact Anne O'Brien at aobrien@fairhaven-ma.gov for details.

The board also appointed Nicholas Carrigg to the Conservation Commission. Mr. Carrigg has a background in biology and said he was looking for a way to get involved in the community.



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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

60th Reunion

The Fairhaven High School Class of 1957 is planning a 60th year class reunion on the evening of the Homecoming Fair on June 24, 2017 at the VFW on Middle St., Fairhaven. Between 6 p.m. and midnight will be a cocktail hour followed by dinner, dancing or just plain socializing.

The dinner will be catered by Matt Gamache of The Courtyard Restaurant. Music will be provided by Johnny Angel. An initial informational letter will be mailed out in mid-January with a follow-up letter going out in late April. Anyone needing information or who can provide information about classmates may contact Larry Roy at 508-317-1800 or Dennis Duval at 508-997-1176.

Nomination papers

Nomination papers are available for candidates interested in running for office in Fairhaven. The annual town election will be held on Monday, April 3, 2017. The last day for requesting nomination papers is Thurs., 2/9, at 5 p.m. The last day for Town Meeting incumbents to file written requests for re-election is Mon., 2/6, at 5 p.m. The last day to file all nomination papers with the Town Clerk's Office is Mon., 2/13, at 5 p.m.

The last day for residents to register to vote in the town election is Tues., 3/14.

Papers for town-wide office require 50 certified signatures. Papers for Town Meeting Members require 10 certified signatures.

You may register to vote any day from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM – Monday through Friday Mail-in Voter Registration Forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, 508-979-4023, Ext. 3.

Open Burning

Open burning season begins January 15 and lasts through May 1. You must go to the Fairhaven Fire station, sign up and obtain regulations prior to any open burn.

SAVE THE DATES!

HHR Lecture

Fairhaven Historical Society presents: **Henry H. Rogers Lecture, Fri., 2/10, 7 p.m., Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven**

Guest speaker Christopher Richard will talk about the life and times of Fairhaven's benefactor Henry H. Rogers, a town native who struck it rich in the petroleum industry and became a top executive of Standard Oil. Sponsored by the Fairhaven Historical Society, Inc. Accessible. Donation requested. For more information, call Ricky Goytizolo at 508-991-5675.

West Island 5K

5K Run/Walk, Sun., 4/30, at 11:00 a.m., 41 Causeway Road, West Island, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

Visit <http://westisland5k.org/5k-runwalk/> for details.

Cover photo wanted

The town of Fairhaven is looking for a cover photo for the town's annual report. Local photographers, amateur or professional, are encouraged to submit photos for consideration. There is no payment for use of the photo.

The photo will wrap around the cover, with the right side of photo being on the front, the left side of the photo being on the back, so photographers should keep that in mind when choosing.

Deadline for submissions is Thursday, 2/2, by 4 p.m. Contact Anne O'Brien at aobrien@fairhaven-ma.gov for details.

Foxwoods Trip

The Fairhaven Village Militia is once again running a bus trip in March to Foxwoods Resort Casino as a fundraiser.

The Foxwoods trip will be on Saturday, March 18, 2017. The bus will leave the Fairhaven Kmart parking lot promptly at 9:00 a.m. and will travel straight through to the casino. The return trip will leave Foxwoods at 6:00 p.m. **Tickets are \$30 each** and include the bus ride, a voucher for a free meal or buffet, and \$20 for slots play. (Only adults are eligible for the vouchers.) The militia will hold some raffles on the bus during the trip.

Tickets can be purchased by calling Ellie Sylvaria at 508-441-7566 or by visiting Mike and Wayne's, 163 Huttleston Ave.

The Fairhaven Village Militia, Inc. is a non-profit organization and uses the

funds raised by this trip to support its programs during the year, including the spring and fall historical encampments at Fort Phoenix, participation in the Fairhaven Memorial Day and Veterans Day parades, the Fort Phoenix Fourth of July Ceremony, and other activities in southeastern Massachusetts.

Softball Registration

The South Coast Girls Softball League is holding registration on **Saturday February 11th from 3pm-5pm, and on Wednesday March 3rd from 6pm-8pm at the Fairhaven Rec Center.** Draft Day will be held on Friday March 3rd at 6:30 pm also at the Fairhaven Rec Center. For further information, please check the website www.southcoastsoftball.com or find us on Facebook.

Any questions should be directed to southcoastsoftball@gmail.com

Think June!

Make waves in 2017 by being one of the first to register for the Buzzards Bay Coalition's 24th annual Buzzards Bay Swim, taking place on Saturday, June 24 in New Bedford and Fairhaven. Swimmers can sign up at www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim.

The Buzzards Bay Swim is a fun community event that presents the perfect opportunity for those setting fitness goals for their New Year's resolution to train with a purpose. Swimmers of all ages, abilities and fitness levels complete a scenic 1.2-mile open water course across outer New Bedford Harbor, passing by the iconic Butler Flats Lighthouse and the New Bedford Hurricane Barrier.

At the thrilling finish at Fort Phoenix State Reservation in Fairhaven, swimmers are welcomed with a beach party featuring a live steel drum band, pancakes cooked to order, gourmet coffee, free massages, local beer, and awards and prizes including a locally made custom bronze finisher medal for each swimmer.

All funds raised from the Swim support the Coalition's conservation, education and advocacy work in communities across the Buzzards Bay region, from Little Compton to Cuttyhunk.

FHS Student is Miss New Bedford Teen

Press Release

Fifteen contenders took to the stage Saturday, 1/14, at the seventh annual Miss New Bedford's Outstanding Teen pageant, but only one walked away with the crown, hundreds of dollars in scholarship prizes, gifts, entry to the state pageant, and a year of a lifetime.

Jordan St. Onge, a 15-year-old sophomore at Fairhaven High School, impressed the judges with her confidence, public speaking abilities, stage presence, poise, and talent as an Irish Step Dancer.

In addition to winning the title and a \$500 scholarship, Jordan also received the Interview Award (\$100 scholarship), and was one of two tied winners of the Talent Award (\$50 scholarship) for receiving the highest scores in these categories. She also received hundreds of dollars in gifts donated to her by community partners, as well as paid entry to compete at the Miss Massachusetts' Outstanding Teen pageant in April, where she will have the chance to win additional scholarships and prizes.

Throughout her year-long reign, Jordan will serve the City of New Bedford and its surrounding communities as a youth role model and an

active volunteer.

She will dedicate her year of service to her personally selected platform which focuses on supporting lung cancer patients and their families, primarily through the assistance of the American Lung Association. She hopes to partner with this organization to fundraise for cancer research and spread awareness of primary prevention of lung cancer throughout the community.

The pageant is a "little sister" program to the annual Miss New Bedford scholarship pageant. Similar to the Miss New Bedford pageant, contestants began the competition, held at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School on Saturday January 14th, in a private interview with a panel of five judges.

At 6:00, the on-stage competition continued with contestants competing in the remaining phases of competition: Lifestyle & Physical Fitness, Talent, Evening Wear, and On-Stage Question.

In addition to naming this year's titleholder, the pageant showcased 14 other outstanding teens from across Greater New Bedford, ages 13-17 years old. Additional award recipients included:



- Winner and recipient of a \$500 scholarship was Jordan St. Onge. She also received the Talent Award, and Interview Award as stated previously above.
- First runner-up and recipient of a \$250 scholarship was Chelsea Gomes
- Second runner-up and recipient of a \$200 scholarship was Victoria Kalisz
- Third runner-up and recipient of a \$150 scholarship was Alexandra Soares
- Fourth runner-up and recipient of a \$100 scholarship was Ashley Clark
- Fine Arts Scholarships were awarded to Emma Gendreau and Victoria Kalisz
- Community Service Scholarship was awarded to Rachel Perry
- Miracle Maker Award was received by Kaylee Frias Martin
- Scholastic Excellence Award was received by Rachel Perry
- Committee Award was received by Antonia Moquin
- Spirit of Outstanding Teen was awarded to Emma Boudreau

On behalf of the Greater New Bedford Scholarship Foundation, the program would like to thank its many sponsors and dedicated volunteers.

For more information on sponsorships and/or becoming a contestant, visit www.missnewbedford.org. To view all photos from this year's pageant, and to keep up with us throughout the year, search "Miss New Bedford" on Facebook.



TOP: Fairhaven High School sophomore Jordan St. Onge, after being crowned Miss New Bedford Teen on Saturday, 1/14. ABOVE, L-R: 3rd Runner-up Alexandra Soares, 1st Runner-up Chelsea Gomes, Winner Jordan St. Onge, Miss Massachusetts' Outstanding Teen and previous Miss New Bedford's Outstanding Teen Alyssa Maitoza, 2nd Runner-up Victoria Kalisz, 4th Runner-up Ashley Clark. Submitted photos.

Fairhaven arrest nets guns and ammo, grenade launcher

Press Release

Fairhaven Police were called to a Dover Street residence last Tuesday, 1/17, by a citizen who discovered two guns in their basement that belonged to a male party who had been living there. They identified him as 40-year-old Gary Rosonina.

When officers arrived, they were led to a work area in the basement where they located several unsecured firearms. The owners and residents of the multifamily home told police Rosonina was their tenant's son, and had been squatting in their basement since he relocated here from Arizona.

According to the home owners they wanted Rosonina, who was not paying rent, to leave their house. They said when they confronted him with this issue, an argument ensued and he left the premises.

After examining text messages between the home owners and Rosonina, Sergeant Daniel Dorgan learned that he was possibly renting a room in a local motel. It was also determined that Rosonina had an active warrant for his arrest for motor vehicle offenses and no firearms license.

A short time later, Officer Wayne Mello Jr. found the man's vehicle in the parking lot of the Huttleston Motel. Officer Mello, along with Officer Marcy Haaland, set up surveillance on the hotel, and kept an eye on the vehicle. Police did not immediately move in to take Rosonina into custody because he was determined to be in possession of several firearms.

The vehicle eventually drove out of the parking lot, and was stopped by Officers Mello and Haaland, Sergeant Dorgan and Officer Phil Lacerda. Rosonina, who was the sole occupant of the vehicle, was taken into custody without incident.

After Rosonina was taken into custody, police located a 12 gauge shotgun, a .45 caliber handgun and an AR-15 rifle equipped with a 37 mm grenade launcher in his hotel room. Officers also seized a small quantity of heroin and methamphetamine. Back at the residence, police seized another 12 gauge shotgun, several handguns, 12 high capacity feeding devices and assorted ammunition.

Rosonina was charged with possession of heroin, possession of methamphetamine, unlawful posses-



sion of ammunition, 12 counts of unlawful possession of a high capacity feeding device, 8 counts of improper storage of a firearm and 8 counts of possession of a firearm without a gun license.

All of the firearms in the basement and in the hotel room had been left by Rosonina loaded and unsecured. A high capacity feeding device is a gun magazine that can hold more than ten rounds of ammunition.

Rosonina was arraigned in Third District Court Wednesday morning and held without bail. A dangerousness hearing was held Friday, at which Rosonina was ordered held until February 24th to await a show cause hearing.



TOP: Gary Rosonina was arrested and charged with drug and gun charges on Tuesday, 1/17. ABOVE: Among the weapons found in Mr. Rosonina's possession were an AR-15 rifle equipped with a 37 mm grenade launcher (ABOVE) and a .45 caliber handgun (RIGHT). Photos courtesy of the Fairhaven Police Department.



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Sat., 2/11, at 6:00pm, at Pilgrim Church Home, corner Purchase & School Sts., N.B. **Donation: Adults \$10; Children \$5.**

Proceeds benefit church's Holiday Meals Program for neighbors in need

Reservations: 508-996-1498 or 508-993-3407

Sailor Lecture Series

The 2017 Sailors' Series lectures at the New Bedford Whaling Museum promise to keep audiences at the edge of their seats as mariners tell their first-hand, gripping stories of adventure and travel – from sailboat racing to navigating Iceberg Alley, and from exploring the North Atlantic Ocean to America's Great Loop. Themed "Adventures at Sea: Local Mariners Take to the Water," the Sailors' Series runs February through April. This 27th annual lecture series is dedicated to sailing and other related maritime topics and supported by the Northeast Maritime Institute Foundation.

Feb. 2: Searching for Speed Join Brian Hancock as he describes his love of sailboat racing and the many adventures he has experienced while logging more than a quarter million offshore miles.

March 2: Labrador and Beyond John N. Garfield, Jr. shares his adventures sailing up the rugged coastline, deep fiords, hanging glaciers, and drifting ice of Labrador, Canada.

March 23: Once around the North Atlantic Sail with Victor Pinheiro aboard his Hanse 43', Maravilha, from Padanaram Harbor on a 9,000-mile loop around the North Atlantic Ocean, making stops on the islands of Madeira, Gran Canaria, Saint Lucia, and Fayal.

April 6: The Great American Loop Relive the six-week journey of Sham and Josh Hunt, who traveled 3,370 miles on their Ray Hunt-designed, 26' Black Watch, sailing up and down the country's most well-known waterways.

Lectures begin at 7 pm with a reception at 6 pm. Individual lecture tickets can be purchased for \$15 for members (\$20 for non-members).

Series tickets are \$54 for members (\$72 for non-members). Series tickets include all four lectures as well as a VIP invitation to a May book launch and lecture for A Man for all Oceans: Captain Joshua Slocum and the First Solo Voyage Around the World by Stan Grayson. Go to www.whalingmuseum.org or call 508-997-0046 for tickets.

At the Z

While the sexual revolution of the 1960's may be considered a mere piece of the past, human interactions still make for great entertainment to this day. And in the buildup to Valentine's Day the Zeiterion Theatre is offering a performance that indulges in the passions and yearnings of the heart and the wild scenarios that can come with it.

Once dubbed as "America's funniest playwright," Neil Simon debuted "Last Of The Red Hot Lovers" in 1969, chronicling the zealous follies of Barney Cashman, a middle-aged married man whose efforts to take advantage of an increasingly liberal society provide for a string of uproarious mishaps and misfortunes. And in the days of Match.com, "Last of the Red Hot Lovers" is as relevant and funny as ever.

On February 10 the Zeiterion will present Simon's classic. The show begins at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$27, \$32, \$39, \$45. They can be purchased at the Zeiterion box office at 684 Purchase St., or by phone at (508) 994-2900.

The performance is four days before Valentine's Day and it uses a path of laughter to arrive at a heartfelt moral message as Cashman stumbles his way into the discovery of what is truly rewarding in a relationship.

The works of Neil Simon have earned him a reputation as one of Broadway's greatest writers. He has written more than 30 plays, and some of his most famous works are "The Odd Couple," "Biloxi Blues" and "Lost In Yonkers." He has received more Oscar and Tony nominations than any other writer and many of his stage productions have been adapted to film.

"Last of the Red Hot Lovers" has been described as "transporting" audiences back to the era of the late

1960's, as Cashman tries his luck with a varied trio of women who are also immersed in this flowering culture.

Whether you're a child of the sixties or someone from the age of Internet dating, 'Last of the Red Hot Lovers' will likely have appeal.

The show is being produced by the Walnut Street Theatre in Philadelphia. The cast is comprised of only two actors – Fran Prisco who plays the role of Cashman, and Karen Peakes who plays the role of all three women. The production is more than two hours in length.

The Managing Director of the Walnut Street Theatre is Mark D. Sylvester, a native of Mattapoisett. In his 23rd year with Walnut Street, his first job was at New Bedford's "State Theatre," a movie house that eventually became the Zeiterion Theatre. At the age of 15 he was selling tickets and popcorn at the venue but he eventually became the establishment's Stage Manager.

"Last of the Red Hot Lovers' is full of funny dialog and situations that anyone can relate to," Sylvester says. "It's a comedy about meeting people and the truths about relationships."

Youth Hockey Reg

South Coast Panthers Youth Hockey Organization, **Hetland Ice Arena 310 Hathaway Blvd. New Bedford, MA.** South Coast Panthers Youth Hockey Learn to Skate / Learn to Play Programs are **now open for registration!** Interested in introducing your child to ice skating and building the fundamental ABC's of skating? Agility, Balance & Coordination? Join South Coast Panthers Learn to Skate program! How about an introductory program to learn the game of ice hockey?

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TIME: Sessions are held on Sunday Mornings: Learn to Skate, 8:30am-9:20am; Learn to Play, 7:00am-8:20am. WHEN: Session 3: 1/22-3/12.

Visit www.southcoastpanthers.com and click on "Register Online" as well as for information on required equipment for both programs.

Garden Club

The next regular meeting of the Greater New Bedford Garden Club will be at **1 p.m. Wed., 1/1, at the Acushnet Council on Aging, 59 ½ So. Main Street, Acushnet.** Hostesses will be Brenda Dias and Ginger Daniels. James Rotter will present Program/Horticulture: "Garden Pests: What to Do About Them and How to Keep Them Out!"

Members are reminded to bring a food item for the Food Pantry or a \$1 donation and also to wear Red to honor Women and Heart Month.

Guests may attend one meeting a year for a fee of \$2.

SCNU mtg

SCNU's 2017 Kickoff & Update Meeting. South Coast Neighbors United is hosting an open meeting to share updates on the Access Northeast project, as well as the past, present and planned activities of the South Coast Neighbors United group.

Members of the community, local leadership, state legislation and the media are invited to attend on Tues., 1/31, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at American Legion Post 265, 71 Hope Street, Acushnet, MA 02743

It's a New Year... and a Renewed Fight! Despite many rumors and misconceptions to the contrary, the Access Northeast project has most definitely NOT gone away, and neither have we!

During this meeting we will highlight the accomplishments we have made over the last year and discuss our plans for the upcoming one. We will also be providing a buffet style dinner to convey our gratitude for the meaningful support we've received from the community throughout our campaign.

Exercise Class

Beginning February 1st, the Marion Council on Aging in an exciting partnership with the Gleason Family YMCA will offer a **new group exercise class on Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m., at the Music Hall, 164 Front St., Marion.**

During this class instructor Janet Memoli will help you improve your overall health while having fun and listening to motivating music. Comfortable clothing and a water

bottle are suggested. **\$35/10-week session, free for members of the YMCA.** Registration required, call the Marion COA, 508-748-3570.

Janet has been a certified ACE trainer for 40+ years. She has taught classes at Gleason Family YMCA for the past 13 years where she has a loyal following. Her classes are fun and challenging and focus on balance, flexibility, cardio fitness, strength, & core development. The class uses light hand weights, chairs, bands and a person's own body weight. This class is open to the community.

Stargazing Stroll

Join the Buzzards Bay Coalition on **Friday, Feb. 3 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. for a stargazing stroll at The Bogs (138 Acushnet Rd., Mattapoisett)** to enjoy the stunning winter sky. Far away from the city lights, the 300+ acre Mattapoisett River Reserve offers visitors trails and a dark, expansive sky to view the stars. Please dress warmly and wear sturdy shoes for this nighttime outdoor walk. Registration is required.

To RSVP, visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events/stargazing-stroll-feb-03-2017/ or contact the Buzzards Bay Coalition at (508) 999-6363 ext. 219.

This event is part of Discover Buzzards Bay, a resource to find unique and exciting ways to explore the outdoors, get some exercise and connect with nature. Use Discover Buzzards Bay to get outside and discover woods, wetlands and waterways from Fall River to Falmouth. To learn more, visit savebuzzardsbay.org/discover. Discover Buzzards Bay is sponsored by Southcoast Health.

Winter Walk

Get your little ones to discover the outdoors during Itty Bitty Bay Explorers, a series of four free outings on Wednesday mornings in February with the Buzzards Bay Coalition. Through fun games and hands-on activities, your family can learn about Buzzards Bay's animals and habitats.

On Feb. 1, learn about chipmunks as we walk along the trail with the Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust at Smith Farm (355 Smith Neck Rd.,

Dartmouth).

On Feb. 8, discover what makes birds unique at The Sawmill (32 Mill Rd., Acushnet). On Feb. 15, search for evidence of deer at LaPalme Farm (Blain Street, Acushnet). And on Feb. 22, invite your older siblings to Flora B. Peirce Nature Trail (Falmouth Street, New Bedford) to learn about animal families. All programs run from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Itty Bitty Bay Explorers is recommended for families with children aged five and younger. We encourage you to attend all four programs, but it's not required.

Registration is required for each program. To RSVP, visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events/ or contact the Buzzards Bay Coalition at (508) 999-6363 ext. 219 or bayadventures@savebuzzardsbay.org

Firefighters' Ball

The 2nd annual for all public safety An event to benefit public safety scholarship and community. An event for Firefighters/Police/EMS and public safety of Fairhaven and for surrounding communities, current and retirees, friends and family.

Sat., 3/4, at the Century House, Acushnet. Cocktails at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7. Tickets, \$40, on sale starting 2/1. Uniform Class A or black tie.

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Nomination papers avail. in Acushnet

Nomination papers are available for those wishing to run for office in Acushnet.

The last day to take out nomination papers is Thurs., 2/9, by 5 p.m. Candidates must get a minimum of 31 signatures from registered voters. The last day to submit nomination papers to the Board of Registrars for certification of signatures is Mon., 2/13, by 5 p.m.

The town election will be held on Monday, April 3. The last day to register as a voter is Tues., 3/14, by 8 p.m.

For more information on how to run for office or register to vote, contact the town clerk's office at 508-998-0215.

Recipe of the Week

Japanese Chicken Wings

- 3 pounds chicken wings
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup butter

SAUCE

- 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 3 tablespoons water
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup white vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F

Cut wings in half, dip in egg and coat with flour.

Heat butter in a large, deep skillet over medium-high heat. Fry wings until deep brown. Place in a shallow roasting pan.

In a small bowl combine soy sauce, water, sugar, vinegar, garlic powder and salt. Pour over wings.

Bake in preheated oven for 30 to 45 minutes, basting wings with sauce often.

From allrecipes.com

BPW discusses road work plans

By Mary Macedo

Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday, 1/9 the Fairhaven Board of Public Works discussed road work plans for FY18, and new lighting at Fort Phoenix.

The meeting room was packed with residents petitioning for their streets to be chosen to be fixed this year. BPW Chairprson, Mike Ristuccia addressed the residents, asking which streets they were here petitioning for.

There were residents from Hopkins, Brown, Diamond, and Camel Streets. They told the board that their streets are mostly mud and dirt, with huge potholes, making it difficult to drive on them.

Mr. Ristuccia explained that every year the BPW has around \$300,000 to fix roads. The board tries to choose roads that are the most critical, but that will also affect the most people.

Board member Robert "Hoppy" Hobson explained that there were 14 roads on the list to be fixed and only \$300,000.

Public Works Superintendent Vincent Furtado explained to the

residents that every year the BPW tries to choose two main streets and two gravel roads. Mr. Furtado said that last year the BPW had a little more money and this year they are hoping for the same.

Donna Theodore brought photos of Diamond Street to show the board.

"The school department had to change the bus route because of the road," Dan Corcoran said referring to Hopkins Street.

Pamela Corcoran explained to the board that a lot of cars cross through Hopkins Street, which causes even more damage to the road. She also said the rain causes issues with drainage and potholes.

Michael DeCrosta who lives on Diamond Street, told the board that when it rains the potholes get filled with water six inches deep.

"I worry about kids on their bikes," Mr. DeCrosta said.

Many of the residents complained about not being able to open their windows because of all the dirt and dust.

Mr. Hobson said that this year he

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To share a recipe with your neighbors

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Support the Food Pantry

The Shepherd's Food Pantry at the Long Plain United Methodist Church in Acushnet spends more than \$5,500 each month to keep the shelves stocked. It serves more than 120 families each week and has seen a sharp increase in families seeking food.

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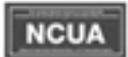


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Sherry Lopes

“Great Kindness Challenge” reaches Fairhaven

By Beth David
Editor

Crazy hair, crazy clothes and crazy fun combine to create hundreds of kind acts in Fairhaven. Both elementary schools are participating in the “Great Kindness Challenge” this week.

The national event includes a checklist of 50 kind acts to be accomplished at school during the week of January 23–27. Hopefully, students will continue their kind acts at home and after the week.

“The Great Kindness Challenge is a proactive and positive bullying prevention initiative that improves school climate and increases student engagement,” according to the website. “Using the provided checklist of 50 kind acts, students accept the challenge and show the world that KINDNESS MATTERS!”

The list includes acts like smiling at 25 people, complimenting five people, picking up trash, helping a younger student, saying “thank you” to the custodian, librarian and the volunteers, and giving your friend a

high five.

The website boasts more than 250 million acts of kindness in 2016.

At the Leroy L. Wood School students were enjoying “Crazy for Kindness Dress Day,” allowing them to wear crazy clothes and crazy hair on Tuesday. On Wednesday they will make “Kindness Flowers” to share in the community.

At East Fairhaven School, Tuesday was Superhero Day, with students and teachers alike dressed as Superman (or woman), and various other Caped Crusaders.

The Wood School students enjoyed popsicles at lunch, courtesy of EFS.

Wood School principal Amy Hartley-Matteson said the EFS said, “Our school is cool, so they sent all of our kids popsicles.”

She said they had a plan to meet the challenge: They will give kindness flowers to EFS and to residents at Our Lady’s Haven because “Kindness grows and blossoms.”

Logan, a first-grader at Wood, said he liked the day, “Because you get to wear whatever you like.”

“You can dress up in anything that’s crazy,” said Maitea.

To learn more about the event, visit thegreatkindnesschallenge.com



ABOVE: Students at the Leroy Wood School in Fairhaven hold up popsicles that were sent to them by the East Fairhaven School because EFS said Wood School students were “cool,” as part of the Great Kindness Challenge on Tuesday, 1/24. TOP RIGHT: Noura dressed up in her giraffe PJs. RIGHT: Mia shows her donut hat, made out of her hair at the Wood School on Tuesday. Photos by Beth David.



More pictures from the Great Kindness Challenge



At East Fairhaven School Mrs. Santiago's kindergarten class (TOP) and Mrs. Thomas's third grade class are dressed up as superheroes on Tuesday, 1/24, as part of the Great Kindness Challenge. ABOVE, L-R (counterclockwise): Lunchmates at Wood School, Ella, Dannylynn, Mia, Taylor, Olivia, Yaysing, and Jameson enjoy lunch, each other's company, and popsicles given to the Wood School by the East Fairhaven School because they said the Wood School is "cool." TOP RIGHT: Lee shows off his different sneakers on crazy dress-up day at the Wood School. RIGHT, L-R: Aliyah and Mischa both got dressed up for "crazy dress up day" on Tuesday at Wood School. The two are good friends and lunch buddies. *Photos by Beth David.*

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Home Alone Safety Class

This course is designed to encourage children to be more independent. Topics covered will be basic first aid, door and telephone protocol, accident prevention, first aid for choking, and safety measures. Pizza will also be provided. Space is limited... sign up soon.

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Instructor: Beth Oleson Time:
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members

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Special Activities

Hearth Health

Nurse practitioner Erin Van der Veer will be at the Fairhaven COA on Monday February 13th at 1:00 pm to provide information about heart health. Erin will cover topics about prevention of cardiac problems and living healthy with cardiac issues. Please bring questions. Please call the Fairhaven COA to sign up for informative session at 508-979-4029.

Healthy Cooking Class

Mondays at 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Starting February 27th and ending on April 3th At the Fairhaven Senior Center. These classes are sponsored by Coastline through the Harvard Pilgrim Health Care grant "Healthy Food for Every Age." Please call the Fairhaven COA to sign up to participate in this fun and informative program at 508-979-4029.

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.

Sewing Group

Come join the sewing Group. The group meets Monday afternoons: Jan. 23rd from 1-3:00 p.m. and Jan. 19th 26th from 5:45 to 7:45p.m. at The Fairhaven Senior Center.

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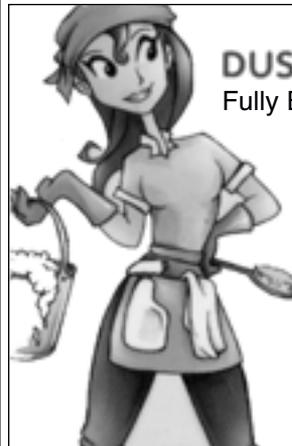
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Acushnet Selectboard hears about new open records law

By Beth David
Editor

The Acushnet Selectboard had a busy night on Tuesday, 1/24.

In a joint meeting with the Planning Board, the two boards appointed Bryan Deschamps to replace a vacancy on the PB created by the resignation of Richard Forand.

The Selectboard also gave Mr. Forand a citation for his 50+ years of service to the town and community. Mr. Forand recently resigned, saying he wanted to give others a chance to serve.

The Selectboard held off on appointing a member of the Housing Authority, a vacancy created by the resignation of James Madruga.

Two people sent letters of interest for that seat: Sandra Bettencourt and Andrew Gomes. The board wants to interview both candidates and will decide at a joint meeting with the AHA.

The board heard from Town Clerk Pamela Labonte and Town Administrator Brian Noble on the town's new Public Records Compliance Policy and the requirements of the new

public records law.

Ms. Labonte and Mr. Noble are the town's Records Access Officers, but the school department will name its own RAO because their privacy requirements are different than other town departments. The Police Chief and Fire Chief are also RAO's for their departments.

The new law also places limits on how much a town can charge citizens

"I cannot mandate" that a request be made in writing [Pam Labonte]

for records and specifies what can be redacted and why.

Mr. Noble created a form to make it easy for departments to comply with the law. The form will be on the website for citizens to fill out online and submit requests.

Town Departments will also move

to put as much information as possible on the website, such as agendas, minutes, and other documents used in meetings.

Selectboard Chairperson Garry Rawcliffe said that would be the best thing, because the more that is online, the less reason people have to request it from town hall, if they can pull it all off the website.

Ms. Labonte said, however, that the town needed to change the bylaw, which currently requires the selectboard to keep its own records.

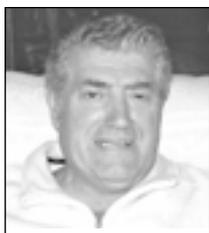
Ms. Labonte also noted that the new law does not make a distinction between written and oral requests.

"I cannot mandate" that a request be made in writing, she said.

Most requests are complied with immediately, some require more time. The law requires that they are addressed in 10 business days.

"We had some requests that were time consuming," said Ms. Labonte. "The information is public information, it should be made available. Unfortunately, we have some individuals who abuse the

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Acushnet school pump station giving town headaches

By Beth David
Editor

The Acushnet Selectboard heard from School Department officials and public works officials about problems with the school's pumping station for wastewater.

The pump has been struggling to stay working for months, but officials have been trying to keep it going with patchwork and Bandaid solutions until the town's Comprehensive Waste Management Plan is finished.

Then the electrical panel shorted out in September, and a few days ago, the pump just stopped working.

Steve Donovan, Superintendent of Acushnet Schools, told the Selectboard that the school department had believed the pump would make it to the next Town Meeting, when they could ask for money to replace it.

Dan Menard of the public works department, said an additional complication is that the school's pump is different than the other pumps in town, so he does not have parts for it.

"This is an oddball," said Mr. Menard, noting that the lines were

also a different size. "It's the way it was done back in the day."

He said the old pump needs to be replaced, but the panel also needs to be replaced. Nothing is compatible with anything else in the system.

"It's not just the pump," said Mr. Menard, it's also the electrical panel and piping.

So instead of a \$10,000 part, it could be more than \$100,000. It is

We're still looking at our options. We have very limited options [Town Administrator Brian Noble.]

costing the town \$400 a day when the pump is not working.

The board kicked around various ideas with school officials and Mr. Menard before decided to hold off on any action until after a professional company comes in to check for a

blockage.

Mr. Menard said they thought they had the problem fixed, when the pump just stopped working again. He said a blockage seems to be the only answer.

"We're still looking at our options," said Town Administrator Brian Noble. "We have very limited options."

Mr. Noble said the town could use money from the sewer enterprise funds, but they may also be able to combine some school department maintenance funds with sewer funds to share the costs.

Selectboard member Kevin Gonsalves said he wished the board had known about the problem sooner.

Mr. Donovan said they thought they had it under control, then...

"It failed big time today," he said.

Mr. Menard and school officials were getting a company in to look at the pump this week. They will work with Mr. Noble to figure out a plan to keep the pump going until funds can be appropriated at Town Meeting to replace it.

They will report back to the Selectboard at a future meeting.

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FHS girls basketball team falls to ORR



The Lady Blue Devils basketball team traveled to take on South Coast Conference rival, Old Rochester on Tuesday, January 24 and fell 54-37. In the scrappy contest, three Fairhaven players left the game with injuries. Laela Pepin, Abigail Pickup and Grace Pelletier all left the game with injuries before the final whistle. With the loss, Fairhaven falls to 3-8 overall with a 2-7 record in the SCC. The team travels to Seekonk on Friday with a 6:30 p.m. start time. ABOVE LEFT: Abigail Pickup floats the layup in above the outstretched arms of Old Rochester's Mary Butler. ABOVE RIGHT: Grace Pelletier takes the hard foul from ORR's Mary Butler. BELOW LEFT: Jan MacGregor draws the foul while sinking the layup for Fairhaven. BELOW RIGHT: Ashley Leonard drives along the baseline for Fairhaven, and finished with a team high nine points. *Photos by Ryan Feeney.*



175,000 March in Boston, nearly 5 million worldwide

By Beth David
Editor

An estimated 5 million people rallied and marched worldwide on Saturday, 1/21/17, to speak out for women's rights, immigrant rights, LGBTQ rights, and the whole array of civil rights that organizers fear are in jeopardy due to the election of Donald Trump as president of the US.

Originally billed as a Women's March on Washington, the Facebook initiated march grew to include more than 670 "sister marches" worldwide.

In DC, Boston, Chicago, and many other places, attendance was far more than expected. In Chicago the march portion was cancelled because the route was filled with people.

In Boston, most people were stuck in place, barely moving, kind of like the expressway at rush hour.

In DC, the march was rerouted.

Boston had planned for 80,000, but 175,000 were estimated; DC expected 200,000, but more than 500,000 showed up. In Chicago, 250,000 clogged the route; organizers had

expected 50,000.

In Boston, Jesse and Johanna Littlewood of West Roxbury were there with their toddlers Rudy and Avelina.

Mr. Littlewood said he was there "because our democracy is under stress and the best protection is an active and mobilized citizenry to protect our democratic institutions and norms."

"Because we believe our kids

should start out with a good foundation of resistance," said Ms. Littlewood. "And being with people who fight the good fight."

Kari Tyler of Fairhaven went to DC with two friends.

"I went to the Women's March to stand up against abuse of power," said Ms. Tyler in an email. "I left the event with an extreme sense of hope. Marching along with half a million peaceful women and men, I encountered nothing but kindness and camaraderie. I am honored to have been able to be a part of such a historic and important event and felt a kindred bond with those who have walked those same streets before me."

Three Dartmouth residents, Abby



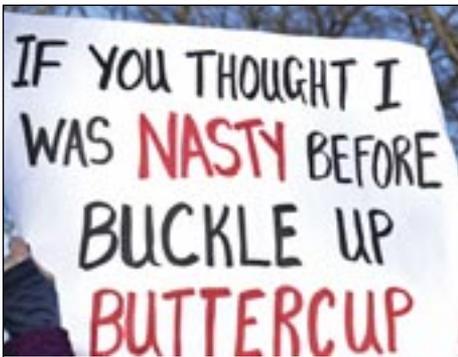
Keith, Lucy Tibbals and Sarah Costa, also went to DC and made it a point to wear their Girl Scout vests from Troop 80117. All three are high school sophomores.

"We went...to march for our rights as women as well as protect/provide equal rights for future generations," wrote Ms. Tibbals in an email. "We had so much fun in D.C. partly because it was Sarah's and my first time going to Washington D.C. so we loved sight seeing and playing tourists a little bit! Add to that the fact that the march was going on and we were on this amazing trip with each other and it was the best experience ever! Everything from my first time on the Metro to marching down Constitution Avenue to going to the Smithsonian Natural History Museum was amazing!!"

The three friends rode down in a private car the day before, stayed overnight and rode the train to the march early the next day.

"It was completely different from anything we've ever done before because none of us had ever seen that many people joined together in one place," continued Ms. Tibbals. "It was also unbelievably peaceful

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TOP & MIDDLE: Signs line the fence at the Boston Common after the Women's March on 1/21/17 showing a mix of messages, including some from the science community. Photos by Beth David. ABOVE LEFT, L-R: Abby Keith, Lucy Tibbals and Sarah Costa went to DC and wore their Girl Scout vests. ABOVE RIGHT, L-R: Kristen Sarkarati of Mattapoisett, Laurie Despres and Kari Tyler of Fairhaven. Submitted photos.

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Photos this page by Beth David

and focused on women's rights. Everyone was so nice to each other as well. We would ask someone to take our picture and even if they were in the middle of marching or talking to someone else they would stop and say 'of course! Let me take a few!'

"I think the march will make us be much more active in politics now that we have experienced something so amazing and empowering! Everything about the march inspired us to continue fighting for women's rights

because these are the things that matter!"

The diverse crowd in Boston included every age group and ethnicity. There were no arrests in Boston or DC.

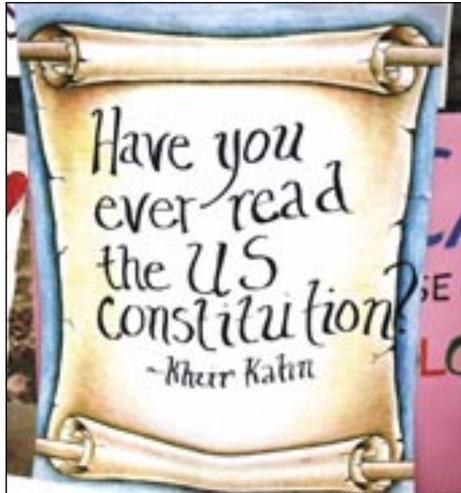
Organizers purposely cast a wide net of inclusiveness to fight the wide array of rollbacks of rights that President Trump has promised, such as overturning a woman's right to abortion, stopping the coverage of birth control by insurance companies, restrictions on immigration, and repealing the Affordable Care Act (aka Obamacare).

The creativity in the crowd showed through the thousands of hand made signs that ranged from serious to profane to whimsical to comedic.

Scientists and science lovers were especially visible, as President Trump repeatedly called into question the science behind climate change.

On his first day in office, the page on climate change on the White House website was removed; so was all mention of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender rights.

He has since put a gag order on



Environmental Protection Agency personnel, National Park Service personnel, and scientists who work for the government.

In his first few days in office, he signed 10 executive orders and promised to appoint an anti-abortion judge to the Supreme Court on February 2.

Visit www.womensmarch.com for more information about the march.



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Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals will be meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 6:30p.m. at the Town hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, MA to consider the following petition(s).

- a. **Case # 2017.02.07A** – Rosa Ferreira of 49 Wing Road. Special Permit required to construct garage or private parking area for more than 1 truck or commercial vehicle on their property.
- b. **Case #2017.02.07B** – Anna Kristiansen of 901Tobey Street. Special Permit required to construct an accessory apartment. Meeting all the requirements for such as defined in the protective by-laws Section 1.2 "B" and 3.4 "B". 901 Tobey Street has private off-street parking and is connected to Municipal Water & Sewer.

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system and don't realize how time consuming [the requests can be]."

The policy will be on the website after it is approved by the board. Mr. Noble said that the website will need to be redesigned to accommodate the changes and the additional records.

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Open Space & Rec Comm

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Planning Board

Tues., 2/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 1/25, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

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believed the BPW should make dirt roads their priority.

"I've been down roads on West Island that need fixing badly," Mr. Hobson said. "People can't open their windows in the summer."

Mr. Hobson explained that the potholes on those streets are so bad, that people need to get their tires on their cars fixed more often.

"We only make a recommendation for the town meeting," Mr. Hobson explained. "They can change our recommendations"

"If you don't win here, you can go to town meeting and express your concerns," Mr. Hobson said.

"I agree a lot with Mr. Hobson," board member Brian Wotton said. "I am more in favor to pave more dirt and gravel roads."

Mr. Wotton explained that the BPW may not have enough money to fix all of the roads but the BPW will try to get all the potholes filled.

Board member Jarrod Lussier explained that Hopkins Street and Brown Street are two of the cheapest streets to pave, but Diamond Street will cost two-thirds of the BPW's budget.

Mr. Ristuccia said that they could always choose to do a portion of Diamond Street.

Mr. Hobson praised the town residents who came out to the meeting to fight for their streets. He said he felt that the residents who came to the meeting should be the ones whose streets get fixed.

The board agreed. After a few calculations the board figured out that if they receive the same budget as last year, they would be able to fix Hopkins, Brown, Diamond, and maybe have a little money left to do one other small street, such as Rockland.

The board voted unanimously to recommend those streets be paved in FY18.

The Fairhaven residents who attended the meeting clapped, but Mr. Hobson reminded them that Town Meeting could still change the BPW's recommendations.

Mr. Wotton told the residents that they should attend Town Meeting in May to show support for their streets.

In another matter, the board discussed the water and sewer bills for the North Fairhaven Improvement Association and the Fairhaven Little League.

The question up for debate was whether or not the BPW should charge these organizations for the water they use.

"As a taxpayer and a dad I don't think we should be charging a non-profit that is for kids," Mr. Wotton said, adding that the Little League is basically run by volunteers who love the kids and love the town.

Administrative Assistant Kathy Tripp informed the board the Little League's concession stand bill was \$2400, which is an unusually large amount, indicating there may have been a leak.

Mr. Wotton agreed that the Little League should be informed of the bill and be cautious about how much water is being used.

The board agreed that both Little League and the N.F.I.A do so much for the town that the board voted unanimously to waive the fees.

In another matter, Mr. Hobson wanted to give his thanks for the new lights at Fort Phoenix.

"I just wanted to thank Vinny, Linda, and the electricians who put up the lights," Mr. Hobson said. "It's not dark like it was. If you go by you'll notice a huge difference."

Mr. Ristuccia noticed Contractor Peter DeTerra at the meeting and called him forward. Mr. DeTerra was scheduled to attend the last BPW meeting to discuss the water service at 232 Huttleston Avenue, but he was unable to make the meeting. The BPW decided to table Mr. DeTerra's appointment until the water calculations were done and approved by the Water Superintendent, Edward Fortin.

Mr. DeTerra presented the water calculations to the board, which, he said indicated that water service at the property was adequate to handle the new use that is proposed for the property.

Mr. Lussier noted that the issue was not on the agenda, and he was concerned about discussing a matter that was not documented on the agenda.

Mr. Ristuccia explained that the engineer showed the water calculations for the property are adequate.

"I don't know why this is an issue," Mr. Ristuccia said. "Why do we need to talk to Mr. Fortin?"

He said it is a waste of the owner's time and the BPW's time because the engineer said the water service at the

property was adequate. He said he did not understand why they have to make the owner wait any longer to begin development of his property.

Ms. Tripp explained that Mr. Fortin is the one that is supposed to approve it because he is the Water Superintendent and that BPW should not even be voting on it.

"I don't feel like we should be voting on something that is not on the agenda," Mr. Lussier said, adding that if it was on the agenda and Mr. Fortin was there to approve it, it would fine.

Mr. Wotton explained that he did not want to hold anyone up any longer, and made a motion to accept the water service plan based pending Mr. Fortin's acceptance.

It was seconded and agreed upon by everyone except Mr. Lussier who abstained.

"I abstained only because it is not on the agenda, but I agree with Mr. Wotton," said Mr. Lussier.

Mr. Hobson explained that from now on Ms. Tripp needs to know when people are coming to the meeting, so it can be put on the agenda because if it had been on the agenda Mr. Fortin would have attended.

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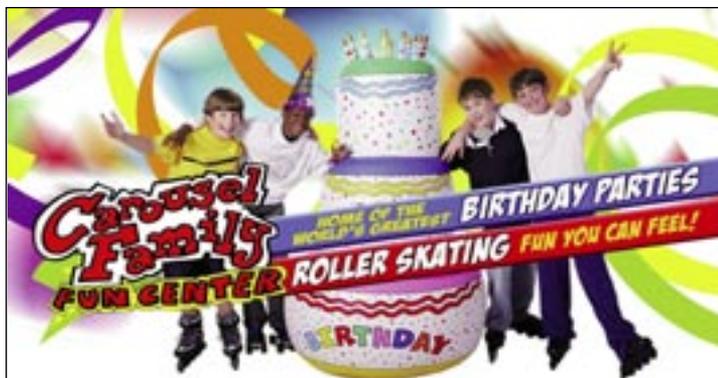
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