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(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Wishful thinking? Getting ready for summer.



Despite temperatures in the 30's, volunteers turned out in force to clean up beaches in anticipation of summer eventually getting here.
LEFT TOP AND BOTTOM: Volunteers fan out on the beach on Goulart Memorial Drive in Fairhaven for the first annual Earth Day Beach Cleanup organized by the West Island Improvement Association on Saturday, 4/7/18.
BELOW: Brady Sinn hauls a big piece of debris to the truck at the West Island beach cleanup.
See page 12 for story.
Photos by Beth David.



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Judge Murray Gurfein, Pentagon Papers case, June 17, 1971:

"The security of the Nation is not at the ramparts alone. Security also lies in the value of our free institutions. A cantankerous press, an obstinate press, a ubiquitous press must be suffered by those in authority in order to preserve the even greater values of freedom of expression and the right of the people to know."



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

So, last week I mentioned the news that Sinclair Broadcasting ordered all outlets to read the same thing about fake news... oh, the irony!

People have been going back and forth about how the anchors were given an order and they had to do it or lose their jobs. Yeah, no one wants to get fired. But reading a script from corporate is not exactly what journalists sign up for, is it? Besides the fact that the script actually trashed their own profession (let the shrinks have at it on that one), the thing they were forced to read was an opinion piece.

That's not news.

Now, if an editorial suit from corporate read it and they ran it, that would still be a little creepy, but at least it would be honest. It would be an opinion, labeled as such, and it would also give the audience some insight into the philosophy of the corporation behind the station. That's okay with me. WCVB runs editorials all the time. I kind of like them. But, I know what they are.

I think it would probably be okay, too, if corporate told the individual stations to be sure to do a story on the proliferation of fake news. It is, after all, a real thing (yup, I just said fake news is a real thing...I know, I know). It is something that could reasonably be expected to be covered and explored. But each station should be allowed to cover it in its own way, using local examples, of, maybe, how specific stories got distorted.

They should cover it as a news story, not an ideological pitch, word for word, from corporate. I doubt very much those broadcast journalists went into the business thinking they would be handed a script that did not originate from a news item or source, and be expected to read it on air, spouting off someone else's opinion. That's not what independent journalists do, that's what actors do.

President Trump thinks Sinclair is great, and he loved the idea.

Of course, it's part of his wish to make all our institutions a joke. From appointing people to posts in agencies they are openly hostile to, to simply rejecting anything he doesn't like as false, this president is embarking on a dangerous campaign to render all our institutions, all the things that make us who we are, useless.

What happens when nobody believes anything anymore?

We end up like those crazy countries we all make fun of, the ones where there is no rule of law because nobody believes in anybody's authority.

Am I saying that all our institutions are perfect and should never be questioned? Of course not. We have a duty to question. That is our birthright as Americans. But there's a difference between public or journalistic scrutiny and a concerted effort by the office of the

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president to undermine the very agencies he is supposed to be using to keep our democracy strong. You don't do that by treating them all like they're a joke. You do that by making them better.

I remember a time when you looked to the National Institutes of Health, the Center for Disease Control, the Environmental Protection Agency for info you could trust. Now, the Trump administration is turning them all into a laughingstock, removing science-based information from websites, understaffing agencies, cutting budgets to the point that they can barely function.

These agencies may need reform, sure. Then shore them up, make them better, don't gut them and make them irrelevant. These regulations he is so eager to get rid of were put in place for a reason.

We have clean water, clean air, because of the EPA, don't destroy it; we have (or had) national parks that were the envy of the world, don't let industries destroy them or price regular Americans out of them; we have an education system that puts every child in school, and that benefits the whole community, we shouldn't be taking money out of the system to go to private schools; our system for veteran care is good, not bad, we should be making it better, not taking money away from it to give to for-profit entities; the list goes on.

Don't turn us into a Banana Republic.

Journalists should be resisting these attempts, not aiding and abetting.

Oh, did I forget to mention that Sinclair is trying to get government approval to almost double in size? If approved, they would reach 70% of households in the US. The FCC limits them to 39% now. Sinclair currently reaches 38% of US households. Those pesky regulations again. And then, in the middle of this effort, they force ALL their news outlets to parrot the President's favorite lines.

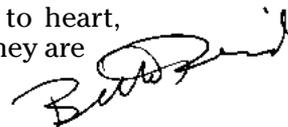
Sinclair has abdicated its responsibility as a real news organization. They should re-cast themselves as entertainment.

But it shouldn't be a surprise. It's been widely known for a long time that Sinclair forces "must-run" segments that come straight from corporate on its stations. So much for being local news stations, huh? I'm sure it'll come as no surprise to you that those segments all just happen to align with Mr. Trump's agenda.

I put this on my cover for a reason: "The security of the Nation is not at the ramparts alone. Security also lies in the value of our free institutions. A cantankerous press, an obstinate press, a ubiquitous press must be suffered by those in authority in order to preserve the even greater values of freedom of expression and the right of the people to know." *Judge Murray Gurfein, Pentagon Papers case, June 17, 1971.*

Journalists should take that to heart, or just go to Hollywood where they are expected to read scripts.

Until next week then...see ya,




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Selectboard does not vote to support appointed Town Clerk

By Beth David
Editor

In the first meeting after the election, the Fairhaven Selectboard reorganized, voting to make Daniel Freitas chairperson on Monday, 4/9. The board's long time tradition is to rotate the chair position every year.

And, although that decision was unanimous, board members were split on the issue of changing the Town Clerk position from elected to appointed. Mr. Freitas held with his oft-stated position that the job should continue to be filled by a town-wide election; board member Charles Murphy admitted that switching to an appointed position was the way of the future, but opted to support keeping it elected for now; only board member Bob Espindola voiced his support for changing the position to an appointed post.

Mr. Murphy called it a "very challenging decision."

He said he heard from a lot of members of the community who wanted to keep the position elected. And although he thought it was the wave of the future to go with an

appointed position, he said, he felt it should stay elected for now due to public sentiment.

Mr. Espindola repeated the reasons that the Town Clerk Study Committee gave for changing the job. First and foremost, he said, the job is the only full time position in town government that is chosen by a vote of the electorate.

"I don't think the decision is going to make a marked difference in the town one way or another," said Mr. Espindola.

He said, however, that with such low voting turnouts, he felt the position was vulnerable to someone unqualified getting in.

He also said that opening up the position to people who do not live in town, gives the town a wider pool of talent to choose from. He said that is why businesses do not limit their hiring to local residents.

Mr. Murphy sang the praises of current town clerk Eileen Lowney, noting that the tie in the Board of Public Works race this year was unusual and required a certain knowledge that, he said, impressed

him.

Mr. Freitas agreed that low vote turnout was not a good thing, but said he still felt people had a right to make the decision.

All three board members agreed that Town Meeting should vote on the article. The question was, will the Selectboard make a recommendation.

If they voted up or down, then it would have been 2-1 not to recommend the change. Mr. Freitas said he wanted Mr. Espindola's voice to be reflected in the vote.

In the end, the board voted to "yield to the petitioner." That will be the printed recommendation under the article in the town meeting warrant. The board may, however, revisit the vote and make a different recommendation at town meeting.

"I want people to make up their own minds," said Mr. Freitas.

In another matter the board voted to name the Cable Access TV studio in town hall after Bobby Brusco. Mr. Brusco was the Local Access Cable Television Director, but only served about a year when he died suddenly

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Scholarship Apps

The Fairhaven Mothers' Club invites applications for two scholarships, each for \$1,000. The Fairhaven Mothers' Club Scholarship is for graduating high school seniors planning to study in any field. The Trowbridge/Whitfield Memorial Scholarship is for students planning to study in a medical field. Applicants must be residents of Fairhaven.

Applications are available from high school counselors and are due April 15, 2018.

The Fairhaven Mothers' Club raises funds for scholarships and for assistance to families in need from donations, from sales at the Old Time Holiday Fair, and from its annual spring party, to be held on April 17, 11 to 3, at Oxford Terrace.

Limerick Prize Party

See page 22 for details

Book Club Millicent

The General's Women by Susan Wittig Albert. **On Thurs., 4/19, the Thursday morning book group at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven,** invites you to come and share your opinion on this book. Please use the Walnut Street entrance. The book is available to you to read before the review at the Millicent Library or through the Library's web site, SAILS. Please call Norma Markey, 508-993-3745.

April Vacation Prog

The Millicent Library welcomes children from preschool through fifth grade to a very special program. We welcome Big Ryan back for an April Vacation program on **Tuesday, April 17th at 10 a.m.** The program should last an hour and will be held in the downstairs Auditorium/Meeting Room. There will be NO regular Storytimes during vacation week.

Big Ryan's Tall tales has been telling stories now for over 11 years. The show is always enjoyed by children and features original stories, puppet play, a bit of music and movement and a whole lot of fun!

The library is located at 45 Center St., Fairhaven, MA 02719. 508-992-5342. No registration required. Contact Ms. Jane at jmurphy@sailsinc.org. The library is accessible.

Green on Green Spring Tea

Green on Green Spring Tea. April 21st 2018 11-2pm Unitarian Memorial Church 102 Green St. Fairhaven Featuring Art Quilts by Millie Teal, Tea Room, Bake Sale, Raffle Baskets, Green Gardening Ideas and Church Tours. Free admission, child friendly, wheelchair accessible Sponsored by the Women's Alliance of UUSF

FHS PTO Yard Sale

The Fairhaven High School PTO is holding a **huge yard sale on Sat., 4/28, from 9-11 a.m. in the school's parking lot.** 100% of the proceeds goes to the PTO. Available items will include housewares, furniture, clothing, toys, and more.

West Island 5K

Registration is open for the 2018 West Island 5K and Kids Mile! This year you have the option of getting a race shirt or West Island 5K beach towel! **Come out and join us on Sun., 4/29! Visit westisland5k.org** for more information and to register.

Bike Path Cleanup

Join us for the 5th Annual Fairhaven Bike Path Volunteer Clean Up, on **Sun. 4/29, anytime from 9am-12.** **Registration behind the Rec Center**

Please join us in a volunteer cleanup effort for the Fairhaven Bike Path. Together we can help keep our town looking great for residents and our visitors.

We will have some gloves and bags available to use courtesy of Rockys Ace Hardware. Pickers will be available from Operation Clean Sweep. Please bring your own gloves if you have them.

All volunteers will be entered into a raffle to win a gift card from Stop and Shop. Free donuts and coffee by BRW Property Services.

Pancake Breakfast

Fairhaven Lions Club presents Pancake breakfast, Sun., 4/29, 8-11 a.m., at St. Mary's Church, 440 Main St., Fairhaven, MA. Includes pancakes, sausage, fruit cup, coffee and juice. Tickets: \$7, call Bill, 508-996-3420, or contact any Fairhaven Lion. Sponsored by Rockland Trust.

Thrift Store Sale

Heavenly Treasures Thrift Store at First Congregational Church, William Street Fairhaven, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Half Price Sale on Clothes, Shoes, & Pocketbooks. **April 4 to April 28**

Homestay Families

Seeking homestay families for summer student visit from Japan, July 28 to August 4, for high school students from Tosashimizu (our Sister City in Japan). We expect five students and a female teacher

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For more information E-mail: Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org or call Gerry at 508-995-1219

Calling ALL Seniors

Third Annual Rotary Senior Talent Showcase. Come show off your talent...we'd love to have you!

Sunday, April 29th 2-4:00pm at Fairhaven Town Hall

Please call Melissa for an application, 508-330-4837. All TALENTED SENIORS welcome

SAVE THE DATES:

Cherry Blossom Fest

Japanese Cherry Blossom Friendship Festival, **Sun., 5/6, 11:00 AM-4:00 PM, at the Whitfield-Manjiro Museum, 11 Cherry St., Fairhaven.**

Outdoor activities are free and include taiko drumming, martial arts demos, names written in Japanese, origami instructions, silent auction and Japanese item sales booth.

For indoor activities, tour of the museum, bento lunch box (no raw items), tea and dessert, bonsai display and flower arranging demo, tickets are : \$20/adult, \$10/child (under 12). To reserve tickets: call Gerry at 508-995-1219, or e-mail: Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org

Sponsored by: the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society & Mass. Cultural Council Festivals Program.

Nemasket Group Walk/Run

The Nemasket Group 5K Walk/Run will be held on Sat., 5/5. The

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FHS Honor society donates to food pantry, animal shelter



Having raised \$400.00 by selling Dinner for Two books and extra car-wash tickets, the Fairhaven High School Honor Society was able to donate \$200.00 to two local non-profits chosen by its 66 student members. The recipients were the Fairhaven Animal Shelter and the Shepherd's Pantry Food Bank. LEFT: Mira Yin (Junior President) presents a \$200 check to Blanche Pepin at Shepherd's Pantry, and RIGHT: Phoebe Antonio (Junior Treasurer) presents a \$200 check to Animal Control Officer Terry Cripps at the Fairhaven Animal Shelter using funds the group raised selling Dinner for Two books and car wash tickets. *Photos submitted.*



Lions present William Murphy award

On March 28th at the Fairhaven Lions Club Induction Ceremony, Dartmouth Lions President Wayne Vandel presented Fairhaven resident, and past governor of District 33S, Skip Becotte, the William P. Murphy Sight Award. William Murphy was a New Bedford Lion and served for over 25 years as the Treasurer of the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund. Congratulations Skip for being so very committed to eye research in Massachusetts!

LEFT: Wayne Vandel (right), president of the Dartmouth Lions, gives the William Murphy Sight Award to Fairhaven resident Skip Becotte on 3/28. *Photo courtesy of Jackie Kenworthy.*

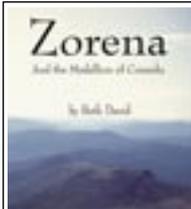


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Wood School Wonderings

By Beth David
Editor

Students at the Leroy L. Wood Elementary School continue to wonder about the world around them. Then they are taking those wonderings to learn about the things that made them wonder. It is an "inquiry based approach to learning," that gets students engaged and excited about learning, according to principal Amy Hartley-Matteson.

The *Neighb News* will highlight some of those projects on an ongoing basis throughout the year.

This week we learn from Jacqueline Tynan about life on a space shuttle; from

Jacqueline Tynan

What is daily life like on a space shuttle?

Astronauts living and working in space have the same hygiene needs as people on Earth do. They need to brush their teeth, wash their hair, and brush their hair and lots more. Astronauts wash their hair with a rinse less shampoo that was originally developed for hospital patients who were unable to take a shower. Many

astronauts have a personal hygiene kit. The kit contains the personal hygiene items each astronaut has

chosen to take. Personal preferences such as toothpaste. Dental hygiene is basically the same as on Earth.



Jacqueline Tynan wondered what life was like on a space shuttle for her wonder project at the Wood School in Fairhaven, and drew this picture to accompany her assignment. *Drawing by Jacqueline Tynan.*

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WMFS Cultural Series

The Whitfield-Manjiro Spring 2018 Community Cultural Series presents three workshops on the following Wednesdays in May, from 6-8 p.m., at Captain Whitfield's Home, 11 Cherry St., Fairhaven.

May 9: Create a bonsai tree to take home. Discover the story of Manjiro's rescue during a tour of the house.

May 16: Learn how to make a scrimshaw piece. Introduction to common expressions in Japanese

language and basic calligraphy.

May 23: Cooking lesson, yakisoba noodles. Learn the art of ikebana (flower arranging).

Cost is \$50 per evening, or \$135 for all three classes. All materials except flower container are included. Class size is limited. Send registration and check to WMFS, 11 Cherry St., Fairhaven, MA 02719, by May 6. INCLUDE: Name, phone number, email address to confirm registration, dates of workshops, and total enclosed.

Contact Gerry Rooney with questions, at gerry@wmfriendshiphouse.org

Community Garden

Have you ever wanted to try a garden but didn't know where to start? Interested in saving money by growing your own organic vegetables? Want to be part of a "growing green" community? If yes, you are in luck because there are Fairhaven Community Garden beds available at three school locations:

East Fairhaven, Hastings Middle School and Wood School. **The fee is \$10 per 4x8 foot bed.** Organic practices only please.

Contact Laurie at 614-439-3564 or lauriehellstrom@yahoo.com if you are interested or have questions. More information can be found at fairhavencommunitygarden.org.

Volleyball at Rec Ctr

Join town employees for volleyball at the Fairhaven Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Ave. (near Stop & Shop), on **Sundays from 6:30-8 p.m.** Sponsored by YOUR Fairhaven Wellness Committee. For more info, call Phil at 508-993-6978.

NFIA Yard Sale

North Fairhaven Improvement Association, Indoor Yard Sale, Oxford School Auditorium, May 19th 9-3pm. \$20.00 10x10 Space

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Ham & Bean Supper

By Pilgrim United Church of Christ, Sat., 4/14, at 6 pm, at Pilgrim Church Home, 634 Purchase St., N.B. Ham and Bean Supper with Raffle. Includes potato salad, cole slaw, beverages, strawberry shortcake

Donation: \$10; children \$5. proceeds to benefit church programs. For reservations call 508-996-1498 or 508-998-1718

Medical Cannabis

Medical Cannabis: Access and Choice Discussion. MedWell Health & Wellness will host a free event featuring information and certifications by appointment for getting a Medical Marijuana card (fee applies). Free light refreshments. **Sun., 4/15, Waypoint Event Ctr., Vineyard Rm, 186 MacArthur Dr., New Bedford, from 11-noon, appointments 10 a.m.-2 p.m.** Professionals from BASK, a medical marijuana dispensary in Fairhaven, will speak and answer questions. To register, visit https://medwell_newbedford_4_15_18.eventbrite.com. To make an appointment, email ann@medwellhealth.net

Job Fair

The SouthCoast Chamber of Commerce, Lifestream, the Greater New Bedford Career Center, Greater New Bedford Workforce Investment Board and Bristol Community College will host the "SouthCoast Job Fair" on **Thurs., 4/19, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational-Technical High School, 1121 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford, MA 02745.**

Admission is FREE for attendees with a resume!

More than 70 local companies, including high tech, medical, construction, manufacturing, and much more, will be actively seeking employees.

Visit <https://southcoastchamber.com/southcoast-job-fair/>

Women's Rights Talk

Legislator, author, and television producer Coline Jenkins will describe the effort to place the first statue honoring women's history in New York City's Central Park on **April 18 at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford.**

Jenkins will also reflect on the strong women in her family, including her ancestors Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Hetty Green. Jenkins' presentation, "Generations of Changemakers," is **free and open to the public and begins at 7 pm.** A reception at 6 pm precedes the lecture. To reserve a seat or for more information visit www.whalingmuseum.org or call 508-997-0046.

Jenkins is co-founder and president of the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Trust, a collection of 3,000 objects of women's suffrage memorabilia, which is loaned out for educational purposes.

Jenkins has served as a legislator in Greenwich, Connecticut for thirty years. She co-authored a book, *33 Things Every Girl Should Know about Women's History*, and produced the television documentary, *An American Revolution: Women Take Their Place*. Visit <http://suffragistmemorial.org/tag/coline-jenkins/>

Slavery Talk

On **Wed., 4/18 at 7:00 pm at the Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden**
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Museum, guest lecturer Marjory Gomez O'Toole will deliver a talk about the history of bondage and enslavement in Little Compton, RI.

O'Toole is the Executive Director of the Little Compton Historical Society and author of the 2016 publication *If Jane Should Want to Be Sold: Stories of Enslavement, Indenture and Freedom in Little Compton, Rhode Island*. She will tell the newly discovered stories of Hannah, Jane, Sampson Shaw, Henry Manton, Moselle Gray and other local people of color impacted by New England's 200-year-long practice of slavery, forced indenture and partial freedom. The stories will illuminate the strong ties between Little Compton, Westport, Dartmouth and New Bedford and focus on the very personal nature of bondage in the North.

Members of the RJD pay \$12 and the fee for the public is \$15. Books will be available for purchase. Call the museum to reserve your place: (508) 997-1401.

Sex Assault Awareness

The public is invited to attend the Proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month on **Tues., 4/17, 5 p.m. in the Ashley Room at the New Bedford City Hall, 133 Williams Street, New Bedford, MA**. Mayor Jon Mitchell will present a Proclamation designating April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in New Bedford.

During the month of April, sexual assault programs across the state and the nation will intensify their efforts to promote public awareness of sexual assault issues. They will stress the need for citizen involvement in reducing sexual assault and the importance of increasing community support for agencies providing sexual assault crisis and educational services, such as The Women's Center, with offices at 209 Bedford Street, Fall River and 405 County Street, New Bedford.

For more info call 508-996-3343 or visit www.thewomenscentersc.com. If you need help or know someone who

does, call the 24-hour hotline at 508-999-6636.

Folk Concert

Indie Folk band Laura Cortese and the Dance Cards bring their genre bending music to the Music in the Gallery concert series on Fri., 4/13, at 7:30 PM in the beautiful James Arnold Mansion, owned by the Wamsutta Club, 427 County St. (corner of Union), NB. Music in the Gallery is presented by the Music Directors of the New Bedford Folk Festival. Music in the Gallery concerts are open to the general public. All are welcome to this lovely, unique music experience.

Cash bar and a limited menu. Free parking. Tickets: \$20 in advance online and \$25 at the door. Due to the intimate setting for the concert, seating is very limited, so advance purchase is advised. For tickets: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3117994>. For further info about the concerts email korolenko8523@charter.net

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Boston Marathon

This year's Boston Marathon is on Mon., 4/16. For more information on restrictions for spectators, the best viewing spots, and how to get around, visit <http://www.baa.org/races/boston-marathon/event-information/spectator-information.aspx>

The race starts in Hopkinton at around 9 a.m. and the leaders begin to arrive at the finish line on Boylston Street in Boston around 2 hours later.

School Vaca progs

Get outside with your family during school vacation week during April Vacation Explorations with the Buzzards Bay Coalition. Through fun, informative hands-on activities, your family will learn all about animals and their habitats around Buzzards Bay.

On Wednesday, Apr. 18, explore the Acushnet River and surrounding forest at The Sawmill (32 Mill Rd., Acushnet). We'll walk through the woods in search of plant and animal life and stop by the river to see what we can catch. Both programs run from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Recommended for families with elementary school-aged children.

Registration is required. To RSVP,

visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events/ or contact the Buzzards Bay Coalition at (508) 999-6363 ext. 219 or bayadventures@savebuzzardsbay.org

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Volunteer Opport.

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by volunteers so don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to be a GTG Superhero and to make a difference in your community.

For more information about GiftsToGive to schedule a tour, please call 508-717-8715 or visit www.giftstogive.org

Mindfulness Walk

Enjoy the peace and beauty of nature with Jessica Webb, owner of Anchor Yoga, and the Buzzards Bay Coalition during a mindfulness walk at **Tinkhamtown Woodlands (29 Long Plain Rd., Mattapoisett) on Sat., 4/14 at 11 a.m.** Through guided mindfulness meditation, participants will experience the outdoors with their senses wide open.

All fitness levels are welcome on this free, one-hour walk. The walk will be conducted at a deliberately slow and mindful pace in social silence without digital devices. Please wear appropriate footwear and layers. Pre-registration is required. To RSVP, visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events/mindfulness-walk-tinkhamtown-woodlands-apr-14-2018/ or call 508-999-6363 ext. 219 or bayadventures@savebuzzardsbay.org

Recipe of the Week

Caprese Salmon

- 1/3 c. balsamic vinegar
- 1/4 c. brown sugar
- 2 cloves garlic, sliced
- 3 (12-oz.) salmon filets, patted dry with paper towels
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 2 c. halved grape tomatoes
- 1 c. quartered mini mozzarella balls
- 1/4 c. thinly sliced basil, for garnish

Preheat oven to 375°.

In a large bowl whisk together balsamic vinegar, brown sugar, and garlic. Add salmon to mixture and place in the refrigerator to marinate for 10-15 minutes.

Remove salmon from marinade and place on a small baking sheet or baking dish.

Season each piece of salmon with salt and pepper and top with tomatoes and mozzarella.

Bake until opaque and flaky, 18 to 20 minutes.

Garnish with basil and serve.

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To share a recipe with your neighbors

Mail to 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719; fax to 508-991-5580; email to neighbnews@comcast.net (Email preferred)

From the Fhvn BPW: sewer upgrades

Press Release

Good day,

My name is Mike Ristuccia and I am one of the Commissioners on the Town of Fairhaven's Board of Public Works. Beth David has been gracious enough to allow me to provide a "once in a while" tidbit designed to give a brief history and explanation of the new sewer discharge permit which the Town will be forced to comply with. What follows will be the first such snippet.

In 1972, Congress passed Public Law 92,500 which is known as the Clean Water Act (CWA). This act established the basic structure for regulating discharges of pollutants into the waters of the United States.

When the CWA came into existence, nitrogen was not a parameter of concern as scientists were unaware of the deleterious effects of this pollutant. As a result, the design of most wastewater plants (including Fairhaven's) did not contain nitrogen removal capabilities as this was not a concern that Congress had targeted when these

facilities were being built.

In 2010, the US Environmental Protection Agency issued the Town a draft sewer discharge permit which contained a nitrogen limit for the first time. Whenever a draft discharge permit is issued, the law requires a 30 day period when the EPA will accept comments on the contents of said permit. This allows for the potential of any last minute modifications. Once comments are received and reviewed the permit becomes final.

At that time, the Town hired both a legal team and a water quality modeler to review and provide comment on the validity of the New Bedford inner harbor pollutant study (conducted by UMASS) which was used as the basis for the draft discharge permit. Although the comments were submitted and received, the US EPA took no action further in this matter until 2017.

Until next time....

*Mike Ristuccia, Chairperson,
Fairhaven Board of Public Works
508-999-3321, Ext. 424.*

Election update: Haworth wins PB seat

The vacant seat on the Fairhaven Planning Board is vacant no longer.

There was no name on the ballot to fill the seat of Peter Nopper, who decided not to run for re-election. Final results came in after press time last week, and show that Geoffrey Haworth, a former Selectboard member and former Board of Public Works member, received 10 write-in votes.

Official results show 22 write-ins, with no other write-in candidate getting more than three votes to Mr. Haworth's 10.

Most were single votes with former

Selectboard member Brian Bowcock receiving three votes in precinct two; and former Town Planner and Economic Development Director Bill Roth receiving three write-in votes, one in precinct one, and two votes in precinct two.

Several others got single write-in votes, including *Neighb News* editor Beth David (much to her surprise), who got a vote in precinct 6, which is not her precinct.

Precinct three was the only precinct that had no write-ins for Planning Board.

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Winter temps don't scare away beach clean-up volunteers

By Beth David
Editor

Even with temperatures in the 30s, and feeling colder with the wind chill factor, volunteers trekked out to area beaches to clean up trash and debris that got washed up over the winter.

The West Island Improvement Association held its very first annual Earth Day cleanup on Saturday, 4/7, and got about 70 volunteers to fan out

along the Causeway Road/Goulart Memorial Drive beaches.

Brady Sinn, 10, summed it up.

"To help the community become better," he said, adding that getting the trash out of the ocean, also helps the fish. "So they don't have to suffer from the trash."

At Fort Phoenix, Be the Solution to Pollution held a clean-up on Sunday, and had more than 40 volunteers

despite the biting wind.

Both groups said they had a good mix of children and adults.

At the fort, volunteers picked up 514.5 pounds of trash, 52 pounds of recycling, and 22 hypodermic needles.

On West Island, dozens of bags and piles of trash stretched out for about 30 feet in front of the WIIA community hall for pickup. Volunteers said they picked up 26 tires, dirty diapers, men's underwear, and 50 balloons.



TOP LEFT: The final pile of trash and debris collected from West Island beaches on Causeway Road/Goulart Memorial Drive awaits pickup in front of the West Island Improvement Association Community Hall after the first annual Earth Day Beach cleanup on Saturday, 4/7/18. TOP RIGHT: A pile of trash and debris on the shore of Jack's Cove awaits pickup by volunteers. ABOVE LEFT, L-R: Mike Poirier and Ed Goulart load up a bicycle and tires to be just some of the trash and debris picked up off the beach on West Island. ABOVE RIGHT: Jean "JP" Lemieux tries to figure out how to get more into the little trailer used to haul away trash and debris that was picked up off the beaches on Causeway Road. *Photos by Beth David.* BELOW LEFT: Volunteers pause for a photo with all the trash and debris they picked up from the beach at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven on Sunday, 4/8/18. BELOW RIGHT: A couple of young volunteers display some of the debris that got picked up from the beach at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven on Sunday, 4/8/18. *Submitted photos.*



Union Wharf project gets help from NB Vocational Students

By Beth David
Editor

The Marine Safety Terminal project at Union Wharf in Fairhaven got some help from a unique, mixed crew of town workers and students to get the job done this week.

Harbormaster Timothy Cox said that the grant money, just under \$100,000 was not quite enough to run electrical, water and sewer to the new Marine Safety Terminal. The dock will be available for police, fire and harbormaster boats to have a permanent place to tie up.

The project had the benefit of personnel from the fire department, police department, water, sewer and highway departments, inspection department, and students in the electrical program at New Bedford Regional Vocational-Technical High School.

Volunteers helped with digging ditches, positioning conduit, and running the big equipment. Even Verizon helped, donating and installing a pole.

On Tuesday, students helped dig the ditch and run three rows of PVC conduit to the terminal. Mr. Cox said the extra piping will be there in case



there is a need to expand in the future.

Union Wharf is already undergoing some major renovation work, including the installation of all new electrical. The new work will provide electricity to all the boats in the lobster basin, giving each boat its own meter. Shore power will also be available to the big boats that tie up on the west side. That side is closed now for the ongoing refurbishing, which should be done in a few weeks.

Mr. Cox said he worked with Town Administrator Mark Rees to figure out a way to squeeze a little more out of the grant money. The school's electrical program was quickly on board, he said. All the students were seniors.

Alexis Rodrigues said she had not done that kind of field work before.

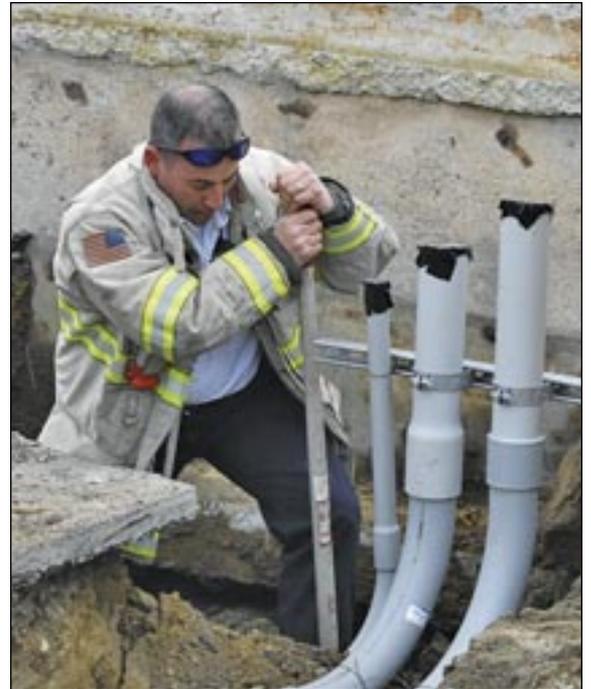
"It's really different," said Ms. Rodrigues. "It's good to get out. I think we all liked it a lot."

Aura Santos agreed.

"I've never done underground work before," she said.

"Even just to see it," said Kailyn McKenna.

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TOP: Three conduits run underground from electric panels to the new Marine Safety Terminal at Union Wharf in Fairhaven, with the help of students at New Bedford Regional Vocational-Technical High School on Tuesday, 4/10/18. ABOVE LEFT: Alexis Rodrigues, a senior in the electrical program at NB Voc-Tech, positions a pipe that will run electrical wiring to the Marine Safety Terminal at Union Wharf on Tuesday, 4/10/18. ABOVE RIGHT: Fairhaven Deputy Fire Chief Todd Correia digs in the ditch to help run electric to the new Marine Safety Terminal at Union Wharf in Fairhaven on Tuesday, 4/10/18. The Marine Safety Terminal will provide a permanent spot for boats from the fire department, police department and harbormaster to tie up. *Photos by Beth David.*

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Kool Kids Summer

Kool Kids is for children entering grades 1 to age 12. Children will have fun each day by participating in a variety of sports, games and art activities. Each session will also include special themed events. Children are grouped by the Grade they will enter in the Fall. Don't miss out on this great summer program. Last year's program had a waiting list every week. Sign up early! \$130 Per week for members, sibling discounts available, also non member rates. Hours: Mon-Fri 8a.m.-3 p.m., Drop off 7:45 AM, Pick up 3pm. Extended day will be available: a.m. only (7 a.m.), \$25, p.m. only (4 p.m.), \$25 Both \$40

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4/25: South Shore Plaza 5/9: Burlington & South Coast Market

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

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Special Activities

Paint Night

for Fairhaven Seniors, Tuesday May 8th at Hastings Middle School, Fairhaven seniors join us for intergenerational night of painting with students from Hastings Middle School. All materials supplied. Seats are limited so call the Fairhaven Senior Center to sign up at 508-979-4029. This is a free event.

SC Legal Services

South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc. Thursday, April 12th 9:30-11:30 a.m. A representative will be at the Senior Center to answer your questions concerning Social Security Benefits (SSI and/or Social Security applications, denials, terminations, or overpayments) Subsidized housing matters, (evictions, hearings, transfers, etc.) Public Benefits Cases (SNAP, Community and long Term Care Medicaid, and Medicare. Physical and financial Abuse. Nursing Home related problems (discharges, transfer, Medicaid, denial of payments. This is by appointment only. Please call 508-979-4029. This is funded in part by Coastline Elderly Services to provide free legal assistance to seniors age 60 and over.

Got Talent?

Third Annual Senior Talent Show,

Sponsored by the Fairhaven Rotary Club, Sunday, April 29, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Fairhaven Town Hall Auditorium. Do you have a special talent you would like to share? Come by the Fairhaven Senior Center to get an application to perform at this event. If you have any questions, call Melissa Kucharski at 508-330-4837 or Anne Silvia at 508-979-4029.

Legal Clinic

Attorney Suzanne Sequin is regularly available for a free private 15 minute consultation with seniors. Call Senior Center to make an appointment at 508-979-4029.

Free Food

Do You Qualify For Free Food From The Greater Boston Food Banks?

Fairhaven seniors, 60 and older and qualify financially, may be able to receive free non perishable groceries once a month. To see if you qualify and for more information, call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 and ask for Anne Silvia.

IT Lessons

Computer Technology for Seniors will be starting a new program starting on April 2nd from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 to sign up

Ongoing Programs

Call 508-979-4029 for days and times

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Acushnet news and happenings

Voter registration deadline approaching

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From: Pamela Labonte,
Town Clerk, Town of Acushnet

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The Town Clerk's Office is open every day, Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and every Tuesday from 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

All new residents and residents who have changed their address within the town should register with the Town Clerk. If you have any questions, please call the Town Clerk's Office at (508) 998-0215.

Author Event via Facetime

The Acushnet Public Library invites you to participate in a

community read and welcomes "Claude & Camille- a novel of Monet" author Stephanie Cowell. **The author talk, via Facetime, will take place on Sat., 4/21 at 1 pm., 232 Middle RD, Acushnet, MA 02743. FREE**

The book offers a fascinating look at nineteenth-century Paris, the bohemian lives of the Impressionists, and their struggle to create a new way of seeing the world.

Ask how you can get a copy of Claude & Camille to read or visit acupl.org. Look for the ebook in OverDrive. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library.

Planning for Medicare – Countdown to 65

If you're getting close to Medicare eligibility, this seminar at the Acushnet Senior Community Center is for you. Whether you are planning to retire or will continue to work, it's important to know your Medicare

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The Acushnet Senior Community Center hosted a health fair on March 19. Twenty vendors participated, including the Southcoast Mobile Health Van which performed free health screenings. At least 150 community members ventured through. ABOVE AND RIGHT: Members of the community visit various vendors at the Health Fair hosted by the Acushnet Senior Center on March 19. Submitted photos.



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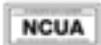
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"It's good experience," said Robert Pacheco. "It's something fun for us." Joshua Holmes said he did have a

little experience with laying pipe because he works with a company through the school's co-op program.

"But it was still fun to do it," he said. Nicholas Leonardo also works co-op, but does not get jobs like that.



LEFT: Len Gauvin (LEFT), electrical instructor at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational-Technical High School, oversees students (all seniors) as they work on cutting and installing more conduit on Union Wharf in Fairhaven on Wednesday, 4/11. RIGHT: Frank Holland, a senior at GNB Voc-Tech, ties up the conduit piping keeping it off the ground before the concrete is poured at Union Wharf. Photos by Glenn C. Silva.

"It's definitely valuable to know," said Mr. Pacheco, even though it is unusual. "To have the knowledge when you need to apply it."

Their instructors, Len Gauvin and Keith Kearney, said it worked out well, and the students got real world experience.

Mr. Kearney said they learned about safety in a construction zone, and how to work with other groups, such as the town departments.

"There's a whole lot going on out here," he said, adding it was also a good lesson for the students to work together.

"They really came together as a team," he said. ●●●

FHS students win three student Emmys

Press Release

On April 4, 2018, the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences announced the recipients of the 2018 New England Regional High School Production Awards (informally known as student Emmy Awards.)

Students were honored for excellence in broadcast journalism, sports broadcasting, and video production. Members of Fairhaven High School's Media Production Program were awarded three prestigious New England Student Awards and recognized with an additional eight honorable mentions.

Fairhaven High School was one of the top schools recognized in the New England region. Pinkerton Academy (Pinkerton, NH) also received three awards.

Since 2013, Fairhaven High School has received 18 New England Regional Student Production Awards and two National Student Production Awards. The school will receive a crystal pillar bearing the Emmy Logo, and a ceremony will be held at a future date.

These students now represent New England in a National Student Produc-

tion Award event, taking place next October.

NATAS awarded 24 awards in 23 different categories, and over 300 entries were submitted. Fairhaven's winners as follows.

Student Production Awards: Arts and Entertainment/Cultural Affairs

"Artist's Corner – Ally Pereira" Bailey Cormier (class 2018), Video Journalist (View at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nFz3z1V6BOW>)

Music Video

"Invisible" Kaelyn Bourgeois (class 2018), Director, Producer; Grace Pelletier (class of 2018), Assistant Producer; Lexi Teves (class 2018), Assistant Producer (View at <https://youtu.be/0fPOG0nEVbw>)

Video Essay (single camera only)

"Every Song Tells A Story" Molly Antone (class 2018), Video Journalist; Grace Pelletier (class 2018), Video Journalist (View at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cLqqtvcUHUQ>)

Student Production Awards, Honorable Mentions

Serious News

"New Bedford Fire Department"

Mitchell DaSilva (class 2018), Tony Truong (class 2018)

Light news

"Raising 11" Abigail Bernardo (class 2020), Director/Producer

Music Video

"Fire Under Water," Bailey Cormier (class 2018), Director/Producer; Aidan Quintal (class 2018), Actor/Production Assistant

"Youth" Jasmine Melo (class 2018), Director, Producer; Kelsey Pereira (class 2018), Director, Photographer/Editor/Producer

Sports

"For the Kids" Cassie Lavigne (class 2020), Video Journalist

Animation

"An Open Letter to those Who Feel Discouraged" Colby Molleto (class 2018), Director/Animator

Photography

"Fire Under Water" Bailey Cormier (class 2018), Photographer; Aidan Quintal (class 2018), Production Assistant

Writing

"Dear Fairhaven," Jasmine Melo (class 2018), Writer; Lexi Teves (class 2018), Writer.

Driver extracted after accident



On Sunday, 4/8, Fairhaven police and fire responded to this single car accident on Green Street when Jimmy Allison, 40, of Fall River crashed this 2002 Chevrolet Malibu into a tree at about 4 p.m. He will face charges for the accident, including negligent operation of a motor vehicle, operating under the influence/drugs, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and failing to wear a seatbelt. According to police his injuries were not serious, but his condition was unknown at press time. *Photo courtesy of James Anderson*

Police seek man after fight



Fairhaven police are seeking to identify this man who was involved in an altercation on Sunday, 4/8/18, at approximately 11:50 p.m. at Cumberland Farms on Huttleston avenue. He was seen getting into a dark-color SUV. "We would like him to come into the station to speak with us and give us his side of the story," wrote the department on its Facebook page. "Always three sides; yours, theirs, and the truth." *Photos from Fairhaven Police Department Facebook page.*

Fairhaven police chief in car accident

Press Release

On Monday, 4/9, just before 3 p.m., an unmarked Fairhaven Police vehicle, being operated by Fairhaven Police Chief Michael Myers, was involved in a crash with another vehicle at the intersection of Howland Road and Main Street.

Chief Myers was responding to a call of a fleeing suspect with outstanding warrants who was running on foot from police. The police vehicle had its emergency lights activated as it was crossing Main Street when it collided with the second vehicle.

The police vehicle, a white 2017 Ford Explorer, was traveling westbound on Howland Road. The second vehicle, a black 2005 Cadillac CTS, was traveling northbound on Main Street. The sole occupant of the Cadillac was 23-year-old Amber Lassiter of Fairhaven. She was transported to Rhode Island Hospital with non life-threatening injuries.

Chief Myers, who was the sole occupant of the police vehicle, was taken to Tobey Hospital in Wareham.

The Massachusetts State Police

Accident Reconstruction Team was called in to investigate the crash. The suspect who fled from police has five outstanding arrest warrants for shoplifting, multiple motor vehicle violations, resisting arrest, trespass and drug charges. The crash is under investigation.

The suspect, Robert Demello, whose last known address was in Dartmouth, was spotted by a patrol officer walking north on Main Street. Mr. Demello, 24, had five outstanding warrants including motor vehicle, shoplifting and drug violations. While being questioned by police, Mr. Demello ran on foot from the scene.

He was taken into custody later that day at Market Basket.

In addition to his existing outstanding warrants, Mr. Demello will face charges in Fairhaven, although police have not finalized the charges yet.

Chief Michael Myers was released after a short time at Tobey and has been back at work with no apparent injuries.

Ms. Lassiter posted on Facebook that she had a "serious concussion,"

and 17 stitches, but expected to recover fully. She said her unborn son was not injured in the accident.

Her mother posted that Amber was "a bit banged up" had stitches on her forehead and could not walk due to pain, but that she was a "trooper," and the baby was okay.

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from an infection at the age of 55 in February of this year.

In its proclamation the board noted Mr. Bruso's quick work in modernizing the town's program and creating a studio, after years of being dormant.

The proclamation says that Mr. Bruso "brought enthusiasm and energy to his job that encouraged and motivated numerous others to become involved in community television."

The proclamation also states that Mr. Bruso had a "magnetic personality, was a pleasure to work with and never said no to a request for assistance."

The studio upstairs in town hall will be named in his memory and an "appropriate plaque" will be installed.

Mr. Espindola said it was members

of the Cable Advisory Committee who suggested it.

"Thank you so much for passing this resolution to name the studio in Bobby's memory," wrote CAC chairperson Barbara Acksen. "Bobby was a special person who combined ability, creativity, passion for his work and his life. He had so many ideas and plans for the studio and the cable access station. Hopefully naming the studio in his memory will inspire us to fulfill those plans and keep him in our memory."

In other business, the board also approved a number of events coming up in spring and summer, including: use of town hall steps for the National Day of Prayer on May 3, at noon; free parking at Hoppy's Landing for the West Island Regatta on July 28; a special one-day outdoor all alcohol

license for the annual Blessing of the Bikes on May 6 at Ice House; the dates of the Summer Concert Series sponsored by the Fairhaven Improvement Association, held in front of town hall or inside during bad weather.

The board held off on approving free parking at Hoppy's Landing for a fishing tournament sponsored by the Fairhaven Firefighters at West Island Marina (formerly Earl's Marina), until the board could confirm that the proceeds will go to a nonprofit.

In another matter, the board chose not to exercise its right to buy the property of Antonio and Ines Lopes. The property is being removed from the Chapter 61A special tax bracket to install a solar array facility. No other town departments expressed an interest in the property.

Conrad Roy Jr., to run Boston Marathon for suicide prevention

By Beth David
Editor

Conrad Roy Jr., whose son Conrad Roy III, aka Coco, committed suicide by carbon monoxide poisoning in the Kmart parking lot in Fairhaven in 2014, is running the Boston Marathon this weekend to raise money for suicide prevention.

The death of Mr. Roy's son prompted a charge of manslaughter and a conviction for Michelle Carter, whose case is on currently on appeal.

Mr. Roy is running to raise funds for the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention. Originally aiming to raise \$25,000, Mr. Roy had raised \$30,175 as of press time.

"The circumstances surrounding my son's suicide, Conrad Roy III, have garnered international attention," reads Mr. Roy's fund-raising page. "It is unimaginable to me that he was coerced into believing suicide was his only option. I can't believe that it happened and I cannot describe the pain I feel every moment of every day. I miss my son so very much. Less than year ago, I barely was able to run a half of a mile. I was inspired to get

healthy and found running and fitness as a way to cope with the grief. Who would have thought that in March of 2017, I was able to run a half marathon in less than 2 hours. That achievement inspired me to set a goal of running a marathon in my son's honor. Suicide is preventable. I believe so strongly in the mission of AFSP and have set my fundraising goal of \$25,000. I hope that Conrad's death has an infinite impact. My son was wearing a Boston Strong t-shirt when he died. I truly feel that I was meant to run this marathon in his memory. I am thankful and humbled to have been chosen to run in the 2018 Boston Marathon for AFSP."

To donate, visit Mr. Roy's fund-raising page at: <https://www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/americanfoundationforsuicidepreventionboston2018/c321>



Conrad Roy Jr., runs in the Guinness Ireland 5K in New Bedford on March 31, seen here at the turn at the end of Route 18 in the South End of New Bedford. Mr. Roy, whose son Conrad Roy III killed himself in a high profile case, is training and raising money to run in the Boston Marathon on April 15 to raise funds for suicide prevention. Photo by Beth David.



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Fairhaven Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on April 23, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. in the Fairhaven Town Hall. Purpose is for the Request for Determination of the following matters as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

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Conservation Commission

Mon., 4/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Rogers School Study Comm

Thurs., 4/19, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 4/25, Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 4/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Old Colony District

Wed., 4/25, OCRVTHS Cafetorium, 6

Planning Board

Thurs., 4/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 4/17, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

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From our readers

Theater students deserve shout-out, too

As a retired educator with 31 years of teaching America's youth, half of which were at the high school level, I would like to give a shout out to a group of students that I feel are, and have been, overlooked.

We tend to marvel at the prowess of our school athletes, which is warranted. They spend many hours training and perfecting their skills after which they are lauded for their achievements.

I point out that my last sentence also describes another group of

students who are devoted to their craft...that of the theater.

High school plays and musicals require the same kind of discipline of the theater students as that of the athletes.

I particularly applaud the students of Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School as they prepare for their spring musical "Grease".

For any production to be a success, the performers must be passionate about their craft and talent. These young people spend hours in rehearsals not unlike any

Broadway production.

Having seen the last three musicals at the vocational school, I know this year's musical will not disappoint anyone who attends. You will find yourself marveling at the fact that those actors are teenagers who love what they are doing.

I urge you to attend this production of "Grease" which will run from May 3-6, I assure you that you will stand and applaud a deserving group of young people.

*Cathy Olsen, New Bedford
Editor's Note: Call for ticket info,
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Friends of Millicent to hold Limerick Prize Party

Celebrate the Limerick Contest Winners!

The prizes in the Friends of the Millicent Library Limerick Contest will be announced at a party in the library auditorium at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 14.

The winners in six categories will read their winning limericks and

receive prizes. Cal Wingate and friends will provide music, and the Friends of the Millicent Library will serve refreshments. As a special treat, Fairhaven poet Maggi Peirce will read some of her own limericks, inspired by helping to judge the contest.

The judges were Janice Randall,

Maggi Peirce, and Chris Richard. They were given the limericks with names and identifying information removed to ensure impartiality.

In addition to four age categories, the judges awarded prizes for limericks about Fairhaven and limericks about current events.

Sustainability committee announces "Drawdown Challenge"

Press Release

The Fairhaven Sustainability Committee invites friends and neighbors to join Team SouthCoast April 4-25 for the Drawdown EcoChallenge www.drawdown.org/ecochallenge: a free, fun and social way to learn about and take action to protect our environment.

According to Team Captain, Ann O'Brien, "This is a very cool project! The website is full of wonderful and innovative ways we can protect our environment. I enjoyed simply reading it.

Deirdre Healy, team member and

chair of the Fairhaven Sustainability Committee, added, "It's organized into seven categories ranging from food to transportation. There is a challenge for everyone, so I think we can win."

Northwest Earth Institute, a recognized leader in transformational sustainability education, is collaborating with Project Drawdown to offer this 21-day engagement program focused on protecting our environment. Project Drawdown is an international nonprofit organization of scholars, scientists, entrepreneurs, and advocates that offers a collective

array of solutions to protect our climate. In the pursuit of sharing its findings, the organization has released the book *Drawdown*, the first of many projects to widely disseminate this information.

Through 4/25, individuals and teams from around the world

are invited to take part in simple daily activities to reduce their carbon footprints. At the end of the Challenge, the teams with the most points will win great prizes, including copies of *Drawdown* and a one-hour video session with Paul Hawken, the Executive Director of Project Drawdown

According to Hawken, "All of life is comprised of self-organizing systems and the Drawdown EcoChallenge is exactly that — people coming together to share, learn, support, imagine, and innovate for a better world. We are honored to be a part of this significant and brilliant initiative."

The Challenge is free and open to the public and the Fairhaven Sustainability Committee will enter each person who registers for Team SouthCoast into a raffle drawing for one of three earth-friendly gift baskets valued at \$125, \$100 and \$75. Participants will receive a raffle ticket per 10 points earned.

For more information and to participate, please visit www.drawdown.org/ecochallenge and search for Team SouthCoast, or find us on the Fairhaven Sustainability Committee Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/GreenFairhaven/>

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