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Who remembers the Great Blizzard of 1978?



Vehicles are stranded in the snow in the southbound lanes of State Route 128, Needham, Mass., after the Blizzard of 1978. The storm hit on Monday, February 6, and most people went to work. Many got stranded trying to get home. Fourteen people died on Route 128 from carbon monoxide as they waited in their cars to be rescued. Photo from the National Archives, Army Corps of Engineers, *public domain photo*. Link: <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/6277820>. Original caption: Photograph by Department of the Army Corps of Engineers Feb 8 1978 New England Division File No. 2 Emergencies Blizzard of 1978 Rt 128 S Needham, Mass. *Jim McDevitt Photographer*



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Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

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."

From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

More sad news this week in our little town.

A six-year-old Fairhaven girl died this weekend, and the Wood School community, the whole town, really, is reeling as we try to comprehend the unimaginable sorrow her parents, sister, and other family members are feeling. (See page 19).

There are no words, really, when it comes to something that just is not supposed to happen.

Some people did not want us to write about young Teagan Palmer's death. But I think that is a disservice to her and to her family. We should be there for each other in times of need. And we can't be there if we don't know that something happened.

Not that there is much we can do, really. But, maybe it's enough to simply keep in mind how very fragile life is. And, as we go about our regular days, keep in mind that we might just cross paths with someone who has had a thing like that happen in his or her life. Let's try a little patience with each other, even if just for a little while.

The young Wood School student was not the only sad news we got this week. Town Hall employee Bobby Bruso, who was the town's cable access director, also died rather unexpectedly. We do not have a story about Bobby in this week's issue. The news just got to me too late to be able to write up something. But, I didn't want to let it go unmentioned.

Bobby only started a few months ago, I think. He was only 55, had lots of energy, and put his whole heart and soul into revitalizing the cable access in town.

He was all over the place with his cameras in hand, had a good group of students from the high school helping out, and would often exclaim, "How lucky am I?" when talking about the talent from our high school that he got to work with.

He was a hard guy not to like and he will be missed.

We have other news in here, of course.

Our cover story is a look back at the Great Blizzard of 1978. A few readers submitted their recollections of that storm. The stories are lots of fun to read. See pages 12 and 13 for that. If you have a story you'd like to share, I think I can be persuaded to run it next week. So, if you missed the deadline, feel free to send it in anyway.

We also have a story about the *Fairhaven Star*, Fairhaven's old weekly newspaper, being digitized and posted online (see page 5). I have pored over many pages of the old *Star* on a few occasions as I researched one thing or another over the years. Now, we can do it online. I ran across a few people this week who were whining about electronics, and smart phones and the internet and the mashing of American brains. I say BULLoney. The *Fairhaven Star* is online for anyone, anywhere, anytime, and for any reason to read.

And that's a beautiful thing.
Until next week then...see ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our story on the death of Al Benac in last week's issue, we misspelled a name. The Fairhaven artist mentioned in the article is Lemuel D. Eldred. We apologize for our error.

Selectboard decides not to put marijuana on ballot

By Beth David

Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard decided at a special meeting on Monday, 2/12, not to put any questions on the April 2 ballot about marijuana-related issues.

The board needed to decide on wording by February 23, if it wanted to place something on the ballot, hence the need for a special meeting.

Town Counsel Thomas Crotty went over a few different possibilities and some reasoning behind why the board might want to act.

Although there is a moratorium in place until the end of the year, it was not voted on in a town-wide vote, said Mr. Crotty, so it could be challenged by someone who wanted to open a retail pot-shop in town. However, he added, the idea of the moratorium was recommended by the state attorney general's office, so, he mused, presumably AG Maura Healey, would back the ban that 129 municipalities have instituted. Most did not hold town-wide votes. In Fairhaven, Town Meeting voted for it.

"I think she would turn tail and run," said Selectboard member Daniel Freitas. "She's extremely political."

The bulk of the conversation on Monday revolved around whether or not voters who approved the legalization of marijuana in November of 2016, knew what they were voting for. Did they realize they were voting for the possibility of retail shops in

town?

Selectboard Chairperson Bob Espindola read from the statute to point out that the "yes" vote was to allow local officials to institute regulations, not a flat-out vote for retail shops.

Other possibilities included zoning bylaws changes.

The town has an overlay district for the medical marijuana dispensary, but not for recreational shops.

Planning Board Chairperson Wayne Hayward cautioned against rushing into bylaws changes.

The state will begin taking applications on April 1, but with the moratorium in place until December of 2018, any applicants would have to wait until then to open up a place.

Meanwhile, the town should be getting regulations in place, including whether or not marijuana cafes would be allowed, where people could consume on the premises; if regular restaurants would be allowed to add marijuana edibles to their menus; where retail shops would be allowed, and a host of other possible regulations.

The town is also allowed by state law to impose up to 3% in local taxes on all sales.

The crux of the worry was: Will someone come in and get a license before the regulations are in place, successfully challenge the moratorium, and then be allowed to set up shop in an undesirable place.

As it is, the town can either ban the retail shops entirely, by town-wide vote, or limit it to the two that the state has said the town can have by a formula based on the number of liquor stores in a municipality. As of now, there is not limit because the town has not voted. Town Meeting can vote to limit it to two, but only a town-wide vote can ban retail entirely. Even then, it still has to be ratified by Town Meeting. It takes two votes, one town-wide and one at Town Meeting to completely ban the shops. That is because Fairhaven voted for the legalization of marijuana in 2016.

In any case, the existing Registered Marijuana Dispensary (RMD) in Fairhaven that dispenses medical marijuana, would have priority to open a recreational shop.

"I'm not sure there will be a big line out the door," with people signing up, said Mr. Crotty.

If there is a quick application, then it's a "race to the courthouse," said Mr. Crotty, to stop it.

The biggest danger of putting the moratorium to a town-wide vote, is if the voters decide not to uphold it. If that happens, and the one in place is challenged, it has a better chance of getting shot down by the court.

In the end, the board decided to leave things as they are. The town will most likely need a special town meeting in the fall to adopt the new regulations that the Planning Board will create.

Town Clerk Study Committee seeks public input Forum Scheduled for February 26

Press Release

FAIRHAVEN, MA – The Fairhaven Town Clerk Study Committee would like to invite all Fairhaven residents to a public forum on Monday, February 26, 2018, 7 pm, at the Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street. The purpose of this forum is to discuss the role of the Town Clerk, his/her duties and functions, and whether Town residents

would like to keep it elected or consider changing it to an appointed position.

The Town Clerk Study Committee is charged with studying the role of the Town Clerk, and with making a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen/Town Meeting whether the Town would like to change the position to appointed. Voters are

urged to attend this meeting, to give their opinions and ask questions of the Town Clerk Study Committee.

This meeting will be held in the auditorium and will be filmed by the Cable Access Department. Light refreshments will be provided.

Please forward any questions to Human Resources Director Anne O'Brien – 508-979-4023 ext. 149.

BPW clarifies vote on minutes

By Beth David

Editor

The Fairhaven Board of Public Works contacted the *Neighb News* after last week's story and editorial about the minutes to the 1/25 meeting

not being approved.

Kathy Trip, Administrative Assistant to the board, said that the minutes were approved after the board adjourned the executive session and reconvened in open session.

She said the government access camera and the *Neighb News* reporter were not yet back in the room by the time the minutes were approved.

She said the minutes were not discussed in executive session.

Whaling Museum offers school vacation programming

Press Release

The New Bedford Whaling Museum will kick off February vacation week on Monday, February 19 with family-friendly activities celebrating New Bedford's historic figures.

Len Cabral, a great grandson of Cape Verdean whalers, will captivate audiences with engaging adventures and folktales from the past, featuring stories from Cape Verde, Africa, and the Caribbean.

Visitors can pose for photos in front of large hand-painted backdrops created by the Museum's high school apprentices, or dress as historical figures for photos in the James E. Reed Photo Booth. Reed was an important African-American photographer in New Bedford's early history, who photographed many local residents including Frederick Douglass.

Other activities on Monday include a giant inflatable whale that kids can climb inside, a variety of arts and crafts, and a movie about Frederick Douglass. Monday's kickoff is free for New Bedford residents, and free with admission for non-residents.

Programs include special tours, a

chance to go below deck on the Lagoda, the world's largest ship model, the giant inflatable whale, and kids' crafts. Tuesday through Friday activities are free for Whaling Museum members and free with admission for non-members. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Schedule is subject to change.

Monday, February 19

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

- James E. Reed Photo Booth: Dress as a historical figure in the booth or take your own photos against hand-painted backdrops.
- Climb inside a giant inflatable whale
- Arts & Crafts • Scavenger Hunt

11:00 am

- Len Cabral Story Telling

1:30 pm

- Cake

2:00 pm

- Movie: *Profiles in Courage: Frederick Douglass*

Tuesday, Feb. 20–Friday, Feb. 23

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

- Inflatable Whale • Kids' Crafts

10:00-11:00 am & 11-11:30

- Go below deck on the Lagoda!

11:00 am

- Museum Highlights Tours: Docents will lead groups throughout the Museum focusing on some of the most historically significant artifacts and visitor favorites, while telling stories of New Bedford's role in U.S. history.

Tues., Feb. 20 & Thur., Feb. 22

2:00 pm

- 45- min. Curator Tour: See the Museum through a curator's eyes.

Friday, February 23 only

10:30 am

- All Aboard the Lagoda! Dress as your favorite character and climb aboard the Lagoda! Learn the ropes, interact with different cultures, and scour the seas in search of whales as you experience a global whaling voyage through role-play on the world's largest model whaleship.

The February vacation program is supported by Per Moen and Joan Dolian, and by a grant from the Mass. Cultural Council, a state agency. For questions and more information visit www.whalingmuseum.org or call 508-997-0046.

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

The "Star" is online

The Fairhaven Star, Fairhaven's original weekly newspaper has been digitized and is available online, thanks to a project by the Millicent Library.

To take a journey into Fairhaven's past from 1879 to 1967, visit <http://digital.olivesoftware.com/Olive/APA/MillicentLibrary/#panel=home>

The Star is a wonderful source for local news and opinion. As Mabel Hoyle Knipe wrote in "Following 'The Star,'" "letters motivated by avarice, political aspiration, sarcasm, patriotism, testiness, resentment and joy are spread all through the pages of THE STAR...and they provide an invaluable record of the thinking and the emotional convolutions of scores of Fairhavenites."

Charles Dean Waldron (1856-1916) founded the Fairhaven Star in 1879 as a way to support himself and his family and to boost the town's civic pride. He wrote the stories, solicited advertisements, and set the type. He took the finished printing forms across the bridge in a wheelbarrow to the offices of the New Bedford Mercury, where the four-page Star was printed. It was only three columns wide and 8½ inches long, and Waldron gave the thousand copies he had printed away free. By June he named the paper officially the Fairhaven Star, enlarged it to four columns, 10 inches, and began charging a penny per issue. And by the end of the year he was able to buy his own press.

The paper outgrew Waldron's home at 13 Oxford Street, and in August 1880 he set up shop at 43 Center Street. Three years later he moved to the corner of Center and Main and in 1900 to the corner of Main and Ferry. In 1902, he moved next door, where the offices remained until the paper closed in 1967.

The digital archive is made possible by the Community Preservation Act and the Millicent Library

Photos wanted

The Fairhaven Selectboard is calling for submissions for this year's Annual Town Report. Please send your digital photos to [Selectmen@Fairhaven-MA.gov](mailto>Selectmen@Fairhaven-MA.gov). No more than three submissions per person, please. Deadline is February 20.

Town Clerk Study Forum

See page 3.

Boating Skills Class

Boating Skills and Seamanship Course. Many insurance companies will offer discounts on boat insurance to individuals who successfully complete this course. Individuals who successfully complete the course and exam are awarded certificates and cards.

Both the novice and the experienced boater will benefit from lessons in boating terminology, boat equipment, boat handling, boat trailering, lake boating, rules of the road, navigation, medical/safety awareness, weather, engines, radios, and how to read a chart, buy a boat, tie a knot and call in a mayday.

Course will be held at USCG Auxiliary, 80 Middle St., Fairhaven, **beginning on Mon., 2/26, from 7-9 p.m.**, for 13 weeks (Feb. 26, Mar 5, 12, 19, 26, Apr 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21). For boaters, sailors, fishermen, personal watercraft operators. Final Exam and Graduation May 21, 2018

Cost: \$45 for course materials (book and chart) Register online at <http://a0130605.uscgaux.info>

Boating Safety Course

Need Your Boating Education Certificate? The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 65 is proud to offer *About Boating Safely*. This boat safety course is designed to be an introductory course to meet the boating education needs of recreational boaters.

This course will satisfy state requirements for mandatory boater education needed to obtain a boat license or safety certification.

Many boat insurance companies will offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete *About Boating Safely*.

This course includes a wide variety of information: General information about boats and maintenance; information on preparing for safe and enjoyable outings; Navigation rules and aids to navigation; Guidelines for operating your boat or Personal Watercraft (PWC); What to do in case

of boating emergencies; State-specific laws and regulations you must follow

When: **Sat., 3/31, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.** Cost: **Course materials \$45.00**

Where: U.S.C.G. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 65, 80 Middle Street, Fairhaven. Register online at <http://a0130605.uscgaux.info/publiced.html>

SAVE THE DATE

Matt Rodriguez Blood Drive

The LCpl Matthew R. Rodriguez Memorial Foundation, in celebration of Matthew's 24th birthday, is holding their 4th Annual Memorial Blood Drive on Fri., 3/2, from 1:00-6:00 p.m., in the Ballroom of the Seaport Inn & Marina, 110 Middle St, Fairhaven.

Appointments are **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!!** To make an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit: redcrossblood.org and enter: **LCPLMATTHEW** to schedule your appointment.

While walk-ins are welcome, please know that individuals with appointments will given priority. Save yourself extra wait time and schedule an appointment.

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 Sat., 3/10. The bus will leave the east side of the Staples parking lot in Fairhaven promptly at 9:00 a.m. and will travel straight through to the casino. Return time is 5:00 p.m. **Tickets for the trip are \$30 each and include a voucher for the buffet and \$10 gambling credit.** (Only adults are eligible for the vouchers.) The militia will hold some raffles on the bus during the trip.

Tickets can be purchased at Mike & Wayne's, 163 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven, or by calling Ellie, 508-441-7566 or emailing madeinu@aol.com.

The Fairhaven Village Militia uses the funds raised by this trip to support its programs during the year, including its two historical encampments at Fort Phoenix, participation in the Memorial Day and Veterans Day parades and the Fourth of July Ceremony, among other things.

Fairhaven man breaks Guinness World Record

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven is known for many historical accomplishments. And now, it will be known as the home of the Guinness world record-holder for the heaviest sumo deadlift in one minute. Raymond Saraiva, 26, lifted 408 pounds 57 times in 60 seconds. That's 23,256 pounds.

Mr. Saraiva made the lifts last July 7, when he was still a tender 25. He lifts five or six days a week, and has been lifting for 10 years.

Mr. Saraiva said he learned about this particular competition online when someone else broke the record. So, he thought he would train for it.

It is not so easy to officially break a Guinness World Record, however. He contacted the organization in December of 2016, and started training in earnest to break the record.

It took six months, though, to get approved. By then, he was no longer at his peak.

"I was at my peak when I submitted it," he said. "I was really ready to go."

But, the wheels were in motion. He got his team together, which included three certified trainers, and set the date at Total Fitness in Dartmouth. The whole process had to be documented in one unbroken video, including his repetitions and the weighing of the weights with two different scales.

"Then I did it," said Mr. Saraiva. "Then I did it."

He needed 57 repetitions to beat the record, but he planned on doing 60. He knew he could, because he had done it in practice. But, on the big day, the mats under his feet kept slipping.

Mr. Saraiva works with his father, also named Ray, at Fairhaven Alarm Systems. Although his dad is his biggest supporter, Mr. Saraiva said he did not want his father there that day. It would just make him nervous. But...

"Everyone at the gym was watching that day," said Mr. Saraiva.

If someone breaks his record any time soon, Mr. Saraiva said he will do "well over 60" repetitions the next time.

He could do less weight with more



Ray Saraiva, 26, holds the certificate he received from Guinness World Records for heaviest sumo deadlift in one minute. The certificate reads: The heaviest sumo deadlift in one minute is 10,548.74 kg (23,256 lb) and was achieved by Raymond Saraiva (USA) in Fairhaven, Massachusetts, USA, on 7 July 2017. Photo by Beth David.



In this still from the official video, Ray Saraiva is watched by three certified trainers as he lifts 408 pounds 57 times in 60 seconds to break the Guinness World Record for heaviest sumo deadlift in one minute on July 7, 2017.

repetitions, or more weight with fewer repetitions. But, 408 pounds is pretty hefty.

"You have to find a balance," he said.

The record is for the total weight lifted in the minute. The combination is up to the lifter.

"It takes a lot of practice. It takes a lot of work," said Ray's father. "Obviously it's an accomplishment... in the world."

To see the full video of Ray's record-breaking lift, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KeUK5LbbC6g&t=419s> or visit the Guinness World Record website at <http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/world-records/heaviest-sumo-deadlift-in-one-minute>

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Cleans energy group meets with Kennedy

Press Release

Newton, Massachusetts - January 26, 2018 - Representatives from a coalition of concerned medical, climate, and citizen advocacy groups came together to meet with Congressman Joe Kennedy III on Friday, January 26, to discuss the urgent need for leadership to circumvent a Massachusetts energy policy that refers to natural gas as a bridge fuel calling for more gas capacity projects.

"There is nothing 'natural' about so-called natural gas," countered Southcoast Neighbors United (SCNU) President Wendy Graça, "and if it is a bridge fuel, it is a bridge to nowhere. We are at a crossroads and decisions we make today will either impede or accelerate our efforts toward a clean energy future."

While climate activist Mary Dewart emphasized that, "There are better, real-world alternatives to our Governor's 'combo platter' energy approach which is already overloaded with gas. Massachusetts businesses are driving clean energy jobs and economic growth, and what we need to do now is modernize our

grid towards renewables, not invest in more dirty energy projects."

Dr. Brita Lundberg, an infectious diseases physician and member of the Massachusetts Medical Society, expressed the growing concern of the medical community over direct human exposures to toxins, carcinogens, and environmental pollutants from natural gas infrastructure (NGI), as well as the indirect health consequences of methane gas as a contributor to climate change.

Citing a mounting body of medical evidence, Dr. Lundberg touched on known human health impacts from



L-R: Mary Dewart of Massachusetts Climate Action Network (MCAN) and Climate Action Brookline, Wendy Graça of South Coast Neighbors United (SCNU) and STEM Education & Teacher Development at UMass Dartmouth, Tracy Manzella of Citizens Against the Rehoboth Compressor Station (CARCS), Beth Rodio of Mothers Out Front (MOF) and No Sharon Gas Pipeline (NSGP), and Dr. Brita Lundberg MD, Infectious Disease Specialist of Mass Health Professionals for Clean Energy, stand with Congressman Joe Kennedy III on January 26. *Submitted photo.*

hazardous air pollutant exposure to methane gas releases such as asthma and other respiratory complaints. She also referenced illnesses from exposures to benzene and other carcinogens, which have been detected in populations living close to the gas drilling rigs, in-

cluding childhood cancers such as acute lymphocytic leukemia.

When considering the health consequences, Beth Rodio of Mothers Out Front, asked the Congressman "to think as a parent about this issue. We are concerned about the effects of fracked gas on children's health and are asking for leadership and action from all of our representatives."

"We have met with the Congressman before, and we really appreciate his open-door policy and readiness to listen," said Citizens Against the Rehoboth Compressor Station (CARCS) director Tracy Manzella, "and while we commend Congressman Kennedy for all of his outstanding work in Washington on our behalf, we will continue to urge him to exert whatever influence he can to address the pressing concerns of his constituents right here at home." ●●●

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Feb. Vacation Prog

The Andrea McCoy Recreation Center is now enrolling students for their annual February Staycation Fun Week. **The February Staycation Fun Week runs Monday February 19 through Friday, February 23, 2018.**

For the **daily cost of \$20 for city residents or \$30 for non-residents**, parents can enroll their children in a camp-like experience from 8 a.m. through 12 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Throughout the week, students will participate in daily sports theme, crafts and computer time. Interested parents may register their children at the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center, 181 Hillman St., New Bedford, MA 02740. Parents may also reserve a seat for their child by visiting the www.nbprb.com to register online.

For more information regarding the February Staycation Fun Week, spring registration or other programming, contact the Recreation Manager, Dave Ponte at david.ponte@newbedford-ma.gov or call (508) 991-3015.

Feb. Vacation Fish Heritage Ctr.

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center is pleased to present a boatload of family fun during February vacation week. Visitors can do a scavenger hunt, try on survival suits and fishing gear, and see the newest exhibit Frozen Asset: Ice Making and the New Bedford Fishing Industry. Resident artists will be on hand February 22 to February 25 to demonstrate their craft. In addition, a family concert with Janie Meneely and Rob van Sante will entertain the entire family.

Marlinspike artist, Erika Hamer, will demonstrate knot tying and will teach visitors simple knots on Thursday February 22nd and Friday 23rd from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day. Author and marlinspike artist, Barbara Merry will demonstrate her work and share the history of marlinspike work on Saturday February 24th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

On Sunday, February 25th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., sailor's valentine artist, Bill Boffa, will demonstrate how he creates these beautiful works of art and will share the history of the valentine. In addition, his work will be available for

sale with a 10% discount.

Janie Meneely and Rob van Sante will perform a special evening concert on Friday, February 23rd from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This family friendly concert will take the listener on a journey of maritime music from the Chesapeake Bay and beyond. Admission is a suggested donation of \$15 per family. Doors open at 6:30.

The Center is open Thursday to Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Daily admission to the Center is free. The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center is dedicated to preserving and presenting the story of the commercial fishing industry past, present, and future through archives, exhibits, and programs. For info, email programs@fishingheritagecenter.org or call (508) 993-8894.

Dock-U-Mentary

Join us for *After the Storm: Lessons from the Northern Edge* as the Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series continues on February 16th at 7:00 p.m. Dock-U-Mentaries is a co-production of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center. Films about the working waterfront are screened on the third Friday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the theater of the Corson Maritime Learning Center, NB Whaling National Historical Park, 33 William St., downtown New Bedford. All programs are open to the public and presented free of charge.

Commercial fishing is one of the world's most dangerous ways to earn a living. For centuries fishermen have braved the waters of the northeast Atlantic to make their catch, some never to return home. But in 2004, the scallop boat Northern Edge sank, taking with it five of the six men on board. The lucrative fishing port of New Bedford, Mass. changed forever. The loss of the Northern Edge spurred a response on every front. Fishermen, politicians, and lawmakers alike took a new look at the safety of those who fish the Atlantic waters for a living. In one of the most regulated industries in the country, however, an imbalance between conservation law and safe practice emerged. This film by J.D. Marlow and Amanda Bergeron explores the question: Can conservation efforts and fishermen's

safety co-exist? Question and answer session with veteran fisherman and safety trainer Captain Rodney Avila to follow the film.

Call 508-996-4095, or visit www.nps.gov/nebe

Rail Plan Comments Sought

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing a **two week extension of the public comment period for the 2018 Draft State Rail Plan to March 2, 2018.** MassDOT held a public meeting in Worcester on January 29th and in Springfield on February 2nd to discuss the draft of the State Rail Plan. Over 100 attendees came out to learn about the plan and share their questions and comments.

The public meeting presentation, which summarizes the contents of the draft plan, is now available on the State Rail Plan website (<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/rail-plan>), along with the full draft plan. The most recent State Rail Plan, which was released in 2010, can also be found on the website.

If you are interested in the long-term plan for rail service in the Commonwealth we encourage you to send your thoughts, concerns and ideas to MassDOT during the public comment period, which is now open.

Comments can be emailed to Planning@dot.state.ma.us or mailed to: Attn: Jennifer Slesinger – State Rail Plan, Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), 10 Park Plaza, Suite 4150, Boston, MA 02116

Public comments must be submitted by Friday, March 2nd, 2018.

SAVE THE DATE

Day of Action

On February 26th, thousands of working people across Mass. will join a national day of action as we speak out for good, union jobs. The Working People's Day of Action coincides with the Supreme Court hearings on the Janus vs. AFSCME case. That case is part of a well-funded campaign by the wealthy special interests to divide us from our co-workers, and to limit the power in numbers we have together in a union.

In New Bedford: 5pm, City Hall, 133 William St, New Bedford, MA 02740

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Itty Bitty Explorers

Get outside with your little ones this February during Itty Bitty Bay Explorers, a series of four free outings on Wednesday mornings with the Buzzards Bay Coalition. Through fun games and hands-on activities, your family will learn all about animals and their habitats around Buzzards Bay.

On Feb. 21, find out where all of our furry mammal friends go in the winter at LaPalme Farm (Blain St., Acushnet). And on **Feb. 28, discover what makes fish different from other animals** at The Sawmill (32 Mill Rd., Acushnet). 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 is 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

Author Talk

Ripped from the Headlines and the Walls of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum: The Acushnet Public Library Welcomes Pulitzer Prize-winning Author Stephen A. Kurkjian.

Join us for an author talk on Wednesday, February 21 at 6 pm. This free event will take place in the Library Community Room at 232 Middle RD, Acushnet, MA 02743.

Pulitzer Prize winning author, Stephen A Kurkjian will visit the Acushnet Public Library and speak about his book "Master Thieves: The Boston Gangsters Who Pulled Off the World's Greatest Art Heist". His book has been said to be the most complete account of the 1990 theft from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston. As an investigative reporter for the Boston Globe he has great knowledge of the suspects, motives and details of this still unsolved theft. Come learn about his insights into the theft of over \$500 million dollars of artworks and the thieves who are still at large.

Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Brazilian director Jose Padilha has come on board to develop the art heist drama "Master Thieves" as a

possible feature film for Sony.

Eversource Pruning

Acushnet: The planned maintenance will involve floor cutting, side pruning and the selective removal of hazard trees that are located along or just beyond the right-of-way edge.

Floor cutting is clearing all incompatible woody vegetation that will be greater than 12 feet tall this growing season to maintain floor/easement ROW width. Woody vegetation is removed around all pole/tower structures, guy wires, gates/barriers and all "off road" access roads. Incompatible woody vegetation is removed 30 feet back from primary road crossings and/or ROW wooden barrier.

All woody vegetation shall be mowed or chipped and removed from ROW. Side pruning and hazard tree removal is required to comply with our vegetation management clearance program requirements to ensure that vegetation does not contact the energized transmission system. Property owners on the transmission right-of-way where this work is planned will be receiving letters and door hanger notices informing them of the scheduled vegetation maintenance in accordance with the current regulations.

All planned work is reviewed in advance and all tree removals beyond the limits of the right-of-way easement area are approved by property owners prior to the performance of the work. Vegetation work that involves the removal of tree(s) will be marked with an orange "X" or "/" within or alongside the ROW. This work is being scheduled for the 2018 calendar year.

SAVE THE DATE

Career Fair for Seniors

At the Acushnet Council on Aging, 59 1/2 So. Main St., Acushnet; 508-998-0280, on Mon., 3/15, from 1-3 p.m.

If you are unemployed and actively looking, seeking a new career direction, or just exploring your options; grab your resumes and join us at the Acushnet Senior Community Center! Free, open to the public.

Some of the vendors joining us will be: Edaville Family Theme Park,

Coastline, Homelinstead Senior Care, LifeStream, Places to Go Transportation, ABLE Associates, Dignity Memorial, Community Nurse Home Care

Author Event

The Acushnet Public Library Welcomes *Chappaquiddick Tragedy-Kennedy's Second Passenger Revealed* author Donald Nelson.

Join us for an author talk on Mon., 3/5, at 6 pm. This free event will take place in the Library Community Room at 232 Middle RD, Acushnet, MA 02743.

Research scientist and author Donald Nelson will visit the Acushnet Public Library and speak about his book *Chappaquiddick Tragedy-Kennedy's Second Passenger Revealed*. Mr. Nelson explored all the original records of the infamous 1969 Chappaquiddick accident to determine whether an alternate account of the happening was supported by forensic evidence. His "Aha!" moment came when he understood confirming inquest testimony of one witness — never understood by previous investigators!

This is his account of the tragedy.

Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Bruins PJ Drive

The Acushnet Public Library has teamed up with the Boston Bruins to participate in their annual pajama drive to benefit DCF Kids and Cradles to Crayons. The PJ Drive's goal is to collect 15,000 pairs of new pajamas for children and teens in need.

The Boston Bruins PJ Drive runs **through March 15**. The library will be collecting new pairs of pajamas for babies, children and teens. Drop off pajamas during normal library hours. For more information visit acupl.org.

DCF estimates that at any given time the agency is working with 45,000 babies, children and teens. DCF's participation helps ensure that PJs stay in the area in which they were collected, benefitting local kids and teens.

Participating libraries will compete with other organizations for special Bruins prizes including a street hockey clinic with Bruins Mascot Blades and autographed Bruins items.

Recipe of the Week

Rosemary Chicken and Roasted Vegetables

- 1 whole chicken (3 lb. broiler-fryer)
- 1 tbsp melted butter
- 4 med. red potatoes, cut in quarters
- 2 cups baby carrots
- 2 stalks celery, cut into 2" pieces
- 12 small white onions, peeled
- 1/2 tsp dried rosemary, crushed
- 1 cup unsalted chicken stock
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 3 tbsp orange zest

Set oven to 375°. Season chicken as desired. Brush chicken with butter. Place chicken and vegetables into roasting pan. Sprinkle with dried rosemary. Stir stock and orange juice in a small bowl and pour half the mixture over chicken and vegetables.

Roast for 45 minutes. Stir vegetables. Add orange zest to remaining stock mixture and pour over chicken and vegetables.

Roast for 30 minutes or until chicken is cooked through.

By Karen Snows

To share a recipe with your neighbors

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

From our readers

The Truth About Marijuana

First of all, I would like to thank the Selectmen for having an open forum at the town hall last Monday, 2/5.

The speakers were able to present their opinions and experience with marijuana. From the sellers' or peddlers' side, their main argument was if they were allowed to sell it they can control how it will be grown and keep it additive free, which I say will be doubtful. They left out the fact that it is five times stronger than it was 40 years ago, is very addictive particularly to young people. My wife smokes medical marijuana, she chokes and gags when she smokes it. This medical marijuana is a farce. Most smokers smoke for one reason, to get high.

What they have left out is their only interest is their profit and greed. They couldn't care less about the destructive and addictive consequences on people, young people in particular.

One the opposing side there were some well qualified speakers. First of all there was Bernie [Bernard Roderick], who was superintendent of Fairhaven schools. He spoke about the difficulty of trying to teach kids who were high on marijuana. He mentioned that 90% of heroin and other hard drug addicts started with marijuana. There is very credible research that points out that marijuana lowers the IQ level and kills off the work incentive of young people.

There were professional health workers who pointed out the dangers of inhaling this poisonous addictive drug. Just like tobacco, it's loaded with toxins and carcinogens, and unlike tobacco smokers, marijuana

smokers inhale more deeply and retain this smoke in their lungs to get their high. I invite you to go to the American lung association website to view their information about the dangers of marijuana smoking.

I can relate to the dangers and destructive consequences of marijuana smoking up close and personal. My step-daughter started with marijuana. Sadly she went onto hard drugs and lived a life of addiction for many years. Thank God she survived and is doing well today.

However my brother-in-law and best friend didn't do so well. Both are deceased now. They were both tobacco and marijuana smokers, a deadly combination. I know this story can be repeated thousands of times.

My concern is mostly for the young people of our town. If you allow the sale of recreational marijuana in this town we are sending a wrong message to our young people. I strongly urge the citizens of our town to ban the sale of recreational marijuana.

There is one final point I would like to make, which is if you truly love your child, you will discipline children. They ask for it, they need your support and guidance. Likewise you will do all you can dot warn and protect your children from the dangers of tobacco, alcohol and drugs.

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Remembering the “Great Blizzard of 1978”

The *Neighb News* asked readers to share their stories about the Great Blizzard of 1978.

The snow began in New England around mid morning on Monday, 2/6/78, and kept going for 33-36 hours. Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island got hit the hardest. When it first started, everyone thought it was going to be a regular, garden variety big storm. But by the early afternoon, snowfall was accumulating up to two inches an hour in some places.

The blizzard dumped 27.1 inches in Boston, and 40 inches in parts of Rhode Island. At least 99 people were killed in the northeast US and 4,500 were injured. The storm caused \$520 million in damage in 1978 dollars.

In Massachusetts, 3,000 cars and 500 trucks were stranded on Route 128 alone, as people left work early to get home. Tragically, 14 people died from carbon monoxide poisoning on that road as they awaited rescue, running their cars for warmth. The high snow had covered their tailpipes.

Many people spent days in their vehicles throughout New England. Ninety-nine people died in the storm. The National Guard was called in to help, but even they had to wait until the runways were cleared.

In Fairhaven, the town already had 12 inches of snow from a previous storm, and then got pummeled with 26 more inches in the blizzard.

To learn more about the blizzard of 1978 visit: <http://www.blizzardof78.org/>; for local info, visit <http://www.westislandweather.com/blizzardof1978.htm>

For photos of the blizzard visit the City of Boston Archive photos at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/cityofbostonarchives/albums/72157650081976070>

Here are a few stories from some of our readers.

“I sailed home”

My name is Edward DeMedeiros and I have a little story relating to that day.

Everyone, it seems, went to work that day. I can't recall if schools were open, but I'm willing to bet they were;

the forecast had called for FLURRIES!

I was working on Crapo Street in the South End of New Bedford, and the snow started coming down in huge flakes that didn't stop. It was building steadily from about 8 or 9 a.m. We usually worked until 5, but this day our director told us all to go home some time around 3 that afternoon.

I was fortunate to get onto Route 18 North and made it as far as Coggeshall Street. The cars were all piled up, stuck, at the end of 18 at Coggeshall and I wound my way past them in my tiny Opel Kadett.

I bogged down just North of Coggeshall Street where the Bait Shop

11, 1978.

When it started snowing I was delivering Leggs pantyhose to a small market in New Bedford's north end. The UPS driver had occasion to call his terminal and he was told to finish up and return to the barn. In his words, “If UPS is calling us in, it must be the end of the world.”

Heeding his warning, I finished my last couple of deliveries and headed home in heavy snow. My husband-to-be was working in Brockton and in a world before cell phones there was no way to call him about the storm or road conditions, so I just waited.

And waited.

The ride from Brockton took the better part of four hours. I was relieved beyond words to see him walking down the middle of the street, knee deep in snow, to my family's home at about 7 p.m.

His boss and the driver that day was Mark, who lived a couple of streets over from us. Mark had a new car and just drove carefully and skillfully straight ahead until he got them home. I was so grateful.

I called my future mother-in-law to tell her he was home safe and would be spending the night with us, sleeping of course in my brother's bedroom. The

day the snow stopped, my husband walked home to Green Street in Fairhaven, to get ready for the wedding which was only a few days away.

The Valentine themed wedding was planned for Saturday morning, at St. Francis Xavier in Acushnet, reception at Gaudette's Pavilion. The wedding went off without a hitch, once my dad got the town to plow the cul-de-sac.

His many calls ended with one of the selectmen himself riding in the big CAT earth mover to clear the snow that had been dumped at the end of the street, in front of our driveway.

The morning of the wedding was bright, sunny, and cold, snow drifts many feet high. I put on my wedding dress, cut two holes in the bottom of a large black plastic garbage bag, jumped in, stuffed my gown in as

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dad's car. [Paula Jardin]

now stands, and that's where I got stuck. The wind was behind me and I could feel the slight pushing every time a gust picked up. I opened my car doors and let the wind help to push me all the way to the far North End near Trucchi's Market.

Yes, I sailed home that day!

My wife was pregnant and due at any moment, and just as I got home — that was the moment! We had to call medical rescue, and they sent out a big green Army truck that came and took her to St Luke's Hospital. She gave birth to a baby girl named Rebecca. I don't know how many people remember that day. But it's one I'll never forget!

*Sincerely, Ed DeMedeiros
New Bedford*

A love story

So here is my story of the Blizzard of 78. It is a love story — my wedding anniversary — 40 years ago February

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neatly as possible, donned my snow boots and parka, high heels in hand and proceeded to the church in my dad's car.

My sister, along with the other attendants in their red dresses squeezed in. A woman who had been at the church singing at funeral masses that morning, stayed to sing at the wedding, as my future brother-in-law who was providing the music was stuck at his Springfield campus.

I walked down the aisle on time, in a church crowded with family and friends. We had flowers, a cake, lots of good food, and a live band. Everyone who could get there did, we had well over 100 guests and everyone enjoyed the church service and the reception, to my mother's relief.

Who wouldn't? They all had cabin fever after a week stuck at home. No honeymoon though, we hadn't worked all week due to road closings — so work on Monday!

And my wonderful husband Ron, he never forgets the date — each year the Great Blizzard of 78 gets air time reminding him of the big day. Sometimes, it even snows.

*Paula Jardin
Supervisor of Teaching & Learning
Fairhaven High School*

Of course we move people in snow storms

February 6, 1978: We were supposed to move from our house in North Fairhaven to our new house in East Fairhaven.

When it started snowing on

Monday, 2/6, I called the mover and asked if he would still move us.

"Of course," he said. "We move people in snow storms!"

On Saturday and Sunday, February 3rd and 4th, we moved all our food and clothes to the new house.

When the storm finally ended, we had to shovel out many high drifts of snow to get the car out and go to the new house to get some food and clothes.

The street to the new house had not been plowed, so I had to shovel the street to get to the house, then shovel the driveway to be able to get into the house to get food and clothes to bring back to the house in North Fairhaven.

We didn't get moved until Friday, so we stayed all week in the old house with *no electricity, no heat, no phone!* Our kitchen stove was propane, so we did have a little heat and could cook.

I made a mountain of snow in the back yard and put our food in it. We slept in the cellar wrapped in blankets.

That was a week we will never forget.

Art & Mariette Parent, Mattapoisett.

No more lounging in pajamas

My name is Barbara Watkinson. Here goes! Do I remember the "Snowstorm of '78"!

Well, I never lounge around in my nightgown, etc., all day. I always get dressed right after breakfast.

With the storm swirling outside, I



figured no one will visit me today. So, I stayed in my bedclothes, for the day. I lived on Clifford Street in New Bedford.

Well, lo and behold at around 2:30 p.m., mind you, I'm wearing my nightgown, a knock came at my door. I answered the door, and was so surprised to see my stepsister, Helen.

She walked all the way from Covell Street close to Belleville Avenue near Brooklawn Park, to my house, which was near Arlington Street next to a variety store.

Later on I happened to look out the window, around 8:00 p.m., and saw a flashlight moving around. It was the mailman, Leo Deroisers.

Great mailman! He was delivering the mail. I couldn't believe it.

Years ago the saying was: Through, rain, sleet and snow, the mail will always be delivered. I may have the motto a little wrong. People my age or older should remember it.

Well that's my story, and I'm sticking to it.

*Barbara Watkinson of Fairhaven
Village, in Fairhaven.*

Can we say this in a family newspaper?

I have a story to tell. I have to tell you because it involves your cousin Pat. Not sure if you can publish. Pat and I walked from Clifford Street to United Front to buy pot!

*Anonymous
(But the editor knows who you are)*



ABOVE: A car is stuck in a snow bank in Boston after the Great Blizzard of 1978. TOP: Three women pose on top of a snow drift near Boston City Hall. The storm dumped 26 inches of snow in Fairhaven and caused 14 deaths from carbon monoxide poisoning on Route 128 alone. *Public domain photos from the City of Boston Archives at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/cityofbostonarchives/albums/72157650081976070>*

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This 4 day program is a great opportunity to make new friends while participating in fun group activities such as pillo polo, floor hockey, dodge ball, cooperative games, flag football, arts & crafts, etc. Kids will need to bring their own lunch for the first 3 days of the program. The last day is a pizza lunch. Come ready to have fun! Sneakers and active clothes must be worn each day. Kids will be grouped according to their current grade in school. Grades: K-5 Dates: 2/20/16-2/23/16 Time: Drop off between 8-8:15, pick up by 3 PM Instructors: Staff Cost: Member \$100 Non Member \$125

15th annual Flashlight Egg Hunt

Join us for the 15th annual Flashlight Egg Hunt! Children will search for their eggs on the Recreation Center grounds, take pictures with the Easter Bunny and receive a special treat. Don't forget to bring your flashlight! NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO WALK-INS NIGHT OF THE EVENT. Friday, March 23rd, Time 7:30pm Cost \$5 per child Ages 10 and under Deadline to register is Tuesday, March 20th Rain or Shine

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, and first aid for choking and safety measures. Pizza will also be provided. Space is limited... sign up soon!! Ages: 9-11

Date: February 12th Instructor: Beth Oleson Time: 6:00PM-8PM Cost: \$50 members \$55 non-members

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Transportation Available

Door to door, handicapped service is available Monday through Friday for lunch at the senior center, in-town trips, personal appointments and shopping. Monday & Wednesday 8:45-1:00 p.m. Tuesday 9:15-1:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday 7:45-1:00 p.m. Medical transportation to and from appointments is also available with a one week notice.

Bereavement Educational Support Group

Pathways through Grief will be held on Mondays for 6 weeks beginning March 19th through April 23th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center. This educational Program will help adult participants to gain skills to cope with challenges of grieving.

If interested in attending, please

contact Bereavement Coordinator John Rider at 508-324-1900 extension 104. This program will be offered at no cost and will be limited to no more than 12 participants.

Easter Dinner,

Fairhaven Seniors are invited to join us for Easter Dinner on Easter Sunday April 1st at the Fairhaven Senior Center from 11:30-1:00 p.m. Menu will include baked ham, cheese potatoes, glazed carrots and rolls. Assorted pies will be donated by Our Lady's Haven. Transportation can be provided. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 to reserve your seat.

IT Lessons

IT Savvy lessons at the Fairhaven Senior Center. The Fairhaven IT Department will be holding classes for seniors interested in learning how to use an iPad, Smartphone, Chromebook, Tablet, Laptop and Facebook. Learn to be a smart shopper on the internet or learn to organize your phone videos and pictures. Call The Fairhaven Senior Center, stop by or check out the Fairhaven Senior Center website or facebook page for a complete list of dates these classes will be offered in March. FREE.

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Community Foundation launches arts & culture initiative

Press Release

NEW BEDFORD, January 30, 2018 – The Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts (CFSEM) and The Barr Foundation, a private foundation based in Boston, announced the launch of Creative Commonwealth, a partnership between Barr, the CFSEM, and four other Massachusetts community foundations. This new initiative is rooted in the belief that investments in arts and creativity build thriving communities, and it aims to promote the vital leadership role community foundations can play to advance the arts.

Creative Commonwealth will pave the way for community foundations to deepen and grow support for artists and cultural organizations. Along with the CFSEM, the community foundations partnering with Barr on this effort are: Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, Community Foundation of Western Mass., Essex County Community Foundation and Greater Worcester Community Foundation.

The CFSEM has been awarded \$500,000 over 24 months to pilot ideas that emerged from a planning process the Foundation undertook in 2017, with funding from Barr to identify opportunities, needs, and priorities. The Foundation's effort will work to: Increase access and artistic expression in New Bedford and Fall River, with a focus on underserved, youth, culturally diverse, and immigrant populations; Improve collaboration and build capacity in our collective creative community using a model that can be replicated throughout the region; Grow and diversify philanthropic investment in arts and culture.

"Arts and culture have the power to tell our stories, to enhance the quality of our lives — as we live them and as we want to live them. Our region will benefit from participating in the Creative Commonwealth as we seek to elevate new voices and expand opportunities for inclusive and innovative ideas," said John Vasconcellos, president of the CFSEM.

"In 2016, Barr expanded the scope of its Arts & Creativity program to a statewide focus," said Jim Canales, president and trustee of the Barr Foundation. "This shift necessitates our identifying many partners across the Commonwealth with deep knowl-

edge and relationships in various communities. Through Creative Commonwealth, we aim to deepen our partnership with community foundations in Massachusetts, who each bring that knowledge, along with the trust of their donors and communities, to expand support for arts and creativity."

Although Massachusetts has thousands of artists and cultural organizations, philanthropic support is unevenly distributed. Creative Commonwealth aims to address this challenge by increasing local arts and culture funding networks across the state, making the entire sector more sustainable, equitable and accessible.

"Massachusetts is full of creative talent and cultural assets that have the power to bring communities together. Yet, access to funding can be uneven based on geography," said San San Wong, director of arts & creativity at the Barr Foundation.

This new initiative is rooted in the belief that investments in arts and creativity build thriving communities

"Community foundations are important civic leadership institutions, with the potential to bridge that gap, connecting donors who want to make meaningful investments in the places they care about, and strengthening the capacity of artists and organizations whose work enlivens communities."

In addition to supporting activities within each community, Barr will also invest additional resources to help Creative Commonwealth partners learn from each other's work, deepen knowledge about best practices, and share relevant lessons with the broader field. Partners will also be posting updates (and encouraging others in their communities to do so as well) on social media using #CreativeCommonwealth.

About the Community Foundation

Our Community. Your Foundation. Since 1995, area residents have been turning to the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts to make their philanthropic giving as effective as possible. The Community

Foundation is a public charity serving thousands of people who share a common concern — improving the quality of life in Southeastern Massachusetts. To date, the Community Foundation has distributed over \$25 million from 200 funds to humanitarian, educational and cultural organizations in the region. Visit www.cfsema.org.

About The Barr Foundation

The Barr Foundation's mission is to invest in human, natural, and creative potential, serving as thoughtful stewards and catalysts. Based in Boston, Barr focuses regionally, and selectively engages nationally, working in partnership with nonprofits, foundations, the public sector, and civic and business leaders to elevate the arts, advance solutions for climate change, and connect all students to success in high school and beyond. Founded in 1997, Barr now has assets of \$1.7 billion, and has contributed more than \$837 million to charitable causes. For more information, visit www.barrfoundation.org.

About the Creative Commonwealth Partners and Projects

The Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation will increase participation by year-round residents, particularly lower-income populations, immigrants, youth, and communities of color through research, development of a grants program, and strengthening the field through capacity and network building.

The Essex County Community Foundation will sponsor two grant programs, lead regional and local cultural planning processes, and convene arts, social, business and municipal leaders in annual summits to strengthen networks to more fully integrate arts and culture into its communities.

The Greater Worcester Community Foundation will sponsor two grant programs and convene a leadership group to increase readiness for cultural planning.

The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts will support the development and testing of innovative ideas to connect the arts to other sectors, while also building the capacity of small organizations and assessing the need for a regional arts hub to advance collaborative opportunities. ●●●

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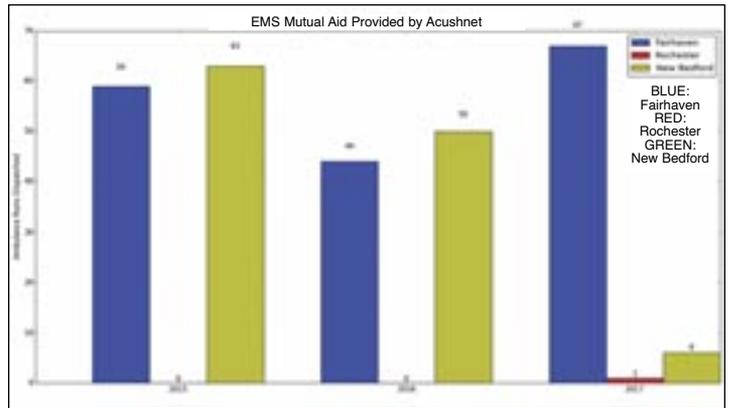
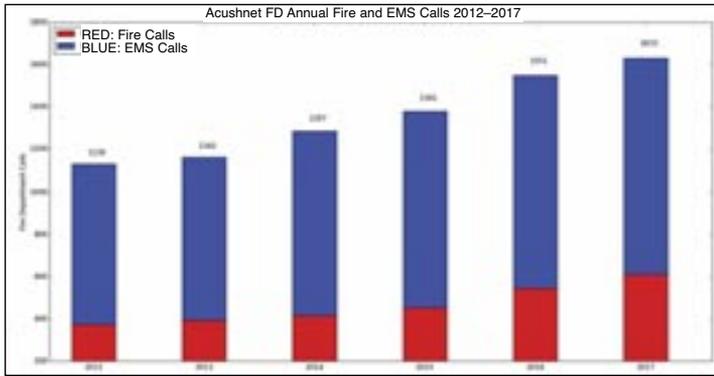


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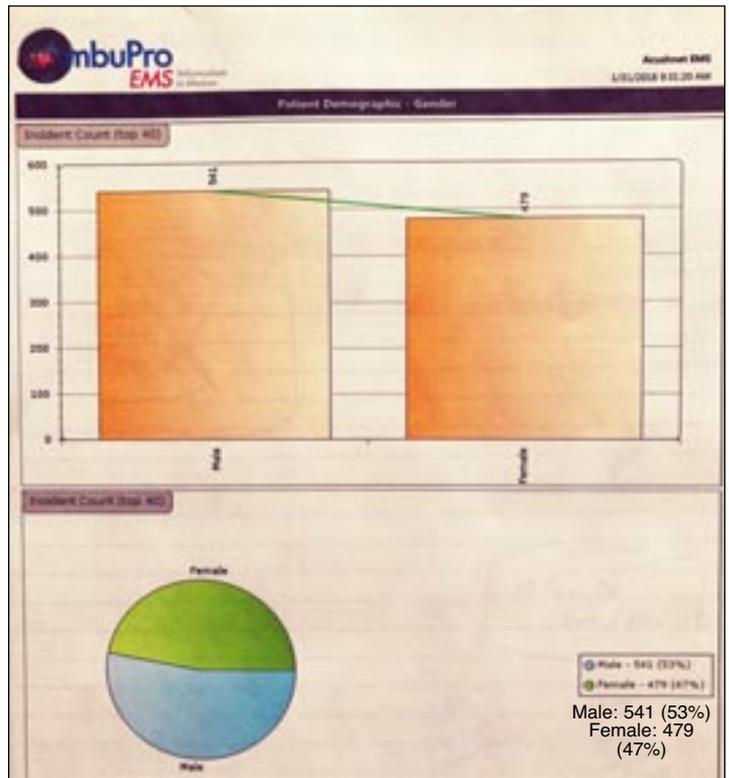
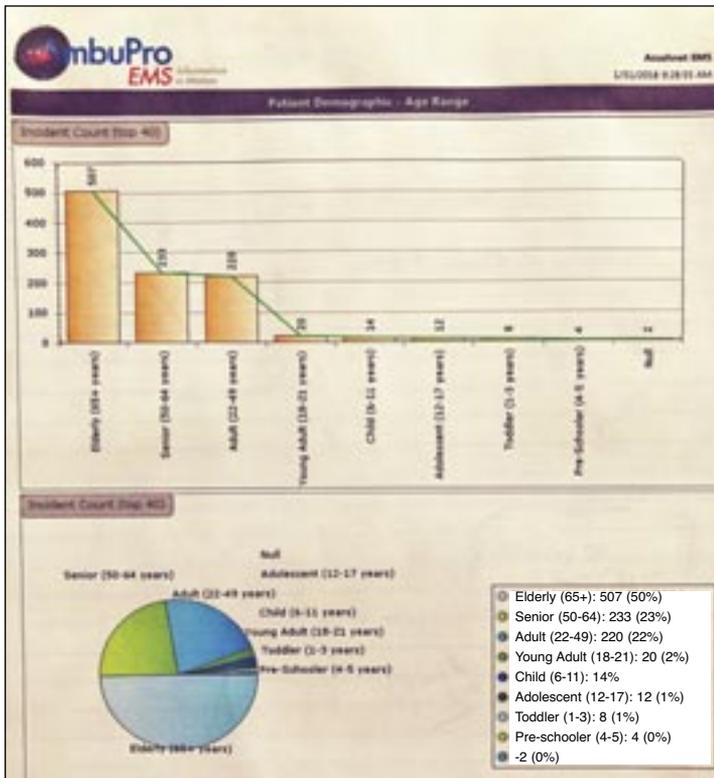
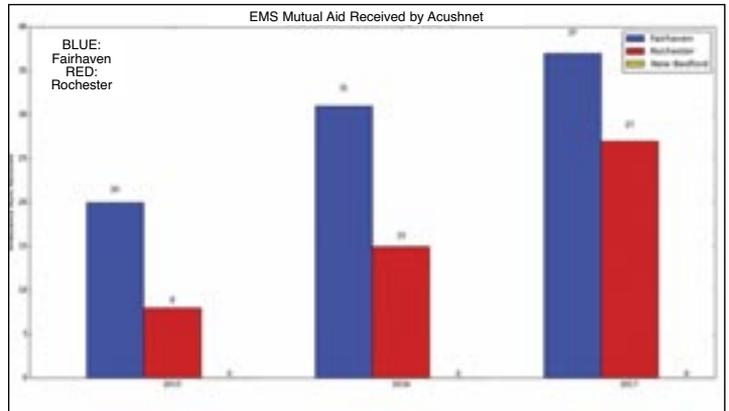


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Acushnet Fire & EMS stats show big increases



ABOVE: This graph illustrates the steady increase in call volume experienced by the Acushnet Fire & EMS Department, with Fire and EMS calls up 45% in five years. ABOVE RIGHT, EMS MUTUAL AID GIVEN 2017: While outside ambulances came into Acushnet 64 times last year, our ambulances assisted surrounding communities at 74 medical emergencies. The reduction in assistance provided to New Bedford stems from their ability to be served by private ambulance services within their borders. EMS calls across the area are on the increase. These days it's taking multiple villages to address the need. BELOW RIGHT, EMS MUTUAL AID RECEIVED 2017: When Acushnet is unable to respond to a medical emergency, we request an ambulance from our partner communities. As you can see, the amount of outside ambulances coming into Acushnet increased by 40% between 2016 and 2017. The Rochester Fire Department was called in 3 times more in 2017 than in 2015! While we are thankful for the assistance, mutual aid ambulances mean a delay in initiating patient care (64 times last year). It is our goal to develop a plan to reduce this delay on behalf of the people we serve. *Graphs from Fire & EMS Facebook page.*



These graphs tell a very interesting story. Of the 1,021 EMS calls we received in Acushnet in 2017, 50% were for patients 65+ years old. When we factor in those considered "Seniors" (50-64 years old) the total jumps to 72% of our total calls. As our population continues to age, these numbers will inch upward. *Graphs from Fire & EMS Facebook page.*

Fairhaven six-year-old dies from unknown cause

By Beth David

Editor

Fairhaven's LL Wood School community is mourning the loss of a kindergarten student, and struggling to explain it all to her classmates.

Teagan Palmer, 6, died the night of February 10-11 and the cause of her death is a mystery.

Parents of classmates are heartbroken as they try to explain to her little friends what happened.

Fairhaven Superintendent of Schools, Robert N. Baldwin, posted a letter on the district's website on Sunday. He said that the district called parents of Teagan's classmates immediately, but did not use an automated message with the information.

"You want to give a parent the right and ability to discuss something like this at home. You want to do it in a caring manner," he said. "God forbid you do it in a robocall and a child picks up."

So, he said, they made sure a person connected to the parent in each household. They used a combination of email and telephone calls. Then they put the letter on the website.

"We tried to the best of our ability to make sure it was adult to adult," said Dr. Baldwin.

The school district had a crisis team available at Wood School on Monday for students and staff, and professionals will be available as long as they are needed. He started out, he said, with people in the district, so the students were familiar with the faces.

"Procedurally and mechanically,

we do our job, but you have to be human," he said.

People often wonder what to say, he said, and how to act.

"My best advice is just to be there," said Dr. Baldwin. "Give a hug if needed. Listen. And, sometimes, you look at each other and you don't have any words."

"Sending my broken-hearted kindergartener to school today to face the loss of one of his favorite classmates is one of the hardest things I've experienced as a parent," wrote one mother on Facebook. "Thinking of the entire Wood School family today as they face this tragedy together. Send lots of love and thoughts to her family, as they face the unthinkable."

"My heart is broken. I can't stop thinking of her huge smile," wrote another. "She was such a sweet heart. I can't imagine the pain her family is going through. Love to all."

According to the police department, the call came in at 6:22 a.m. on Sunday, but neither the police nor fire department would say what the nature of the call was. The fairhaven police department referred all questions pertaining to the investigation to the DA's office. However, they did express their deepest sympathies to the family during this "unimaginably tragic event."

A GoFundMe page has been started for the family.



Wood School student Teagan Palmer, 6, died from an unexplained cause over the weekend. This photo is from a GoFundMe page set up for the family.

"Josh and Monica Palmer are two of the most [kind] genuine individuals/parents someone could ever be lucky enough to meet," reads the page. "Tragically, their 6 year old daughter unexpectedly and unexplainably passed away in her sleep on February 10th/11th. Teagan always had a smile on her face. She was full of joy and happiness. Unfortunately, Josh, Monica and Sierra have to go through the worst thing anyone could ever encounter, losing a loved one. I ask that anyone if not everyone to please make a donation to help this family with services and anything else they might need during this time of grieving. Anything is appreciated."

Visit <https://www.gofundme.com/55817z4> to donate. As of press time, the page had generated \$3,085 of the \$25,000 goal.

Former Patriot Rodney Harrison to speak at CMR fund-raiser

Press Release

The Center for Marketing Research has announced that New England Patriot Rodney Harrison will be the celebrity speaker at its 18th annual Celebrity/Scholarship Dinner to be held on April 24, 2018 at the Venus de Milo Restaurant in Swansea, MA. BayCoast Bank and the family of Frank B. Sousa, Jr. are sponsoring the event.

The purpose of the dinner is to bring attention to the Center's work and to help UMass Dartmouth students stay in school by awarding scholarships. To date, approximately \$200,000 has been awarded to more than 260 students.

Rodney Harrison is a two-time Pro

Bowl selection and winner of two Super Bowl rings. During his career, Harrison set and still holds the record for sacks by a defensive back, as well as becoming the first NFL player with 30 sacks and 30 interceptions. He currently serves as a commentator for Sunday Night Football on NBC.

Rodney Scott Harrison was born on December 15, 1972 in Markham Illinois and played 15 seasons in the National Football League.

On June 3, 2009, Harrison announced his retirement from football to become an analyst for NBC Sports' Football Night in America. Patriots head coach Bill Belichick soon after called Harrison one of the best players he had ever coached.

Harrison will be sharing some of his personal story as well as some special Patriots related highlights. There will be Q & A following his talk.

At the end of the program, 8x10 glossies of Rodney will be available for sale and an autograph. There will be a Silent Auction that includes Harrison memorabilia as well as Patriots items.

Tickets are \$125 or \$1250 for a table of 10. To donate a scholarship or purchase tickets, please email or call Ava Lescault at the Center for Marketing Research at alescault@umassd.edu or 508-910-6435. Tickets can be purchased directly from the Venus de Milo at www.venusdemilo.com.

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Sealed bids marked for items listed below, will be received at the Board of Public Works, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 not later than 2:30 p.m., March 8, 2018. Bids will be publicly opened and read on March 8, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.

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The purpose of the hearings will be to receive information and public comment on the following applications. 1) **Rezone** — The applicant, *Scott Snow*, is seeking to rezone two parcels of property located on Huttleston Avenue approximately 100 feet West of Gellette Road, Map 31, Lot 115A, containing 19,050 square feet, from Single Residence Districts (RA) to Apartment/Multifamily Districts (RC) and Map 31, Lot 117C, containing 2.06 acres from Business District (B) to Apartment/Multifamily Districts (RC). The total area of the two lots is 108,800-square feet. 2) **Special Permit**, The applicant, *Clean Energy Collective, LLC*, is requesting approval to construct an approximate 3 megawatt solar farm consisting of approximately 11,000 ground mounted solar panels on two lease areas for a total lease area of approximately 15 acres. The location is 20 Yankee Lane, Map 39, Lots 16, 23 & 30.

Copies of the applications are on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9.

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Mon., 2/26, Arsene St., 6 p..

Capital Planning Comm.

Tues., 2/27 Town Hall, 3 p.m.

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Mon., 2/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 2/15, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Marine Resources Comm.

Thurs., 2/15, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 2/27 Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 2/28, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 2/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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Local companies help teen with TBI

Press Release

Couto Construction is working alongside several other area companies to help a New Bedford family as their teenage son recovers from a traumatic brain injury suffered in a car accident in March 2017.

As general contractor, Couto Construction is helping build an addition to the home of Joe and Berta Eugenio, whose son Andrew was seriously injured in an accident while learning how to drive in the parking lot at Normandin Middle School.

Andrew was ejected from the car after it jumped the curbing, crossed the street and struck a single-family home. He has had eight major surgeries since the accident and is undergoing treatment and therapy at Vibra Hospital in New Bedford.

The addition to the home on Jocelyn Street, which will include a bedroom and bathroom equipped with a hydraulic lift as well as a ramp into the house, is necessary for him

to return home.

The construction project became urgent around the holidays when it was feared Andrew would be relocated from Vibra to a long-term nursing home. He has since showed progress in his rehabilitation and remains at Vibra.

"We take every bit of progress as a blessing," said Berta Eugenio.

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Prior to the construction, family and friends pitched in to help with demolition and preparation.

"We've gotten tremendous help," Berta said. "From fundraisers to donations to the project going on right now, the community has gone above and beyond. Everybody has done so much."

"This is a special project to help a special kid," said Jason Couto, co-owner of Couto Construction. "There are so many great companies helping out here. It's an honor to do this and to be among others who feel the same way. We all wish the best for the Eugenio family and hope this helps bring Andrew home."

"We are truly thankful for the continued support," Berta said.

MO LIFE announces annual gala

Press Release

On Friday, April 6, 2018, M.O., L.I.F.E., Inc. (Murphy and Others, Living Interdependently for Future Endeavors) is holding a Formal Gala Event held at White's of Westport from 6 p.m. to Midnight.

There will be a VIP Event from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. where you can meet Miss Massachusetts Jillian Zucco. Open Bar, and appetizers will be served. (Tickets are limited.) Tickets for the VIP Event and the Gala Event are \$100. Tickets for the Gala Event ONLY, are \$50.00 per person.

M.O., L.I.F.E., Inc. services the vocational and community needs of individuals with disabilities in the Greater New Bedford area. ALL proceeds of this event will go toward supporting individuals with disabilities and Scholarships for local High School Seniors.

Without fundraisers, M.O., L.I.F.E., Inc. would not be able to support people on a continuous basis or provide the means for additional basic needs.

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