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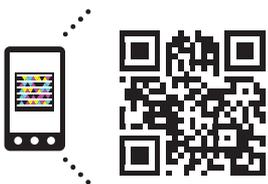
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Limerick contest winners announced



Maggi Peirce discusses what it takes to write a limerick and reads some of her own at the Limerick Contest Party at the Millicent Library on Saturday, 4/14/18, sponsored by the Friends of the Millicent Library. Photo by Glenn C. Silva. See page 12 for story.



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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

Who knew? Thirty-five states toss a coin or use some other game of chance to decide a tied election. Special thanks to the reader who called to tell me about New Mexico. I probably would not have thought about doing some research on that without the call. In Fairhaven, it seems, no one knows what we do. See page 13 for that.

We resurrected the Day Tripping series in this week's issue. It's a been awhile since I did a road trip. But this crazy weather has me itching to take off. So my friend Tori and I took advantage of the one good weather day we had, on Saturday, and went back to Old Sturbridge Village for a taste of 1830's living. It's quite the place, and last weekend was Family Farm Fest. This coming weekend is, too. So you still have a chance to check it out. See page 18 for that.

Our cover story's a bit different, isn't it? Our first ever Limerick Contest (see page 12) from the Friends of the Millicent Library. They got some pretty good entries and we published all the winners.

The bridge is closing starting tomorrow, 4/20. The press release says it'll be closed for 10 days, but most people around here are kind of laughing at that. I don't think it ever closed for the amount of time they said it would close for repairs. It always closed for a whole lot longer. So....be prepared. See page 10 for that.

It is officially Earth Day this weekend, too. Despite the weather still channeling winter, the calendar really does say April. There are a few cleanups planned and lots more outdoor activities planned for kids and adults. See happenings on pages 5, 8, and 9 for a bunch of great events coming up for the whole family. Lots of them are totally free, and we have more to list in the coming weeks. It's hard to believe it's going to be May in two weeks. Someone, please tell Mother Nature to get back on her meds.

The Carter case is back in the news. She has filed an appeal directly with the state's Supreme Judicial Court. It will be probably be heard in the fall, at least no sooner than that. Meanwhile, you can read the details on page 3.

And now, I'd like to make an appeal to my readers. I know I put little fillers in asking for donations, and I appreciate the donations I have received. If you've been reading anything about modern journalism and how it funds itself, you know that financial support directly from readers is more important than ever. Our advertisers are invaluable, to be sure, but there just are not enough of them. If even 25% of our readers sent in a small donation once a year, we would be secure financially. Kind of like public radio, only in writing.

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Until next week then...see ya

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our article on the election update in last week's issue, we made a mistake in the number of hand-count ballots per precinct. Bill Roth received two votes in Precinct 6. We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

Carter appeal to go directly to SJC

By Beth David
Editor

The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court has agreed to take up the case of Michelle Carter on Direct Appellate Review (DAR), which means it will skip the state appeals court step and go straight to the SJC.

Carter filed her appeal on January 8. The SJC took up the case on March 14. The brief by Ms. Carter to the court is due on June 15, the district attorney's brief is due on July 27, and the reply by Ms. Carter is due on August 10. So the earliest the case would be heard by the SJC is in the fall. The full court will hear the case.

In addition to defense attorneys Joseph Cataldo and Cornelius (Cory) Madera, Ms. Carter's attorneys now include well-known retired Judge Nancy Gertner; Attorney William Walter Fick, who represented the Marathon bomber; and Daniel Marx, who is known for his work representing people wrongfully convicted;

Ms. Carter was found guilty of Involuntary Manslaughter in the suicide of Conrad Roy III, who was found in his pickup truck in the KMart parking lot on July 13, 2014. Ms. Carter had sent a series of texts encouraging Mr. Roy to kill himself and admitted to telling him to get back in the truck when he got out, saying he was scared.

In its initial filing, the defense asks for the DAR because the "appeal presents novel questions of constitutional criminal law. It will set the precedent for who may be prosecuted for encouraging suicide with words alone. In addition, the extraordinary public interest in this case, which implicates a major controversy about assisted suicide and which has garnered international attention, warrants immediate review by the Commonwealth's highest court."

Ms. Carter asks for appeal on six points: 1) that Judge Lawrence Moniz based his guilty verdict for wanton and reckless "failure to act," but that the grand jury based its indictment

on "wanton and reckless conduct"; 2) that because she was physically absent the illegality of her actions was vague and invites "arbitrary enforcement"; 3) that the definition of "inflict" means to hit and she was not present; 4) that the judge relied on the uncorroborated statement that she told Mr. Roy to get back in the truck; 5) that the judge failed to apply a "reasonable juvenile" standard, which means to judge her as a juvenile and not an adult; 6) and that the judge erroneously excluded expert evidence on adolescent psychology and brain development, a

He ruled, that her "failure to act, where she had a self-created duty to Mr. Roy, since she had put him into the toxic environment — constituted, each and all, wanton and reckless conduct."

And that conduct caused his death.

On point two, the defense argues that charging someone with manslaughter who was not physically present and encouraged suicide with "words alone" is vague and invites "arbitrary enforcement," and penalizes free speech. They write that criminalizing reckless speech without the specific intent to threaten or harm "violates core First Amendment principles."

The decision by the grand jury, however, "may have made sense based on the limited, one-sided record before the grand jury which cast Carter as a diabolical, coercive villain and Roy as a vulnerable, compliant victim"

The more complete picture is of "two troubled teenagers," writes the defense.

"Carter is the first defendant to have been convicted of killing a person who took his own life, even though she neither provided that fatal means nor was present when the suicide occurred," writes the defense, and notes that there is no precedent for the

"novel concept of 'virtual presence'" under state law.

In point three, the defense states that the definition of inflicting harm means to hit or strike.

"A 'virtually present' person cannot 'inflict' harm with words alone by sending a text," writes the defense, and contends that the youthful offender concept should be construed narrowly.

In point four, the defense cites case law that a court cannot convict solely on the statement of a "person suffering a mental or emotional disturbance or some other aberration," but must corroborate the statement.



ABOVE: Michelle Carter cries after being found guilty of involuntary manslaughter in the suicide of Conrad Roy III on Friday, 6/16/17. Her attorney Joseph Cataldo is seated next to her, and defense attorney Cory Madera is standing. She was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter in the suicide of Conrad Roy III. Photo by Glenn C. Silva/Fairhaven Neighborhood News.

violation of her right to call witnesses to defend herself.

On the first point, that the judge based his guilty verdict on something Ms. Carter was not indicted for, the defense writes that "failure to act" and "conduct" are separate charges.

"Put simply, the verdict was inconsistent with the indictment and, thus, improper," writes the defense.

The Commonwealth's/District Attorney's response debunks this assertion, stating that the grand jury did, indeed indict on "failure to act," and "conduct."

In any case, writes the district attorney's office, Judge Moniz found the burden of proof had been met for "conduct."

CARTER: cont'd on page 22

This year's Earth Day campaign takes aim at plastic pollution

Press Release

Management of plastic waste is a global crisis, making the resulting plastic pollution one of the most pressing environmental problems. As part of Earth Day 2018 (April 22), Earth Day Network has released an online Plastics Pollution Calculator (<https://www.earthday.org/plastic-calculator/>) for consumers to calculate the amount of disposable plastic they use in a year and make plans to reduce the waste.

9.1 billion U.S. tons of virgin (non-recycled) plastic has been produced to date, generating 6.9 billion U.S. tons of plastic waste, and only 9% has been recycled. The world is already incapable of properly managing this enormous amount of waste, and the production of plastic is predicted to increase three times in the next 25 years. We know that micro-plastics are polluting our drinking water and the fish we eat and also cause health problems. Littered plastic not only kills wildlife but affects the lives of more than 2 billion people living without waste collection.

EDN is encouraging consumers to

join the fight to reduce plastic pollution as part of its End Plastic Pollution campaign for Earth Day 2018.

"You first need to know where you stand," says Valeria Merino, Vice-President of Global Earth Day at Earth Day Network. "This plastic pollution calculator will help you determine your total yearly consumption of disposable plastic items."

The Plastic Pollution Primer and Action Toolkit (<http://www.earthday.org/wp-content/uploads/Earth-Day-Network-Plastic-Pollution-Primer-and-Action-Toolkit-updated-2.20.2018.pdf>), will help consumers determine actions they can take to reduce their plastic pollution footprint. EDN's efforts center around the 5 Rs: "Reduce, Refuse, Reuse, Recycle and Remove" actions.

"Once you have learned the benefits of embracing the 5 Rs in your daily lives," Merino said, "we hope you will create a goal for decreasing your yearly plastic pollution using the Plastic Pollution Tracker (<http://www.earthday.org/wp-content/uploads/Plastic-Pollution-Calculator-Plan-and-Tracker.pdf>)."

While recycling plastic waste is important, it is not nearly enough.

Ask yourself every time that you are considering buying a disposable plastic item: Do I absolutely need this? Can I use something else that I already have? Could I buy something that I can use long-term instead?

Prevent the creation of micro-plastics by properly disposing of plastic products and being careful not to toss plastic products near waterways, beaches or in open spaces.

Pick up plastic trash whenever you see it, especially in ponds, streams, rivers, and beaches. Look up products on the internet and choose not to buy products containing microbeads. Choose products that have natural exfoliators instead.

Consider changing the way you wash your clothing to reduce the number of microfibers that are released, wash synthetic clothes less frequently, purchasing items made of natural fibers when possible.

Other ways to reduce plastic usage are available online in the Plastic Pollution Primer and Action Toolkit.

For local cleanups see page 9.

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Hospice Volunteers

Fidelis Hospice is looking for caring people interested in bringing their kindness and unique personality to a bedside. We offer an on-line training and ask for a min. 1/hr week.

Contact Lisa Regan, Director of Volunteer Services lisa.regan@fidelishospice.com

Bridge closing

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Spring Tea

Green on Green Spring Tea. **April 21, 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

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 clean-up 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.

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.

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.

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

Spring Concert

Seaglass Theater Company, Patrice Tiedemann, Artistic Director, Presents Bernstein! A 100th Birthday Bash Music from America's Maestro **Sun., 4/29m 3:00 PM, First Congregational Church, 34 Center St., Fairhaven**

Fairhaven's 1845 gothic-inspired First Congregational Church is the setting for Seaglass Theater Company's spring concert. Celebrate the 100th birthday of "America's Maestro" with selections from his popular musicals West Side Story, On the Town and Candide and gems from Peter Pan, Mass, and Wonderful Town. You will be enthralled by this company of professional artists as well as a chorus of outstanding South Coast performers. An afternoon not to be missed!

Tickets: \$25 at door, \$20 online at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3359405> advanced purchase. Tickets may be purchased with cash, credit card, or check the day of the concerts at the concert venue a half hour before the performance. For more information, please visit www.seaglasstheater.com

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 Walk/Run

The Nemasket Group 5K Walk/Run will be held on Sat., 5/5. The race begins and ends at Fort Phoenix, Fairhaven, MA. Dust off your sneakers and join us for a morning of fun as we wind through Fairhaven for a great cause. Coming together as a community and making new friends while raising awareness for individuals with disabilities is a sure win for all. The first 125 registrants will receive a t-shirt. Registration begins at 8:00 AM and the race starts at 9:00 AM. For more information and to register visit www.NemasketGroup.org or call 508-999-4436. We look forward to seeing you at the event.

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.

POW-MIA flag on 50-state tour, stops in Fairhaven

The Rolling Thunder motorcycle club wants to make sure that Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action are not forgotten.

The group has been taking a POW/MIA flag to all 50 states, and was in Massachusetts in March. The flag was taken to the Fairhaven Police Department, Hastings Middle School,

the business of well-known Vietnam Veteran George Brownell, and to Town Hall for a picture with the POW/MIA chair.

At the end of May when the tour ends, the flag will be placed in the Smithsonian with the box and book that traveled with it. At each stop, people were invite to sign a book that



Members of the Smith family sign the book in honor of William Mark Smith of Middleboro, who has been Missing in Action since 1969 in Vietnam at the age of 20, and was probably a Prisoner of War who was killed by the North Vietnamese. His remains have never been returned. Submitted photo.

traveled with the flag. After its 50-state tour, the flag and book will be placed in the Smithsonian. The flag will end its tour in Washington, DC, in May to coincide with the annual Rolling Thunder motorcycle rally on Memorial Day Weekend.

According to the website: "The major function of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. is to publicize the POW-MIA issue: To educate the public that many American Prisoners of War were left behind after all previous wars and to help correct the past and to protect future



L-R: Rolling Thunder chapter secretary Deane Johansen, holds the POW/MIA flag with George Brownell in front of Mr. Brownell's business, Auto Diagnostic Services in Fairhaven. Submitted photo

Veterans from being left behind should they become Prisoners of War-Missing In Action. We are also committed to helping American Veterans from all wars.

The group also sponsors an annual "Ride for Freedom," which will be held on May 27, in Washington DC. Visit <http://www.rollingthunder1.com> for more information.

Locally, contact Rolling Thunder, Chapter 2 MA, Pres. Michelle M. Hamilton, P.O. Box 258, Middleboro, MA 02346, 774-766-9214.



FAR LEFT, L-R: Grade 7 Scholar, Deane Johansen, Jr.; Assistant Director of Student Services, Robert Mota; Principal of Hastings Middle School, Dr. Nicholas Bettencourt; Assistant Principal, Andrew Davey with the flag in front of HMS. LEFT, L-R: Fairhaven police Lt. Kevin Kobza, Officers Laurie Cannon and Jerome Penha; Lt. David Sobral, and Officer Jason Tavares hold the POW/MIA flag in front of the Fairhaven Police station. The flag will travel to all 50 states and then be placed in the Smithsonian.

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COA volunteers save town \$\$



L-R: Fairhaven Selectboard member Bob Espindola, Town Administrator Mark Rees, and Selectboard member Charles Murphy accept a symbolic check for \$248,556 representing the hours worked by the dedicated volunteers at the Fairhaven Council on Aging in 2017. *Submitted photo courtesy of Jackie Kenworthy.* Fairhaven COA Director, Anne Silvia thanked all the volunteers for their service at a luncheon in their honor on April 12. The volunteers were eager to add their thanks for hours of dedication by Anne Silvia herself.

Earth Eve parade features natural floats



Jon Cruz and Mary Lou Nicholson of Be The Solution to Pollution, take Jake and Iris Donnenfeld in their stroller that doubles as a float in the annual Earth Eve parade in New Bedford on Thursday, 4/12. Mayor Jon Mitchell and Lorraine Perry were crowned Father Ocean and Mother Earth. The annual event is held during AHA! night in honor of Earth Day, which is on April 22 this year. *Photo courtesy of Mary Lou Nicholson.*

Conrad Roy, Jr. runs marathon for suicide prevention



Conrad Roy Jr. sports a huge smile at the end of the Boston Marathon on Monday, 4/16/18. Mr. Roy ran for suicide prevention in honor of his son, Conrad Roy III, who committed suicide in 2014. *Photo courtesy of Becki Maki.*

Conrad Roy, Jr., whose son Conrad Roy III, committed suicide in 2014 in a highly publicized case, ran the Boston Marathon on Monday, 4/16, for suicide prevention.

Mr. Roy raised \$35,205 for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, significantly surpassing his goal of \$25,000. Mr. Roy, running in his first marathon, finished in 4:05:26, and 16,894 of 30,000 runners. Despite it being one of the worst weather days for the Boston Marathon in history, with temperatures in the 30s and driving rain during the whole course, Mr. Roy finish with a smile on his face. To donate, visit Mr. Roy's fund-raising page at: <https://www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/americanfoundationforsuicidepreventionboston2018/c321>

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Folk Service

On Sun., 4/22, at 11:00 AM, at the Unitarian-Universalist Church, 71 8th St., New Bedford, a "Leonard Cohen Tribute" will be presented featuring the songs and readings from Leonard Cohen's six-decade long career as a singer, songwriter, philosopher and performer.

Dock-U-Mentary

The Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series continues on Fri., 4/20 at 7 p.m. at Corson Maritime Learning Center, 33 William Street, New Bedford, with *Counting Fish*, a film by Don Cuddy. Free, accessible.

Dock-U-Mentaries is a co-production of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, and the Working Waterfront Festival.

New England groundfishermen are in trouble. The annual catch limits are now set so low that many boats remain tied to the dock. But controversy abounds. The fishing industry has expressed no confidence in the NOAA trawl survey that provides the raw data for the stock assessment. But counting fish in the ocean is no easy task. While everyone agrees that more and better data is needed NOAA Fisheries says its resources are already overtaxed.

For more information, call the visitor center at 508-996-4095, go to www.nps.gov/nebe

Swan paddleboats

The City of New Bedford and La Gondola, Inc. launched swan paddleboats at Buttonwood Park's pond on 4/14, offering a fun new recreation activity to one of the city's most historic and cherished parks.

The boats are operated by La Gondola, Inc., which since 2004 also operates swan paddleboats at Roger Williams Park in Providence, R.I. The company's owners and operators, Allen and Cynthia Days, approached the City about establishing a swan boat concession in New Bedford at Buttonwood Park, and have worked with City departments to plan the program and tailor it to the City.

The white swan boats can easily be operated by just one person and can accommodate up to four passengers, depending on size; life jackets will be provided.

Operating hours will be weekends, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., through Sept. 30, and daily during public school vacations. **Ride rates are \$5 for children and \$10 for adults**, with a portion of the fees going toward improving and maintaining open water habitat, maintaining water quality and providing safe recreational access to the pond.

Lloyd Ctr Mtg

On Thursday, April 26th, the Lloyd Center for the Environment will host their Annual Meeting at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational-Technical High School (GNBRVTH), 1121 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford.

Members of the public are invited to a welcoming reception from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and stay for the Annual Meeting and presentation on the construction and pursuit of a Living Building Challenge™ (LBCTM) certified Welcome Center. The building is being constructed by students at GNBRVTH. The meeting will include a presentation of the George G. Haydock Award to Dr. Victor Mailey.

The Annual Meeting is a great opportunity to learn about the transformation occurring at the Lloyd Center which will enhance the Center's ability to operate and serve our region!

D-Day ceremony

The City of New Bedford Veterans' Advisory Board and the Fort Rodman-Fort Taber Historical Association will honor the 749 United States sailors and soldiers who lost their lives during the devastating April 28, 1944 attack on the United States military training operation, Exercise Tiger.

Exercise Tiger was a D-Day dry run which was ambushed by a German E-boat flotilla and resulted in America's costliest incident of World War II, second only to Pearl Harbor. The surprise attack sank two American vessels and severely damaged a third. This year marks the 73rd Anniversary of Exercise Tiger.

A memorial ceremony is planned to honor the service members who perished in this incident on Sat., 4/28, at 1 p.m. at the Fort Rodman - Fort Taber Military Museum, 1000 Rodney French Blvd., New Bedford.

The ceremony will include remarks

by Mayor Jon Mitchell and guest speakers. All veterans are invited to attend and are asked to proudly display their service insignia. Refreshments will be available inside the Military Museum following the service. For more information about the ceremony, contact Peter Clark, Chairman of the Exercise Tiger Service at peter.clark@newbedford-ma.gov.

Classic Movie Night

After successful movie showings during presentations in the summer and winter, the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center will continue the Mayor's Classic Movie Series, with FREE showings in March and April.

Two classic favorites will be shown on Saturday afternoons.

- **Casablanca: Sat., April 28, at 2:00 p.m.**

The series continues to add another attraction to downtown New Bedford and offers the opportunity for moviegoers to see these fan favorites in a movie theater.

The public is invited to enjoy the following films, free of charge, at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, 684 Purchase Street in New Bedford.

SAVE THE DATE

"Grease"

"Grease," performed by NB Voc-Tech High School, Thurs.-Sat., 5/3-5, at 7 p.m.; Sun., 5/6, at 2 p.m., at NBVoc-Tech, 1121 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford. Tickets: \$12; \$10/students; \$6/students. For more info, call 508-999-3321, Ext. 424.

St. Joseph FR

St. Joseph School is hosting a fundraising event on **Friday, May 4, 2018. This spring gala will be held at Cotali Mar Restaurante, 1178 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00p.m. This year's event, "May the 4th Be With You" is a celebration of our 110th year of excellence in education.**

St. Joseph School supports the efforts of families by providing a quality education based on "Faith, Values and Excellence" for students in Preschool through Grade 8.

To donate an auction item or advertise in the program book, Contact Tracy Travers, 508-996-1983.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Earth Day Cleanups

Want to do your part for the environment in honor of Earth Day? This month, the Buzzards Bay Coalition is seeking volunteers to lend a hand and help clean up two properties on the Acushnet River that will open to the public later this year.

On Earth Day, Sunday, Apr. 22, help clean up the Coalition's P.J. Keating Woods property from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Gloves, tools, water and snacks will be provided at this cleanup, which is hosted in partnership with Operation Clean Sweep. Meet at the Acushnet Council on Aging (59½ South Main St., Acushnet).

On Arbor Day, Friday, Apr. 27 from 2:00-5:00 p.m., help manage invasive plants at the Acushnet River's Hamlin Street crossing. Volunteers will remove species like mugwort and multiflora rose, which choke out native plants at this property along the river. Parking is available at neighboring White's Factory (approximately 120 Hamlin St., Acushnet).

Please pre-register to volunteer at these cleanups to ensure there are enough supplies. To pre-register or with questions about either cleanup, contact Logan Johnson at johnson@savebuzzardsbay.org or 508-999-6363 x217.

To learn more about all of the Coalition's upcoming events and volunteer opportunities, visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events or contact the Buzzards Bay Coalition at (508) 999-6363.

Author 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 p.m., 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. Sponsored by the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library.

Jewelry Sale

Variety of New, Used, Costume, Vintage, Sterling Silver, Periwinkle, Jewelry Cases, Handbags & more!
Sat., 4/21, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at St. Julie Billiard Church Hall, 494 Slocum Rd., No. Dartmouth.

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 options.

Did you know that missing your Medicare enrollment deadline could cost you money? It can be so confusing, and **this seminar on Thursday, April 26th at 6:00 p.m.** is designed to help you be confident you're making the right health coverage decisions. Free, open to the public. To reserve your spot please call 508-998-0280. At the Senior Center, 59 1/2 So. Main St., Acushnet.

Social Security 101

Are you working? Are you, or have you ever, contributed to Social Security? **WOULD YOU LIKE TO RETIRE ONE DAY?** You are cordially invited to a session on Social Security 101. Information will include: When are you eligible to receive benefits? How does early retirement affect your benefits? Do you qualify for disability, survivors or spouse benefits? How do you get the most from your benefits? What is the future of Social Security? When should you file for Medicare? Learn how to use mySocialSecurity and other online services

Mon., 4/23, at 4 p.m., Mattapoisett COA, 17 Barstow St. (parking across the street) RSVP: 508-758-4110 or coadirector@mattapoisett.net

Bug Search

Discover all the creepy, crawling critters living at The Sawmill (32 Mill Rd., Acushnet) during this family-friendly program on Sat., 4/21 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., hosted by the Buzzards Bay Coalition. You'll learn about the amazing adaptations of bugs, search for insects in a variety of habitats, and make a bug-themed craft.

To learn more and register for this

free family program, visit <http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events/saturday-at-the-sawmill-bugs-apr-21-2018/> or contact the Buzzards Bay Coalition at (508) 999-6363 ext. 219.

Walk for Change

The Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC) has made it their mission to end sexual violence through both healing and social change. Their **annual Walk for Change on Sun., 4/22, in Boston**, is an inspiring day of community, healing, hope and awareness to end sexual violence.

Founded in 1973, BARCC is the only comprehensive rape crisis center in the Greater Boston area and the oldest and largest center of its kind in New England. BARCC provides free, confidential support and services to survivors, friends and family affected by sexual violence. Their goal is to empower survivors to heal and seek justice in ways that are meaningful to them.

For more information here visit <https://barccwalk.org>

Lobster Roll Dinner

Includes chowder, a lobster roll, cole slaw, chips, drink, coffee and strawberry shortcake. Tickets \$25 (\$5.00 for child's plate of grilled cheese, chips, chowder, dessert, drink). Friday, April 27 at 6 p.m., St. Julie Billiard Church Hall, 494 Slocum Road, Dartmouth, MA.

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Call Phyllis at 508-991-1590.

Genealogy Prog.

On Wed., 4/25, local genealogist Kathleen Rubano will present "Getting into Genealogy" from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St. Free. Accessible.

Designed for those beginning their genealogy research. Learn where to look for information, how to organize information, and ways to display and store research; pedigree charts, family trees, and DNA.

Registration is appreciated but walk-ins are welcome. Sign up circulation desk, call the library at 508-758-4171, or email rsmith@sailsinc.org.

Recipe of the Week

Grilled Greek Chicken

- 6 cloves garlic (or more to taste), crushed or very finely minced
- 2 tablespoons dried oregano
- 1 tsp red pepper flakes, or to taste
- 1 tsp freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 tablespoon distilled white vinegar
- 6 chicken leg quarters
- 1 lemon, cut into wedges

Whisk garlic, oregano, red pepper flakes, black pepper, lemon juice, olive oil, and vinegar in large bowl.

Make 2 slashes on the skin side down to the bone in the thigh section and 1 in the leg section of each leg quarter. This will help infuse pieces with marinade and allow faster cooking on the grill. Season both sides of chicken generously with kosher salt. Transfer to bowl with marinade and thoroughly coat all sides. Cover and marinate in refrigerator 4 to 12 hours.

Transfer chicken to paper-towel-lined sheet pan to drain slightly.

Place leg quarters on grill skin side down over semi-direct heat (avoid intense direct heat so chicken cooks evenly and skin doesn't burn). Cook 6-7 mins. Turn chicken and cook another 6-7 mins. Continue cooking and turning until internal temp is 165° 8-10 mins. Serve with lemon wedges.

From allrecipes.com

NOTE: You really don't need a sauce, but some fresh lemon is nice, as is a spicy yogurt. Just squeeze a little lemon into some nice thick, Greek yogurt, spike it with hot sauce,

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

Fairhaven-New Bedford bridge to close starting April 20

Press Release

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has announced it will be closing the New Bedford-Fairhaven Route 6 Swing Bridge to vehicular traffic from Friday April 20, 2018 at 8:00 PM until Monday April 30, 2018 at 6:00 AM.

The bridge closure is necessary to perform numerous permanent repairs, including structural, substructure, and mechanical repairs to the bridge.

In order to gain access to the repair areas, the bridge is required to be in the fully open position (open for boat traffic, closed for vehicles) due to the areas being obstructed by machinery components or the structure itself while in the closed position.

A traffic detour with signs and message boards will be installed to notify and direct traffic around the bridge closure. Variable Message Boards advising the closure have been in place since Friday April 6th.

Access to local businesses will be maintained during all times of the bridge closure. Detour signs will be in place; with assistance from police details. The Route 6 detours are as follows:

follows:

Traveling East on Route 6 toward Fairhaven:

- Follow Route 6 Detour signage and take a left onto Pleasant Street;
- Take a right onto Hillman Street;
- Take a left onto the Route 18 North ramp;
- Follow Route 18 North to I-195 Eastbound;
- Take Exit 18 – Route 240 South/Fairhaven;
- Follow Route 240 South to Route 6.

Traveling West on Route 6 toward New Bedford:

- Follow Route 6 Detour signage and take a right onto Main Street;
- Take a left onto Howland Road and continue onto Coggeshall Street in New Bedford;
- Take a left onto Ashley Boulevard/Route 18 South;
- Follow Route 18 South to Route 6.

MassDOT advises motorists to expect delays and seek alternate routes during these times. The schedule for this work is weather dependent and subject to change without notice.

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There once was a man from.....

By Glenn C. Silva

Neighb News Correspondent

The Friends of the Millicent Library announced the winners and awarded prizes at the first ever Limerick Contest at the Millicent Library on April 14.

About 35 people gathered for the big announcement and "Cal & the Ukettes" provided music that got some of them singing along and clapping to start the afternoon event.

Linda Kushner vice-president of the Friends emceed the event and announced the winners. She stood at a podium that had its own limerick, plugging the organization.

*Our library gives so much pleasure.
It's almost impossible to measure.
Please do remember
To become a member
And help us support this great
treasure.*

The winners of the six categories were then given the chance to read their winning limericks.

The winners were: Age Nine and Under, Maitca Abdallah-Doukkara; Ages 10-17, Julia Duzynski; Ages 18-69, Steven Botelho; 70 and over, Mike Luey and Ellie Mayo in a tie; Limericks about Fairhaven, Alyssa Botelho and Jackie Kenworthy in a tie; Current Events, Cheryl Day.

Maggi Peirce, one of the judges, spoke about how a limerick is written and the proper formation of one. As a special treat, she read some of her own limericks.

Mr. Peirce, originally from Belfast, Northern Ireland, who has been a

resident of East Fairhaven for the past 54 years, said she remembered reading since the age of five. She realized certain words rhymed and has been writing poetry of all kinds since an early age.

The other judges were Janice Randall and Chris Richard. The judges were unanimous in awarding each prize.

Mike Luey got quite the chuckle with his Limerick on Fairhaven.

*There was an old man from
Fairhaven*

*Who was dirty, unkempt, and
unshaven.*

He was aging in place



*'Til he fell on his face
And got sent to Our Lady's Haven.*

When asked if it was written about anyone in particular he quickly commented with a smile: "Just wait a few years."

Alyssa's father Steven Botelho was on hand to read his daughter's limerick about a familiar town.

*Are you weary
and heavy-laden?
Come with me,
says the sea raven
To the best
town on earth
I've been there
since birth
Where else but
good ole
Fairhaven.*

Then there was Maitca Abdallah-Doukkara who won in the nine & younger category.

*Mom goes to
church on Easter
Sunday
Dad hates
church and Easter
on Fun-day*



*I love, love Easter
My dad said: seize her!
When I stole all the choc-lates one
day.*

Speaking of sweets... There were cookies, brownies and beverages for the crowd.

The remaining winning entries are: Jackie Kenworthy (one of two winners for limericks about Fairhaven)

*There once was a man named
Benac*

*Who was clever and had the knack
To find an old treasure
To research at leisure
And thus to restore what it lacked.*

Steven Botelho

*There once was a man from
Worcester*

*Who had two hens and a rooster
The rooster died, the farmer cried
Because the hens don't lay eggs like
they used ta*

Cheryl Day (winner for current events)

*There are two tall white turbines
among us*

*Whose flickers both bother and
taunt us.*

*Often blocking the sun,
Sometimes they don't run.
And their whirring sounds constantly
haunt us!*

Elly Mayo

*A master boat builder named Bob
Launched a new boat one day in a
fog*

*He called from the shore
Someone bring me the oars
And next day he rowed in on a log.*

Julia Duzynski (10-17 category)

*One day there was a blue butterfly
It was super cool and super sly.
It took a good land*

*On my very tanned hand
Then went back to the beautiful sky.*



TOP: Maitca Abdallah-Doukkara reads her winning limerick in the aged nine and under category at the first Limerick Contest party at on Saturday, 4/14/18. MIDDLE, L-R: Steven Botelho and his daughter Alyssa Botelho, both winners in their categories, strike a pose at the podium at the Limerick Contest. ABOVE: Members of the Friends of the Millicent Library, judges, and volunteers pose for a group shot at the Limerick Contest party. L-R: Janice Randall, Beth Luey, Eleanor Crowell, Linda Kushner, Liz Bentley, Cal Wingate, Laurie Despres, Gladys Hom. Photo by Glenn C. Silva.

No one calls for recount in BPW race, so...what next?

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Board of Public Works is still a tie, and no one has filed to have a recount. Would that we were one of the 35 states that just toss a coin.

Incumbent Robert “Hoppy” Hobson and newcomer to politics Albert Martin both received 338 votes in the April 2 election, tying them for the second seat. Incumbent Keith Silvia received 480 votes.

After the tie was announced, Mr. Hobson joked that they should just toss a coin. But in Massachusetts, that’s not allowed.

In the days after the election, though, it was confusing to figure out what was allowed.

Town Clerk Eileen Lowney asked the state for direction.

In a tie, or a “failure to elect,” a candidate has to ask for a recount. That requires 10 signatures from each of the six precincts, with one signature in each precinct notarized. The deadline for turning in those signatures was 4/12, 10 days after the election.

Mr. Hobson set about getting the signatures.

Meanwhile, he asked Ms. Lowney what would happen if neither candidate asked for recount. She checked with the Secretary of State’s office and told him that the Selectboard and the BPW would vote in a joint meeting.

Meanwhile, she said, Mr. Hobson was still considered a board member and could vote.

So, Mr. Hobson decided not to turn in the papers. He said there was no reason to go to all that trouble and expense, figuring he had a good chance of winning that vote.

He did, however, at one point, ask Ms. Lowney if she should talk to Town Counsel Thomas Crotty, but she declined, saying the state was the authority on the matter.

The day after the deadline passed, Mr. Hobson was informed by Ms. Lowney and Town Administrator Mark Rees that a mistake had been made.

The special act that created the BPW in 1968, specifically states that the Selectboard alone should vote to appoint someone to the position. Subsequent amendments and additional special acts related to the

BPW, also state that the Selectboard alone will fill a vacancy on the BPW.

That person will hold the seat until the next local election, which is in 2019. Whoever is appointed will have to run to finish out the unexpired term.

Mr. Hobson was not, and is not, happy.

He said that he met with Ms. Lowney and Mr. Rees, and in the course of that discussion, the suggestion was made that he get an



ABOVE: Fairhaven Board of Public Works incumbent Robert “Hoppy” Hobson is tied for his seat with newcomer (BELOW) Albert “Al” Martin. *Neighb News file photos by Beth David.*



attorney and ask for an extension of the deadline to have the recount.

In a phone interview, Mr. Rees declined to say who alerted him to the existence of the special act regarding the BPW. He did say, however, that when he became aware of it, he contacted Mr. Crotty, who discovered the section that directs the Selectboard to make the decision alone.

Mr. Hobson said he was angry that he got three different stories, causing him to miss the filling deadline for a recount.

He said he believed he had the

votes in a joint meeting, so why put the town through the expense and work of a recount?

Mr. Martin said he had no interest in getting a recount. He said he believed the tie would still be a tie, so why go through all that time, trouble and expense.

“Let them choose,” he said, and noted that BPW chairperson Michael Ristuccia announced he would not run for re-election next year, so he and Hoppy would both have a good chance of getting on the board anyway.

As for his chances with the Selectboard, Mr. Martin was non-committal. He said he had not spoken to any of the members.

“But I do know them all,” said Mr. Martin.

He knows Selectboard member Daniel Freitas because he worked in the public works department some years ago; he knows Bob Espindola because of their work on union issues; and he knows Charlie Murphy because he does the town auction, and from various volunteer organizations.

“So, they all know me,” he said.

The question is: “Are they going to go with the incumbent or the new guy?”

Either way, he is happy, he said.

“I tied a long term incumbent,” said Mr. Martin. “Let the higher powers decide.”

Mr. Hobson had not decided if he would go to court to get an extension on the deadline. He said he would be meeting with his lawyer this week to decide.

“So I’ve got to get a lawyer because you people screwed up,” he said he told Mr. Rees and Ms. Lowney in the meeting. “And I’ve got to pay a lawyer. Why should I do it? You people screwed up.”

Mr. Hobson said he had no idea how much it would cost to go to court, but he was angry because it was the town’s error.

“It’s the principle of the thing,” he said. “I don’t think it’s fair that I’ve got to go to court because they screwed up.”

He admitted that his chances with the Selectboard alone are not good. He has frequently clashed publicly with Mr. Freitas, going back to their time on the BPW. Their clashes have

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Until Help Arrives

Fairhaven Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Ave., Wednesday, June 29th, 6-8:00 p.m. Bristol County Sheriff Thomas M. Hodgson is pleased to announce a new program entitled "Until Help Arrives". The 2 hour course, conducted by Colonel David Gavigan, will provide you with basic skills to keep someone with life threatening injuries alive

Until help arrives if you happen to come upon an emergency situation. Topics covered include 911 calling, staying safe at the scene of an emergency, stop the bleeding, positioning the injured, providing comfort and preparing for emergencies. The program is open to all citizens and community groups that have little or no emergency training. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 by June 18th to reserve your seat.

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.

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.

Ongoing Programs

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Split vote on BBC land purchase proposal in Acushnet

By Beth David
Editor

After some further explanations and assurances by the Buzzards Bay Coalition, the Acushnet Selectboard voted to include an article for a land deal by the BBC on the annual town meeting warrant, 2-1, with Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar voting against. The BBC is seeking \$35,000 in Community Preservation funds for the project.

The board had previously voted to hold off on a vote when it came to light that the BBC might develop part of the property.

The 32.36 acres, currently owned by Glenn Machado, and known as the "Tripp's Mill Brook Headwaters," includes 4.33 acres in Fairhaven.

The cost of the property is \$376,000. The BBC is seeking \$70,000 from Acushnet, of which \$35,000 will be reimbursed by a grant that is already guaranteed.

The BBC will own the property, the Conservation Commission will hold a Conservation Restriction (CR) on most of it. The town had the right of first refusal, because it was 61A property, meaning it got reduced taxes for being farmland. The town signed its right to buy the property to the BBC last year. Fairhaven also assigned its right to the BBC.

Then the board learned that the BBC had carved out a six-acre parcel in Acushnet not to be included in the Conservation Restriction that would be held by the Conservation Commission. Those six acres would be open to development for up to six single-family homes.

Allen Decker of the BBC explained to the board at a previous meeting that the BBC was unsure of its ability

to raise all the funds necessary to buy the parcel. At the Acushnet Selectboard meeting on 4/3 Mr. Decker said that six or seven houses would be better than 17, which is what the land can sustain.

On Monday, Mr. Rasmussen assured the board that only one house would be built on the six acres.

He said that the group had raised more funds since the board last spoke with Mr. Decker, and the BBC expects to borrow \$190,000 to be able to close in June. Mr. Rasmussen said the BBC still needs to keep the six acres open for sale to cover the costs.

He clarified, however, that the BBC would only build one home that would be "tucked behind a row of 11 existing homes."

The house would be built on 1 1/2 acres, and a separate conservation restriction would be placed on the rest.

The BBC is "not optimistic" about its ability to raise funds post-closing, said Mr. Rasmussen. He called the development option a "Fall-Back Funding Plan."

Selectboard Chairperson Michael Cioper said that the board was concerned that six houses could be built on the six acres. He said the board agreed to the deal because they believed the whole parcel would be protected from development.

Mr. Rasmussen said the property is 80% uplands and has the potential for 12-17 house-lots with septic systems, subdivision roads, and stormwater runoff. The BBC felt they had to protect the property from development to protect the Mattapoissett River Valley Drinking Water Supply Protection Area. The parcel is also listed within the Natural Heritage &

Endangered Species Core Habitat area, and is adjacent to BBC's existing Tinkham Pond Reserve.

He said 61A property is different, and harder to get funding for, that they cannot negotiate the price, but have to match the offer, and time constraints are different than on other projects.

He went down the list of funding sources to date, and said \$190,000 will need to be borrowed. That is the piece that the BBC will want to pay off with the sale of the lot. It is unlikely, however, the lot is worth that much.

"We can't see a way to the finish line," without the sale of the lot, said Mr. Rasmussen.

He said it was the BBC's "commitment" to the board that it would only be one house.

"You're still short," said Mr. Cioper.

Mr. Rasmussen agreed, and said he believed the lot would fetch about \$150,000. If they deferred the \$24,000 in project costs for public access and trails, then the shortfall was only \$10-20K.

"We can figure that out over time," he said.

Selectboard member Roger Cabral said that they held off on the vote because they felt they had not been given all the information. They thought there would be multiple houses built.

"We did not have all the facts upfront," said Mr. Cabral.

He said he understood that the bigger goal was to preserve the larger parcel.

"So, I'm okay with it," said Mr. Cabral.

"I'm not that happy at all, but I'm willing to change my mind," said Mr.

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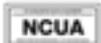
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Day Tripping: Old Sturbridge Village Family Farm Fest

By Beth David
Editor

Old Sturbridge Village promises a trip back to 1830s New England and the farming life that goes with it. This past Saturday, 4/14, was our second trip to the village (see 3/17/16 issue), and we still did not see it all. We tried to visit different things this year, but made sure to visit the sheep again. This weekend we caught Family Farm Fest, which continues next week, too.

We got there around lunch time and were happy to find the Oliver Wight Tavern open, which sits just outside the village entrance. You'll find wooden menus, an old-time look, crayons with a children's menu, and a selection of alcoholic beverages, which are not available in the village. An instrumental version of "Oh My Darling, Clementine," played softly in the background, setting up our mood for entry into the village.

I got the Kitchen Peppered Roast Beef (\$11), dubbed a "19th century recipe adapted" (okay, it really said "receipt," but we're pretty sure that's just a typo). My friend Tori got the Classic Onion Soup (\$6) and a salad (\$8). We both were very satisfied with our meals.

Our friendly waitperson suggested the Tavern Chips, which were a delightful discovery. I highly recommend them instead of fries.

Inside the village there were a host of demonstrations going on, all connected to farming life. Horse drawn wagon rides, sheep, working



MIDDLE: A lamb climbs on an older sheep to reach the hand of a young girl trying to pet it at Old Sturbridge Village on Saturday, 4/14. *Photo courtesy of Tori Tepe.* ABOVE: The large draft horses pulling a large wagon filled with passengers mug it up a little when the group stopped under the covered bridge. *Photo by Beth David.*

steers, musket firing demonstrations, visits with historical figures, and demonstrations on shoemaking, water powered machines (gristmill and sawmill), plowing (and a chance to try your hand at it), farm games, and much more started at 9:30 in the morning and carried through the day. Of course there's a blacksmith shop, too, and a new exhibit on cabinet-making, 19th century style.

We wandered around, mostly aimlessly, just taking in the sights, sounds and smells.

This is the beauty of the place, no pressure to join an exhibit. You feel totally free to wander around taking



pictures, and just talking to the villagers, who are friendly and expound happily and proudly in their areas of expertise.

You'll get a handy little map at the entrance that tells you all the activities of the day and how to find them.

We first ambled up to the barn with the "working steers," and learned that "oxen," are not a separate breed, but just working steers that are fully trained. Farmer Rob explained that "fixed" steers (neutered), as opposed to bulls, which are used for breeding, are trained to plow and pull the many things that need brute force on a farm. Once the young steers are fully trained, they are called oxen.

"Oxen" is just a title, not a breed," said Farmer Rob.

The steers and oxen in the village weighed around 3,000 pounds, he said, with one weighing in at 3,400.

We moved on to the Water Power Tour, to learn how the rushing river can be used for mill grinding, wool carding and cutting wood.

Miller Dan explained how grist mill

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operators were paid, and the idiosyncrasies of British tax law in 1830 that resulted in millers taking a portion of the grain they were milling in payment, and then trading it for other grains, instead of taking cash.

Oat was not considered human food, so it was not taxable, so people decided to eat it, he said.

Millers Dan and Ed showed how a saw gets pushed up and down by the water pushing levers, and how the big wheel pushes the log towards the saw. It was a noisy operation that pretty much worked on its own, once it got set up.

Indeed, the most startling part of the explanation, was when Miller Bob demonstrated how the sound changed when it would reach the end of the log, saying it was a difference he would hear as he walked around the village (in 1830 of course) or grabbed a brew at the pub.

The river water under the mill flows at 300 gallons a second, he said, and would fill a swimming pool in 1 1/2 minutes.

Inside the mill, the noisy saw and clinking and clanking, made quick work of cutting a huge piece of pine. A lever diverts water to reverse the action, and a push of another lever creates a sharper angle to speed up the saw.

Other exhibits included old fire-arms, lighting, shoemaking, the secret life of bees revealed, two big bulls just hanging out looking majestic, a simple machines exhibit that was hands-on (wheelbarrow, lever, pulleys), and lots of other little

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Day Tripping: Old Sturbridge Village Family Farm Fest

treasures for young and old to find.

The early lighting exhibit included candle chandeliers favored by the rich, candleholders for the regular folk, and whale oil lamps, including some sketches of New Bedford, acknowledging its important role lighting the world through whale oil.

The River Ride is not open until May, but that just means there is something to look forward to. The Quinebaug River ("long, slow-moving river" to Native Americans), winds through the property, which also has ponds and walking trails.

We also grabbed a sweet snack at the Bullard Cafe in the middle of the afternoon, which was kind of pricey, but a necessary sweet fix (sorry, I can't find my receipt, I think it was around \$6 for a cookie and a coke).

Inside the village, you'll find Miner Grant Store and Bake Shop, a fun little

place, jam-packed with all kinds of stuff you won't find around here. Outside the village is the main gift shop, which has everything from period toys to salt water taffy and fudge, with an impressive sweets section, including more than 20 varieties of stick candy. It also has a healthy number of books to help you understand the time period.

Sometimes, though, the simplest exhibits are the ones that stick with visitors the most. The "Small House," which is a sample of a house for "regular folk," probably shows more about how people lived, with its simple, but warm decor, and its small bedroom and sturdy furniture, than any other exhibit.

Ten-year-old William lives within a half-hour of OSV, so he has been several times. He said his favorite activities on this day were the coach ride and the oxen.

"Because it's fun," he said of the horse-drawn carriage.

Other children in the village said



they liked watching the shoemaker and the baby sheep.

At the gift shop, cashier Lindsie read the story of the grasshopper to an observant youngster who noticed that it was the village's symbol.

The grasshopper was chosen because it literally springs from the earth, where its eggs were laid. It also has attributes of fertility, immortality, courage, and song, but its widest meaning was "native."

This is still a good family visit, and if you plan on going even just twice, the new pricing makes getting a season pass a real deal.



TOP RIGHT: The simple mechanism pushed the wheel, which pushes the platform with the log towards the saw that is moving up and down. The top lever pushes the wheel a notch, the bottom lever stops the wheel from sliding back. ABOVE, L-R: Miller Bob and Miller Ed explain how the water under the mill pushes the saw up and down using levers and wheels. Photos by Beth David. TOP: Miller Ed positions plate behind the big log. The whole platform moves to push the wood into the blade. *Photo courtesy of Tori Tepe.*

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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.

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heated up recently on several occasions.

He gave no insight into how he felt the other two board members would vote.

Mr. Rees said the Selectboard would take up the matter at a meeting soon, but he did not have the date yet. The next meeting is on Monday, 4/23, but the agenda had not been set by press time.

The Special Act requires the board to act within 30 days.

Meanwhile, in other parts of the country, coin tosses have broken ties in many states for a variety of offices.

According to the Washington Post

in a 2014 article, 35 states determine tied elections by games of chance. The article was written after an election for a judge in New Mexico was decided by a coin toss that year.

According to a variety of reports, it is quite common in local elections, a little less common in statewide elections. It is "unprecedented" in federal elections, according to the Washington Post article.

The article says that some states are very specific, such as a coin toss in Idaho, and the "names to be written on paper and pulled from a container" in Oklahoma.

In Connecticut, the law was

changed in 2007, to stop the coin toss as the way of deciding tied primaries.

An article in the Atlantic in 2012, traces the practice back to ancient Athens.

The article says that nine states had used coin tosses "more recently," two used card games, and one chose a name from a hat.

Apparently, it is not that rare on the local level in America.

In Kentucky, in 2012, a city commission seat was settled by flipping a coin. A duel is "expressly forbidden" in Kentucky, according to the Atlantic. •••

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Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petition(s):

NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- Petitioner: Kate Markey & David Cope, RE: 333 Huttleston Avenue, Plot 31, Lot 015, Book 12131 and Page 46. 198-16: Special Permit required for livestock raising under 5 acres) in an RA District.
- Petitioner: George R & Sharon C Mendonca, RE: Frederick Avenue, Plot 29A, Lots 168-169, Book 2013 and Page 343. 198-18: Short 40' of required 140' frontage; short 20,000 sq. ft. of required 30,000 sq. ft.; 2% over max building coverage of 15% all within an RR District.
- Petitioner: David Small, RE: 16 Widemarsch Beach Way, Plot 29, Lot 33. 198-18: Short 12' of required 30' front setback in an RR District.
- Petitioner: Matthew Brodo, RE: 76 Farmfield Street, Plot 04, Lot 290, Book 12197 and Page 341. 198-18: Short 7' of required 20' front setback corner lot.
- Petitioner: Christopher J. Ingrande, RE: 689 Sconticut Neck Road, Plot 42, Lot 14A, Book 12367 and Page 212. 198-18: Short 4' of required 5' setback on East & South sides. 198-22 A-1: 580 sq. ft. over max of 700 sq. ft. for an Accessory Building.

RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- Petitioner: Richard Tavares, RE: 33 Charity Stevens Lane, Plot 40, Lot 15C, Book 12085 and Page 52. 198-16: Special Permit required to have an in-law apartment in an RR District.
- Petitioner: William J. Alphonse, RE: 1 Mina Street, Plot 37A, Lots 612-615, Book 6787 and Page 246. 198-18: Short 8,256 sq. ft. of required 15,000 sq. ft. and 11' short on West side and 20' short on south side of required 100' frontage, all within an RA District.

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Fri., 4/20, Town Hall, 3:30 p.m.

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Mon., 4/23, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

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

Finance Committee

Thurs., 4/19, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Green Committee

Thurs., 4/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues. 4/24, 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

Board of Assessors

Tues., 4/24, Town Hall, 2nd fl, 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Tues., 4/24, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Colony District

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Planning Board

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

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Tuesday	24	0346	1623	1011	2309
Wednesday	25	0453	1729	1149	----
Thursday	26	0555	1823	0026	1240
Friday	27	0646	1909	0117	1319
Saturday	28	0730	1951	0207*	1350
Sunday	29	0812	2032	0256*	1411
Monday	30	0855	2115	0332	1435

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
**Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more

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The defense is referring to Ms. Carter's statement that she told Mr. Roy to get back in the truck, in one text that she sent more than two months after Mr. Roy's death, according to the filing.

"Carter is precisely the sort of person whom the corroboration rule aims to protect," wrote the defense, citing her emotional instability.

In point five, the defense writes that it is not fair to expect a juvenile to act like a "reasonable adult."

The judge failed to consider that she was an immature adolescent with mental health issues.

In point six, the defense contends that Ms. Carter's right to present a defense was violated when the judge refused to allow the testimony of Dr. Frank DiCataldo, a psychologist specializing in the development of the

adolescent brain.

The judge would not allow the testimony because, he said, Dr. DiCataldo had not examined Ms. Carter, and was, therefore, only speaking in generalities.

The judge "abused his discretion," by not allowing the testimony, writes the defense, and asserts that case law does not say that the expert who is testifying must have examined the individual on trial.

The Commonwealth responded to the other points writing that the SJC had already heard the same arguments in 2016 during the first appeal, and the court unanimously denied that appeal.

"The six issues she raises in her petition overlap substantially with those raised in her original, 2016 appeal," said the DA. ●●●



ABOVE: Michelle Carter reacts as she listens to Judge Lawrence Moniz before he announces his verdict on Friday, 6/16/17. Photo by Glenn C. Silva.

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Cioper, adding that he wanted to let it go to town meeting and let TM change his mind.

Mr. Cabral said he was okay with it because it was not a "subdivision," and he believed the project met the goals of the Community Preservation Act funds.

Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar did not say a word until the vote, when he said: "I'm against it."

After the meeting he said that he had already voiced his disagreement with the proposal in previous meetings and would speak against it at Town Meeting. He said the BBC was not honest in its presentation to the town, and did not make it clear that some land would be open to development. He disagreed with Mr. Rasmussen's contention that the plan had always been for only one house on the six acres.

In other business, the board heard from town clerk Pamela Labonte on the change to one polling location for the April 2 election. This was the first year that all voters went to the elementary school.

She said there were some minor logistical issues, but she was confident they would be worked out next time.

Ms. Labonte said the cooperation from the School Department, public works, emergency management agency, and police made it all go smoothly.

She said she was "very pleased with the way the day went."

With only 395 voters, though, it was not a big test. One thing she will want to do is get electrical outlets in the ceiling so that voting machines can be positioned to avoid people crossing by each other.

"That was Mr. Noble's brilliant idea," she said, referring to Town Administrator Brian Noble.

She said she will work with other departments on better traffic flow, especially in anticipation of voting on days when school is in session. And they would probably change the entrances and exits.

She had three police officers that day, she said, and knows that some might call it "overkill."

"But it was very important to me that everything went smoothly," said Ms. Labonte.

Mr. Cabral admitted that the exit door confused him. He said when he was "sent" out that door, he felt he was in the Twilight Zone.

"I had no idea where I was," he said, but then quickly realized he was closer to his car.

Ms. Labonte said she would be looking into getting some traffic cones with retractable tape. She used the EMA's and they were "very helpful," but she cannot always depend on using their equipment.

If not for the DPW, school depart-

ment, police and other town departments, it would not have been "nearly as successful as it was," said Ms. Labonte.

The board also discussed with Ms. Labonte, the complaint by some people that they did not know there was an election.

Mr. Cabral said the signs placed around town were not clear. He also said an earlier start time would be better for people who work full time. The voting hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Ms. Labonte said the signs were to notify people of the new polling location. She agreed the signs needed to have less information on them so drivers could read them quickly.

The next test will most likely be state primaries on September 4, and then state elections on November 6 of this year.

Ms. Labonte also announced that Tommy Lipsett was elected Commissioner of Trust Funds with write-in votes. She said she had just certified the results and would be swearing him in that night.

Mr. Noble announced that the town meeting forum would be held on Monday, 4/30, at 7 p.m. in the town hall meeting room. The town moderator will review all TM articles so voters will know what to expect at town meeting on May 14.

The forum will run on government access cable TV channel 18. ●●●

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