

Courting season has begun

Patriots assistants balance calls from other teams looking for coaches with prepping for playoff run. **SPORTS, B1**



Room to grow

Girls high school hockey on the rise throughout the SouthCoast. **SPORTS, B1**



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WEATHER

TODAY WED THU

 47°/41° 53°/27° 37°/24°
 Complete forecast, A2

BUSINESS



Leaders in training

Leadership SouthCoast draws biggest class with 37 participants selected. **B5**

LAKEVILLE



With more tech comes need for more staff

Students have ample access to computers, officials say, but technicians needed to support devices. **A10**

WAREHAM



Eyes in the sky

Alleged intoxicated driver found in woods by helicopter-mounted camera. **B6**

FREETOWN



Up in flames

Stop & Shop distribution center suffers \$1 million in damage after truck in loading dock catches fire. **A5**

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WORLD

IS: Christians were target

Islamic State claim unusual for attack in Turkey; may signal shift in strategy, analysts say. **A5**

THE DETAILS » In its claim, IS said the nightclub attack was aimed at Christians celebrating a pagan holiday. But in reality, many of the victims hailed from majority-Muslim nations in the Middle East.

ROCHESTER MAN and WOMAN of the YEAR

'Hearts full of grace'



Volunteers have GiftsToGive to children in need. **A2**



FISHERIES

THE OYSTER IS HIS WORLD

Fairhaven man following his passion with hometown oyster farm. **A3**



Matt Loo selects which oysters are ready to be cultivated from his 1-acre oyster farm at Jack's Cove off of West Island in Fairhaven. PETER PEREIRA/THE STANDARD-TIMES/SCMG

WESTPORT

Options abound for use of former camp

Committee formed to explore how lot near Adamsville will be utilized. **A2**



Health and Wellness Director Mary Beth Gamache, left, looks on as Membership Director Robyn Shwedo talks about the new members signing up at the YMCA at the start of the new year. DAVID W. OLIVEIRA/STANDARD-TIMES SPECIAL/SCMG

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

'People want to change for the better'

Area gyms busy during first months of the year as SouthCoast residents seek to improve health and fitness. **A3**

WEATHER

TODAY
Breezy and mild with rain at times
47/41

WEDNESDAY
Milder with clouds giving way to some sun
53/27

THURSDAY
Colder with partial sunshine
37/24

FRIDAY
Mostly cloudy with a snow shower possible
35/20

SATURDAY
Snow or flurries possible in the morning
34/19

LOCAL

• Middleboro 46/42

• Wareham 46/43

• Marion 46/43

• Westport 45/42

• New Bedford 47/41

OCEAN TEMPERATURE
39

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

SUMMARY: Breezy and mild today with rain. Winds east 10-20 mph. Fog tonight with rain tapering off. Winds south-south-east 6-12 mph. Clouds giving way to some sun tomorrow.

ALMANAC
New Bedford through 6 p.m. Monday

TEMPERATURE

High/low	41/22
Normal high/low	39/23
Record high	56 in 2000
Record low	-6 in 1899

HEATING DEGREE DAYS
An index of energy consumption indicating how many degrees the average temperature was below 65 degrees for the day.

Yesterday	33
Month to date	61
Season to date	1931
Normal season to date	1998

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 6 p.m. Mon.	Trace
Month to date	0.10"
Normal month to date	0.25"
Year to date	0.10"
Normal year to date	0.25"
Snowfall 24 hours ending 6 p.m. Mon.	0.0"
Snowfall season to date	2.5"

WIND
Highest ENE at 6 mph

UV INDEX TODAY

10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.
0	0	0	0

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number the greater the need for eye and skin protection. 0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme

AIR QUALITY INDEX

Yesterday	N/A
Today	Good

Source: www.mass.gov

WEATHER HISTORY
On Jan. 3, 1777, George Washington ordered his men to outflank the British when the ground froze at night.

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:11 a.m.	Moonrise	10:24 a.m.
Sunset	4:26 p.m.	Moonset	10:07 p.m.
First	Jan 5	Full	Jan 12
Last	Jan 19	New	Jan 27

MARINE FORECAST
Wind east 10-20 knots today. Seas 3-5 feet. Mild with rain. Wind south 7-14 knots tonight. Seas 3-5 feet. Fog with rain. Wind west 7-14 knots tomorrow. Seas 2-4 feet.

TIDES TODAY

Location	High	Low
New Bedford	11:12 a.m. 11:43 p.m.	4:05 a.m. 4:38 p.m.
Canal at Buzzards Bay	12:14 p.m.	5:14 a.m. 8:11 p.m.
Westport	11:14 a.m. 11:45 p.m.	4:31 a.m. 5:04 p.m.

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LOTTERIES

MASS. DAILY NUMBERS
Drawn Monday afternoon 5-5-3-7
Payoffs on \$1 bet exact order

4 digits	\$4,634
3 digits	\$649
2 digits	\$56
1 digit	\$6

Payoffs on \$1 bet any order

4 digits	\$386
First 3 digits	\$216
Last 3 digits	\$108

Drawn Monday night 7-0-3-4
Payoffs on \$1 bet exact order

4 digits	\$6,254
3 digits	\$876
2 digits	\$75
1 digit	\$8

Payoffs on \$1 bet any order

4 digits	\$261
First 3 digits	\$146
Last 3 digits	\$146

RI MIDDAY 7-0-5-3
RI EVENING 9-9-3-6
Drawn Sunday Night
MASS CASH 15-16-22-23-25

ROCHESTER MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Longtime volunteers have GiftsToGive

By Aimee Chiavaroli | achiavaroli@s-t.com

GiftsToGive sent out 9,000 packages to SouthCoast children in 2016, but volunteers Denise Bertrand and Police Chief Paul Magee say the charity housed in Acushnet has given them a lot more over the years.

"It's an honor to volunteer at GiftsToGive," Bertrand said. "We have all walks of life come in and I feel blessed to work with these people."

For his part, Magee said he doesn't have a lot of spare time. But he said it's easy for him to make time for the charity. And when he's there, he's not a police chief, but a regular guy in ripped jeans and a sweatshirt, he said.

"Volunteering, by far, I think is my passion," Magee said, donning a sweatshirt with the GiftsToGive logo on it. He said his daughter, son and wife have also volunteered at the charity.

"It's kind of nice to be able to do as a family," he said.

For their commitment and dedication to helping others, Magee and Bertrand are The Standard-Times 2016 Rochester Man and Woman of the Year.

During a tour of GiftsToGive, Bertrand stopped at a section where used donated puzzles can be assembled to ensure all the pieces are in the box. Bertrand said mentally and physically disabled adults from People Inc., a not-for-profit human services agency in Fall River, put the puzzles together.

"When I walk in the door, they're like a welcome committee," she said about the group she loves to work with.

Bertrand has been a volunteer for three years for about three to four days a week and has been responsible for processing gift requests from over 200 local agencies, said Jim Stevens, GiftsToGive CEO and founder. She has trained people in the order department and given tours, she said.

Magee has been instrumental with logistics for seven years on nights and weekends, Stevens said.

There are over 40,000 SouthCoast children, Stevens said, from Newport to Wareham living in poverty and approximately 10 percent of them are homeless.

"Chief Magee inherently understands our primary mission of connecting children to giving and service," Stevens said, adding Magee introduced the charity to schools in Rochester. "In his spare time, he makes things happen for us."

Like Magee, it has been a family effort for Bertrand. She said her sister Vivian Scrocca has regularly volunteered alongside her.



Denise Bertrand and Rochester Police Chief Paul Magee stand in front of the Gifts to Give sign at the former Titleist ball plant in Acushnet where both are active volunteers. AIMEE CHIAVAROLI / THE STANDARD-TIMES / SCMG

"There has been nothing we haven't accomplished yet. We put a lot of time and effort in and we enjoy doing it."

— Bob Laferriere, Rochester Highway Department

Originally from Fairhaven, Scrocca moved to New Bedford from New Hampshire about a half dozen years ago after her husband died.

"She says, 'I have my life back,'" Bertrand said. "That's how much she liked it here."

But Scrocca says she could see how much Bertrand liked it, too. "She's really a people person...she has a way of speaking to people and trying to make them feel good about themselves," she said.

Magee does a lot of behind the scenes and handy work. Last Thursday afternoon, he pointed out a portion of freshly painted white floor, previously tile, that he had been painting for the past three nights.

"I see a lot of projects in my future in this room," he said, when Bertrand showed a reporter a former cafeteria that is slated to be made into an event

room. Magee has driven to Rhode Island and New Hampshire to pick up donated items such as a dryer and tables. He also picks up donations from a consignment shop in Fairhaven twice a week, he said.

However, he admitted he doesn't work alone. His partner in crime is Bob Laferriere of the Rochester Highway Department.

"There has been nothing we haven't accomplished yet," Laferriere said. "We put a lot of time and effort in and we enjoy doing it." He said if someone needs a hand, Magee is usually the first one to offer it.

"This was just a home run for me, personally," Magee said while in a tool room he referred to as home base. "The one thing that stands out about GiftsToGive — there's absolutely no payroll," he said.

No stranger to volunteering, Magee has operated the logistics elsewhere such as for the Survival Program with the Old Rochester Regional Junior High School for 22 years which he described as a week-long Outward Bound-style program. He's also in his second year of coordinating a free dinner the second Friday of the month at the Mattapoisett Congregational

Church, where he's behind the scenes in the kitchen, cooking for 70 to 80 people.

Bertrand volunteered with the Showstoppers, a group of singers from first graders to high school seniors, for 12 years, she said. She also likes to cook and bring it to her elderly neighbors.

Bertrand got involved when she needed a way to spend her time. She said she cleaned houses part-time and decided it was time to move on.

"I'd rather have less money and be here and be happy," she said.

According to Scrocca, Bertrand is known as the "chocolate lady," keeping a stash of Dove dark chocolates at the building. Scrocca said she gives them out at lunch and will offer people other food she has.

When Scrocca told her sister she'd given her son a cross she wore that belonged to her husband, Bertrand took a cross off her neck and gave it to her to wear in place of the one she gave away.

"She's just really giving like that," she said.

"Dr. King said that to serve one needed 'a heart full of grace' and 'a soul generated by love,' and I see that every day in Denise," Stevens said.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CAMP

Westport weighing various uses for former camp

By Jeffrey D. Wagner
The Herald News

WESTPORT — By the end of 2017, Westport might have more land for indoor and outdoor recreation, senior or affordable housing and cemetery lands. But officials are still grappling with the best development direction for the former St. Vincent de Paul Camp on Adamsville Road, an 82-acre tract.

Town Planner James Hartnett, Planning Board Chairman James Whitin and Westport Land Conservation Trust Land Protection

Specialist Steve Sloan recently met with selectmen on potential uses of a 19.7-acre property the WLCT plans to sell to the town.

In early 2016, the WLCT entered into an exclusive agreement with the Diocese of Fall River to purchase the land at an asking price of around \$1.9 million. Sloan said that around 59 acres will be preserved as conservation land. There are two former homes on the property straddling Adamsville Road that will likely be sold as lots; and 19.7 acres that will be sold to the town for use.

Hartnett explained that a committee has been formed to look at how the 19.7 acres, known as Lot C, can be used. Hartnett noted that open space and recreation, affordable housing, senior housing and cemetery land have been identified.

On that lot, there is a gymnasium in decent condition that can be used by youth basketball leagues, according to Hartnett. The houses on the property are in "poor to fair shape," according to Sloan, and will be sold as house lots. Sloan said the likelihood is that the houses will be torn

down and new ones will be built.

In terms of pricing, Sloan said he expects the WLCT to net \$150,000 each for the house lots, \$350,000 in pledged Community Preservation Act funding, and sell the 19.7 acres to the town at around \$300,000 but help the town prepare the site.

Sloan said half of the funds raised will be through donations and private funding. He expressed confidence that all funds can be raised by a late September purchase and sale deadline.

Sloan and Hartnett said

there is a septic system on site and access to public water, making it an attractive option for senior or affordable housing.

Selectmen asked that the committee continue to meet and refine plans.

If plans are finalized, it will be the second business deal in as many years between the Fall River Diocese and the WLCT.

Earlier this fall, the WLCT purchased Richmond Pond, once used as a swimming beach for the camp. The land is now being preserved as a wildlife sanctuary.

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