Customer at Local Restaurant Reminds Us that it Costs Nothing to be Kind

The following was posted on a popular local foodie group: Hockomock Swamp Supper Club and was shared with the original posters permission after we reached out.

"I went out to breakfast this morning at a local restaurant and as I was sitting there contemplating the world, enjoying my coffee, I became aware of the conversations around me. The table behind me was watching a Tom and Jerry cartoon on their phone...the one featuring the crows and is you is or is you ain't my baby sung by Louis Armstrong...I smiled remembering the cartoon from childhood."

"Then I slowly became aware of the table in front of me. The woman came back from the bathroom and immediately started complaining about cold coffee, having to wait for cream, and because the waitress didn't bring it to her immediately she got up to get it herself, the waitress is lazy, the service sucks, the food is not good, etc., etc. The man with her told her she was a brat and not that special...they were very loud and the woman very cruel. The woman insisted the waitress send over the manager and when she went to their table, the woman said, oh never mind, I was just told I was being unreasonable...then proceeded through her litany of complaints. The manager was gracious and offered to take her meal off the bill and the woman declined the offer. Just continued to complain."

"They came in after me and were served their meals before me. We had the same waitress. I didn't feel the wait was anything that warranted her reaction, especially such a public display, but i understand everyone has different expectations and I

appreciate that. My meal was good, not as great as always, but good. Must have a different cook because crispy hash browns came out REALLY crispy and I got the wrong toast, but nothing that was life ending. They were doing their best with the staff they had on hand."

"The point of my post is not to bash the restaurant or to say the woman was right or wrong in her opinion, because everyone feels the way they feel and has different experiences and perceptions and that's perfectly okay!! I would never say anyone was wrong or invalidate their experience."

"I just wanted to remind everyone that no matter what, it costs nothing to be kind. To belittle other people and call them stupid and lazy so the whole restaurant can hear is a little uncouth. You can handle things like this in a much more kind way. There's no excuse for nastiness. We're all human. We all have off days. No one is immune to that. In a world where criticism quite often reigns supreme, choose kindness!!"

Have a great Saturday!! •□•□•□•□•□

Donna H.

Country Music Festa! This Saturday in New Bedford

Clube S.S. Sacramento Inc., sponsors of the greatest Portuguese Feast in the World, the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament. Larry Jacques, President of the Clube Madeirense S.S. Sacramento, Inc. has announced a special ticketed event.

The 1st Annual Country Music Festa at Madeira Field, New Bedford, MA

SATURDAY OCTOBER 8, 2022 12PM — 8PM

Join us for an all-day Country Music Festa. Enjoy live entertainment with a roster of incredible country music performers like Monsta Country, Ashley Jordan, the Goat Ropers Band, Rebecca Correia, and Rob Bellamy.

There will be food trucks including Cobbs Southern BBQ, Bubbe's Blintzes, Lobster Roller, Matilda RI, Phoenix on the Fly, Pionono Food, Travelers AleHouse, Travelin Bones BBQ and Two Sisters . Plus beer, madeira wine, corn hole, and even line dancing by Boot Scootin by Sarah T. So, ditch your boat shoes and grab your cowboy boots — we're going to party like we're south of the Mason Dixon line.

Proceeds from COUNTRY FESTA will go to assist the Clube Madeirense S.S. Sacramento, Inc with academic scholarships, vocational awards, as well as to assist local organizations and needy families throughout the Greater New Bedford community and beyond.

The event will be held Saturday, October 8 at Madeira Field from 12-8pm.

Tickets are \$ 15 and go on sale Thursday , September 1, 2022 Tickets available at door are \$ 20

This is a Rain or Shine event — no refunds

This is a 21 and older event — this is an adult event — no children — -no exceptions

No backpacks, no coolers, no large purses, large bags and no outside food or drink

Dogs/animals not allowed at event — unless a service dog

Tickets available for Beer and Wine purchases

Food trucks accept cash, debit and credit cards.

Learn More:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/country-music-festa-tickets-40425 4003607?aff=ebdssbcitybrowse



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5th Annual Nicole Podkowa 5K to take place on Sunday Oct. 9th

Southcoast Health is thrilled to host the 5th Annual Nicole Podkowa 5k Run/Walk in person this year! The race will take place at the Southcoast Health Cancer Center in Fairhaven, MA at 9 am on Sunday, October 9, 2022.

For those that cannot participate in person but would still like to participate, you may still register and run/walk your 5K in the comfort of your own neighborhood, treadmill or local park.

Proceeds raised through this event will support the Nicole Podkowa Cancer Patient and Caregiver's Assistance Fund. This unique fund supports patients being treated at the Southcoast Health Cancer Centers and their families who are in need of financial assistance to help with utility payments, food, housing, transportation, cancer related supplies and other necessities.

How to Participate in the 5K:

Step 1: Register by clicking HERE. By completing the registration form you are agreeing to both the media and liability release information found at the bottom of this page. Registrations can be made until 9am on October 9th, 2022.

Register Today!

Registration Fee

\$35 adults \$25 youth (under 18 years of age)

Each registered participant will receive a long-sleeve Podkowa 5K race shirt as a thank you!

Registrants will receive their participant shirt upon check-in at race day. For those participating virtually, please contact philanthropy@southcoast.org or 508-973-5353 and we would be happy to mail it to you.

- **Step 2:** Invite your family and friends to join you in completing the 5K and encourage them to register!
- **Step 3**: Spread the word on social media! Hashtag #Podkowa5K2022 and tag @SouthcoastHlth when you post videos

and photos of you participating is the 5K.

Step 4: Participants who are participating virtually can submit their time (picture of fitness device time) to philanthropy@southcoast.org for the top finisher in the following categories:

Top Male

Top Female

Top Senior Male (65+)

Top Senior Female (65+)



Massachusetts Company Issues Recall on Candy Corn

Arcade Snacks of Auburn, MA is recalling its 15 ounce packages of Candy Corn because they may contain undeclared egg. People who have allergies to egg run the risk of serious or lifethreatening allergic reaction if they consume these products. Just another good reason to never eat candy corn!

Candy Corn was distributed in Massachusetts and Connecticut at the following locations:

Johnson Roadside Farm Market in Swansea, Massachusetts
Donelan's Supermarkets in Massachusetts
Fieldstone Farm Market in Marion, Massachusetts
Foodies in Massachusetts
Windfall Market in Falmouth, Massachusetts
Highland Park Market in Glastonbury, Connecticut

The product comes in a 15 ounce, clear plastic container marked with UPC #0 18586 00114 4 and a best by date of 3/8/2023 on the label on the back panel.

No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem.

The recall was initiated after it was discovered that the eggcontaining product was distributed in packaging that did not reveal the presence of egg.

Consumers who have purchased 15 ounce packages of Candy Corn are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 1-508-832-6300 Monday — Friday 8am — 5pm ET.



McDonald's To Launch Adult Happy Meals in October

"Remember your never too old for a Happy Meal" was what McDonald's tweeted out a couple of days ago on Twitter.

Now their making it a reality for millions of adults who might craving the nostalgia of their childhood. To be fair there are still PLENTY of grown-ups purchasing happy meals for themselves; look no further than the recent Pokemon promotion. Personally they should offer beer and wine and really step up their game!

Here is the official statement from corporate:

Everyone remembers their first Happy Meal® as a kid… and the can't-sit-still feeling as you dug in to see what was inside. That little red box could turn a regular Tuesday into the best. day. ever. And now, we're reimagining that experience in a whole new way — this time, for adults.

Introducing: the Cactus Plant Flea Market Box, a first-of-its-kind collaboration made exclusively for McDonald's fans by one of the most important brands in culture. It all starts with the box, which has been totally redesigned in Cactus Plant Flea Market's signature style alongside McD's iconic Golden Arches. The box will be available in-restaurant, in the drive-thru, by delivery or on the McDonald's App starting Oct. 3, while supplies last.

But it's what's inside that makes it worth the hype: We're serving up some of our most popular menu items — choose between a Big Mac® with 100% pure beef patties topped with our fan-favorite Big Mac sauce, or our perfectly crispy 10-piece Chicken McNuggets®. And we're also throwing in World Famous Fries® and a drink for the ultimate meal.

What's a boxed meal at McDonald's without a surprise inside? Open it up to find one of four collectible figurines made just for the Cactus Plant Flea Market Box — Grimace®, the Hamburglar®, and Birdie® are back and are now joined by Cactus Buddy!, exclusively within the Cactus Plant Flea Market Box.

"We're taking one of the most nostalgic McDonald's experiences and literally repackaging it in a new way that's hyper-relevant for our adult fans," said Tariq Hassan, McDonald's USA Chief Marketing and Customer Experience Officer. "I can't wait to give fans a unique piece of art and culture as we dive headfirst into the dynamic world of Cactus Plant Flea Market together next week. With menu favorites like the Big Mac and McNuggets at the center of this collab, this is another way we're reigniting a new generation's love for our food and the brand."

A collab this epic deserves multiple merch releases to match.

Fans who purchase the Cactus Plant Flea Market Box on the McDonald's App will automatically be entered for a chance to score exclusive merch for free every week*, including custom Cactus Plant Flea Market x McDonald's items like t-shirts, a Grimace Chair and more.



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Solar experience is not required, however, they are looking for a licensed electrician or an electrician that will be acquiring their license within 6 months.

If you or someone you know is looking to build a career with a locally owned company that treats you like family, apply through the link or send your resume to rrego@isaksensolar.com

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PACE Head Start to Host Job Fair on October 5th, Offering \$1500 Sign-On Bonuses!

PACE Head Start to Host Job Fair for Variety of Open Positions
- \$1500 Sign-On Bonuses!

PACE Head Start is a hosting a job fair on Wednesday, October 5th, 2022 from 9:30am to 12:30pm to hire for a variety of open positions, including Teacher, Floater, and Secretary, between both sites. The two Head Start sites are located at 32 Madison Street and 247 Smith Street, in New Bedford, and provide children between the ages of 3 and 5-years-old with early learning and nutrition, as well as family support, to prepare them for Kindergarten!

PACE Head Start offers competitive pay, on-site training, and

an excellent benefit package, and each new hire will also receive a \$1500 sign-on bonus! Additionally, any and all new hires with DLL skills will earn an additional \$1/per hour for that ability. The full list of open positions in PACE Head Start goes as follows:

Floater position: \$16/per hour, entry level position, supports teaching team in a classroom of preschoolers or infants and toddlers.

Teacher position: \$16.75 (with a CDA)-\$18.00 for an AA, supports the Lead in creating lessons, implementing activities, rules and routines for young children in the classroom.

Lead Teacher: \$19/per hour for an AA, \$21.50/ BA or \$24.00/hr for a MA. This position oversees classroom operations, plans instruction, completes child assessments, meets with families and provides developmentally appropriate teaching and learning.

PACE Head Start benefits also include, 12 paid holidays, 2 weeks' vacation, sick and personal time. We provide staff training and tuition assistance for degree attainment.

By applying to work at PACE, you are becoming a solution to the staffing shortage crisis in early education and childcare, and you're allowing for classrooms to meet their full capacity! Plus you are committing to make an impact on the early life of a child, family, and the community, while working with people who are on the same mission as you!

For a full list of open positions in Head Start and PACE, please visit: paceinfo.org/jobs/

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Contact: Genesis Galan ggalan@paceinfo.org

Unlicensed Driver Flees Police, Crashes Into Parked Vehicles in New Bedford

On September 18th at approximately 10 AM, a south-end patrol unit attempted to stop an unregistered and uninsured vehicle traveling on Crapo St. The vehicle fled from officers, operating erratically at a high rate of speed and subsequently struck two parked autos on Nelson St. before continuing on.

The vehicle ultimately came to a stop in the area of Brock Ave. and Calumet St. and the operator, who was found to be unlicensed, was taken into custody.

He was identified as EDMILSON FERNANDES DA SILVA, 19, of 13 Rodney French Blvd. DA SILVA was charged with operating an unlicensed/uninsured vehicle to endanger, unlicensed operation, leaving the scene of property damage, and failing to stop for police.

Photos provided by Carlos Felix.



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Automotive Master Technician

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Adequately explain technical diagnoses and needed repairs to non-mechanical individuals which may include employees and customers on an as-required basis.

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Assist fellow technicians/mechanics in performing technical activities.

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Maintain and organized and neat shop

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Have tools necessary to perform automotive repairs and $\texttt{diagnosis} \square \square$

Ford Automotive Technician Skills Required

Strong willingness to learn, take direction to task and grow. 5+ years of strong automotive mechanical diagnosis, problemsolving and repair experience. 8 or more ASE certifications are PREFERRED for this position (A1 through A8)

Section 609 Certification required

State Inspection license if applicable

Maintain a positive dynamic attitude

Dependable and driven personality

Strong time management skills

Basic computer, email and internet proficiency

Self-motivated, goal-oriented and enthusiastic presence in a team environment

Must have a valid driver's license.

Successful completion of drug screen

Physical Demands/Work Environment

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Extensive standing, walking, pushing and reaching.

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Lifting of heavy equipment >50 pounds is required.

May work outside and be exposed to weather.

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Education:

High school or equivalent (Preferred)

Experience:

Automotive Service: 1 year (Preferred)

License/Certification:

Driver's License (Required)

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