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160 run in annual Fort Phoenix Road Race



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160 runners participated in the 15th annual Fort Phoenix Road Race in Fairhaven on Sunday, 9/13. Money raised goes to local scholarships. For complete race results, visit www.JBRace.com. See page 12 for more photos. *Photo by Beth David. Visit us at [www.Facebook.com/ NeighbNews](http://www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews) to see more photos of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase.*

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

It's been a crazy week to be sure. I thought that fall was here, but it looks like we have a little bit of summer left.

Let's take advantage of it.

We have lots of activities coming up in the next couple of weeks.

This weekend is Katie's Walk, in memory of Katie Brienzo, and a Family Fun Day, and a Riverside Tour. See page 5 to see if you can get to all of them.

There are also a couple of "save the date" listings, so the next few weekends are also looking good for fun stuff to do outside.

This week's issue is jam-packed with info.

The sidewalk project opponents have not given up yet. See page 4 for that.

We had a little bit of national attention this week. The Route 6 runner came through Fairhaven and stopped by Emma Jean's for a spell (see page 6). Who knew Route 6 went all the way to California?

I'll have to take that drive one of these years.

We also had the Apple-Peach Festival this weekend (see page 12). That was lots of fun. Weather was perfect for hanging out and drinking and eating and watching the happenings.

The Peters Family Orchard was definitely missed this year. At least one other farm was also conspicuously absent.

Farming is not easy, but food has to come from somewhere. It's hard to see the farms disappear. For now, though, Acushnet is still a good cruising town. It's just so pretty riding along Main Street, in the car or on the motorcycle.

There has been a fair amount of subdividing and building over the years, but it's still a pretty ride.

The Peters farm is a 61A property (see page 16), and that means the town has the right of first refusal if it is going to be sold and subdivided. I hope the town of Acushnet can find a way to save that iconic place.

It's just so nice to ride by it now.

The Joshua Silva trial started this week. He has been charged with killing Joyce Howland, a retired school teacher, in her Hamlet Street home. It was two years ago, coming up to the anniversary in a few weeks. In some ways that's a long time. In other ways, it seems like it just happened.

Joyce's murder touched a lot of people. She was just a regular person, living a regular life. Her murder is no easier to understand today than it was two years ago.

See page 3 for some details on the court proceedings so far.

There's more stuff in here of course. You'll just have to thumb through to find it all. Be sure to notice who our advertiser are and tell them you saw their ads in the Neighb News.

Until next week then...see ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Howland murder trial begins

By Beth David

Editor

The trial of Joshua Silva, 38, who has been charged with murdering retired school teacher Joyce Howland in her Fairhaven home, started this week. The jury was chosen on Monday, and on Tuesday, jurors heard from a dozen witnesses after opening statements by the District Attorney's office and by defense attorney Christopher Belezos.

A friend found Ms. Howland's body in her Hamlet Street home on October 15, 2013, after she failed to attend an event the night before. She was 69 years old.

As a Fairhaven Lumber employee, Mr. Silva installed insulation in Ms. Howland's home the Friday before.

Assistant DA Katie Rayburn told jurors that the state would show that Mr. Silva planned on killing Ms. Howland to get her jewelry to pawn for heroin.

She said he asked friends to pawn the jewelry for him and got \$380 for a herringbone necklace, a gold chain and a couple of rings.

She said Mr. Silva also borrowed a pair of pants from a friend because his pants had a stain on them. Ms. Rayburn told jurors that the friend turned those pants over to police and that testing showed DNA consistent with both Ms. Howland and Mr. Silva on them.

"He entered Joyce Howland's home, slit her throat and robbed her for a sum total of \$380," said Ms. Rayburn.

Mr. Belezos told jurors that there was not enough evidence to prove that Mr. Silva was guilty.

"This is a circumstantial case from beginning to end," said Mr. Belezos.

He told jurors they should look at all the evidence.

"The [state] will present a series of known facts," he said, and from that will ask the jury to infer that Mr. Silva is guilty. But if they look at all the

evidence, he said, they will infer that he is not guilty.

The first witness called by the state was Collette Sylvia who found her friend.

She explained how she became increasingly worried when she did not hear from Joyce, so she decided to go to the house.

She found the TV on in the living room and could see Joyce on the floor of the bedroom down the hall.

"I stared at her," said Ms. Sylvia. "I saw her eyes were open."

She said Ms. Howland's arms were crossed above her head and her arms were black and blue. She knew her friend was dead.

"I just started crying and went right out to call the police," said Ms. Sylvia. "I had to dial a few times. I was so shook up."

She also said the dispatcher asked her to go back to be sure that Joyce was dead.

"I said 'there's no way I'm going back in that room,'" Ms. Sylvia told the court. "I started crying and crying and crying. By the time the ambulance got there I was starting to calm myself down."

Mr. Belezos asked Ms. Sylvia if she recalled telling the police about a man in their social group who she did not trust.

"I don't remember," she answered.

After Mr. Belezos recalled some of the behaviors of the man, such as smoking a lot of pot, Ms. Sylvia replied, "I probably did."

Fairhaven Officer Frank Sniezek and Lt. Brian Messier of the Fairhaven Fire Department also testified, saying that they could see blood on the carpet, but that it was not until Ms. Howland's body was turned over that they saw the laceration on her neck.

It was then that they knew they had a murder and not an accidental death.

A key piece of evidence is a label from



Joshua Silva, charged in the 10/14/13 murder of Joyce Howland in Fairhaven, looks in the direction of his mother on the second day of his trial in Fall River Superior Court on 9/15/15. Photo by Beth David.

a prescription bottle that was found behind the Pasta House.

Front of the House manager Joshua Fortin told jurors how he discovered surveillance video of a man throwing something at the back of the building. He said the Pasta House has 13 surveillance cameras.

The video shows a man with light colored pants, a red shirt, and a red hat throw something near the building as he walks by briskly, coming from the direction of Fairhaven Lumber. After seeing the video, Mr. Fortin investigated.

"I picked it up, saw the name on it, and I called the Fairhaven police department," said Mr. Fortin.

Paulo Dias was also called to the stand. He worked with Mr. Silva installing insulation, and had, in fact, suggested him for a job with his boss Bob Amaral at Fairhaven Lumber.

Mr. Dias testified that he heard Mr. Silva say he would "hit her over the head and kill her," meaning Ms. Howland.

Mr. Dias also said that Mr. Silva said

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Selectboard holds on Getty changes; sidewalks will proceed

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard had a jam-packed evening on Monday, 9/14, including an hour-and-a-half public hearing to consider adding to the number of cars Fairhaven Getty is allowed to have on its lot.

Owner Hatem Elrifai and his attorney Robert Perry told the board that Mr. Elrifai wanted to add eight designated spots that would be used to store cars planned for overseas sale.

He said they had an engineer create the plan and worked with town planner Bill Roth and building inspector/zoning enforcement officer Wayne Fostin.

"We're here in the spirit of cooperation," said Mr. Perry, adding that the business was only looking to add a few cars. "It's not a tremendous amount."

There was a bit of confusion as to how many car spots were actually being added, with Selectboard Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch saying it added up to 41 cars total,

The plan calls for putting 17 cars along the back property line and eliminating 3 of 5 employee spots. The totals are 17 display spaces, two employee spaces, four customer spaces, 10 repair spaces (three inside and seven outside), and eight storage space.

Currently the business is allowed 35. According to online records, the lot is 20,702 square feet, with a 2,260 sf building.

Mr. Osuch said he found it hard to believe that two employee spots were sufficient, considering the business has three service bays and a full time employee pumping gas.

In order to accommodate the additional cars, all the brush in back will have to be removed, and a six-foot fence will be installed on the back property line. The dumpster was also not on the plan, board members pointed out.

Mr. Osuch said the plan eliminated "every square foot" of greenery, grass and buffer zone.

"I think you're setting a bad precedent," Mr. Osuch told board members, adding that the lot will be "complete asphalt."

He cautioned the board that they would see every other car dealer in town going before them asking for the same thing. And, he added, they will

have to allow it.

Planning Board member Kaisa Cripps also told the board that the PD is considering a bylaw that would require a special permit for a gas station. According to the language that board is considering, the Getty plan would never get one.

Several neighbors addressed the board to speak against the expansion. Most said they had no problem with Mr. Elrifai or his business. They said, however, that the traffic on Rivet and Grinnell Streets was dangerous because of test drives of cars from Fairhaven Getty.

Mr. Elrifai disputed that, saying he does not allow test driving on those roads.

Ed Gonet III lives on Grinnell Street and read several sections of town bylaws that would seem to prohibit the expansion.

He said the Getty abuts a

It's a safety issue on the block,
it's a safety issue on Route 6.

It's just not fair to the
neighborhood [Eddie Gonet]

neighborhood of young families with young children. The plan would make things even more dangerous than it is now.

"It's been a nightmare," said Mr. Gonet.

He brought up the spectacle of unloading cars in a space that is already too tight for a large truck. He also noted that the gas tanker has trouble filling the tanks, that the employees have to shuffle cars around to make room for it.

"What about snow removal," asked Mr. Gonet. "Where's the snow [going to] go?"

Several other neighbors also spoke, saying that the cars use Rivet Street to avoid a difficult turn from Grinnell, adding to traffic woes.

Several residents spoke in support of the station, and praising the work done there.

"It's a safety issue," said James Gonet, who lives on Rivet St. "It's got nothing to do with Tim's [Mr. Elrifai] quality."

"We've got nothing against him," said one neighbor. He pointed out that the corner was a "tight squeeze" and parking cars right up to the corner makes it dangerous to turn out onto Route 6.

Mr. Elrifai told the board he tried to keep cars off the side streets and also noted that he has had to contend with another car lot across the street. Mr. Elrifai did not name it, but the longstanding feud between Louis Baptista of RRR Auto and Fairhaven Getty is no secret.

"I have a guy across the street always taking pictures," and trying to get him in trouble with the town. "He calls everybody...Maybe because I have more business than him. I don't know if he's jealous or what."

And, indeed, at one point Mr. Baptista pointed out that Mr. Elrifai does not have the same setbacks that RRR was forced to have.

Selectboard member Bob Espindola noted that the plans show more than removing shrubs, but also some lighting and other work.

Mr. Osuch reiterated his objections more forcefully.

"I think every lot in town, I don't care who owns it, if it abuts a residence, there should be a buffer zone. There should be green space," said Mr. Osuch.

He said he did not believe the proposal was in the best interest of the neighborhood or the town.

"Please consider the neighborhood," said one resident.

"It's a safety issue," said Eddie Gonet. "It's a safety issue on the block, it's a safety issue on Route 6. It's just not fair to the neighborhood."

Selectboard member Charles Murphy said he had "strong concerns" with the plans. He also encouraged the neighbors and Mr. Elrifai to try to work together.

"I expect everyone in the neighborhood to be neighborly," said Mr. Murphy.

"I do not feel comfortable moving forward with this as it is," said Mr. Espindola.

The board continued the hearing to the 10/14 meeting and asked Mr. Elrifai to submit a more detailed plan.

In another matter, the board heard from Al Benac and Cathy Delano disputing Town Counsel's assertion

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Katie's Walk

The 4th Annual Katie Brienza Memorial Walk will take place rain or shine on **Sat., 9/19, at the Our Lady of Angels grounds, 7 Jesse St. Fairhaven. Registration is \$15 (\$20 on the day of the Walk). Visit <http://molifeinc.com/events/>**

Mini-Golf Fun Day

Please join the Fairhaven Business Association for the second annual Mini-Golf Family Fun Day to benefit the FBA and the Fairhaven community. Open to the public, family and friends. All are welcome. **Sat., 9/19, 9 a.m.-noon, Cap'n Barnacles Mini-Golf at Snack Shack, 2 David Drown Blvd., Fairhaven. \$10 adults, \$5 under 12.** Join the FBA and play for free! Promote your business, sponsor a hole. To learn more about the FBA visit www.fairhavenbusiness.blogspot.com.

Corps are not people

Free Film. The public is invited to an excellent video taping of Jeffrey D. Clements' speech and follow-up questions at Endicott College titled **"Corporations are not People," which will be shown from 7-8:30 p.m.** in the Auditorium at the Fairhaven Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green St., on **Fri., 9/18 & 9/25.** Accessible. One-half of this video presentation will be shown each of those two days to allow for discussion of the ideas he so eloquently addresses. This speech has the same title as his highly acclaimed book published in 2014. Light refreshments will be provided.

Beach Cleanup

Volunteers Needed!! Annual Coastsweep Cleanup at Fort Phoenix September 19 from 9 a.m. to noon at Fort Phoenix Town and State beaches.

Volunteers are needed to clean up beach debris and to record data on Ocean Conservancy log sheets. We work in teams to make the process easier. The information is sent to the Mass. Coastal Zone management and then to the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup program where the data is analyzed and used to develop programs aimed at reducing marine debris worldwide.

Appropriate for people of all ages. Please wear closed toe shoes. We provide tools, bags, gloves, data sheets and refreshments. Children are encouraged to join, but must be supervised by an adult. Sign in table near the cannons.

For more information visit www.facebook.com/pollutionsolution or email bethesolutiontopollution@gmail.com

Riverside Tour

Fairhaven's lovely **Riverside Cemetery** is the setting of an Office of Tourism walking tour on **Sun., 9/20 at 2 p.m.** It begins inside the cemetery's entrance at 274 Main Street. Vanessa Galton will act as guide.

The cemetery was created in 1850, on land donated by Warren Delano II, grandfather of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. It is considered one of the most beautiful rural-style burial grounds in the region.

The walking tour route traces the quiet winding paths past the final resting places of some of the town's most famous residents, including the Delano family tomb designed by Richard Morris Hunt, the H.H. Rogers mausoleum designed by Charles Brigham, and the grave sites of Captain William H. Whitfield, artist William Bradford, William F. Nye, John I. Bryant, and others. At each site, the guide discusses some of the history connected with the people buried there.

Nature lovers will see a wide variety of trees such as beech, black tupelo, birch, holly, cherry, dogwood, weeping willow, ash, sugar maple and more. Those interested in tombstone art will find fine examples of monuments and early slate markers bearing carvings of angels, willow trees, urns and other traditional symbols.

The tour is free of charge and lasts about 90 minutes. Walkers are urged to wear comfortable shoes and to be prepared for some hills and uneven ground. Parking is allowed on the roads inside the cemetery, however two or three car lengths must be left open directly inside the gate. There are no public restrooms in the cemetery.

For more information, email FairhavenTours@aol.com or call 508-979-4085.

SAVE THE DATES

Winterfest

Second annual Winterfest will be held on **Sun., 9/27, from 1-4 p.m. at Cushman Park in Fairhaven.** Snow games, Bouncy Houses, Face Painting, National Guard Display, K-9 Unit Demonstration, Music and More; 3-3:45pm Tommy James Magic Show; 4-5pm Mad Science. Food available for purchase.

Sponsored by the LCpl. Matthew R. Rodriguez Memorial Foundation. Email: info@TheSmilingWarrior.org, or visit <https://TheSmilingWarrior.org>

Encampment

The Revolutionary War era will come to life again in Fairhaven during a two-day historical encampment scheduled for **Sat. & Sun., 9/26 & 9/27, at Fort Phoenix. Cannon firing at dusk (approx 6:30) on Saturday.**

For more information, call the Office of Tourism at 508-979-4085 or email Fairhaventours@aol.com.

15th Manjiro Festival

Featuring Japanese and American music and food, on **Sat., 10/3** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friendship Dinner on **10/4.** Visit <http://whitfield-manjiro.org/PROGRAMS.html> for details.

FHA seeks member

The Fairhaven Selectboard and Housing Authority will meet on **Monday, 9/28** to appoint one person to the Housing Authority to fill a mid-term vacancy, created by the resignation of Paul Days. This is an elected position, so the selected candidate would have to run for the position in the Annual April Election, 2016.

Interested parties should send their resumes and/or letters of interest to: Selectmen's Office, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719; or via email: selectmen@Fairhaven-MA.gov **Deadline for applications is 4 p.m. on Wed., 9/23.**

Farmers Market

The Fairhaven Farmers Market, **every Sunday, on the lawn of Fairhaven High School from 1-4 p.m. through the fall.** We have many returning vendors from last season and some new vendors joining us as well. Products include vegetables, eggs, cheese, honey, local meat, bakery items and wine.

Gilbert goes through Fairhaven on historic run



Aprylle Gilbert, who is on an historic run on the entire length of Route 6, from California to Cape Cod, passed through Fairhaven this weekend. **She finished up her run** in Provincetown on Tuesday afternoon. She began her run in May. On the way through Fairhaven, Ms. Gilbert, who is running for charity, stopped in at EJ's and Emma Jean's. To follow her progress, visit <http://route6tour.com/happenings/category/us-route-6-charity-run/>. To learn more about Aprylle, visit <http://www.aprylle.com>. LEFT, L-R: Emma Jean's/EJ's owner Cathy Melanson, Fairhaven Selectboard member Bob Espindola, Aprylle Gilbert, and support driver Jose Reyes pose for apicture before Aprylle continues her cross-country run along Route 6. She made it to Provincetown on Tuesday. RIGHT: Cathy Melanson, Aprylle Gilbert, Jose Reyes and Don Doucette, who is Executive Director Mass. Route 6 Tourist Association. *Submitted photos courtesy of Samantha Melanson.*



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Hope Takes Flight butterfly release helps the grieving

By Beth David
Editor

Southcoast Visiting Nurse Association held its fourth annual “Hope Takes Flight” butterfly release on Saturday, 9/12. The event helps those grieving the loss of a loved one and raises funds for the hospice program.

This year, 250 butterflies were released, and about 275 people attended the ceremony at the senior center in Fairhaven, according to Joanne Gregory, Director of Community Affairs.

“This event has been phenomenal,” said Ms. Gregory. “It’s more than just the money, which is important. But, just for raising awareness for hospice and the need for hospice in the community.”

She said it makes a “huge difference” for people if they know about hospice and how to request their services.

Michelle Costa said that the event helped her grieve the loss of her sister, Vickey Ann Branco, who took her own life in 2012.

“It absolutely helps,” said Ms.

Costa. “It helps keep her memory alive.”

“Emotionally it helps,” said Ann Golen, who was there for her husband Leonard who died last year.

“It was emotional,” said her sister Elizabeth Lajoie.

Eighteen members of the Newhook clan attended the event, including 101-year-old Alma Oliveira, aka Nana, soon to be 101. They were there to remember Arthur Newhook,

Nana’s son-in-law, who died in 2012 from cancer.

“But he was my son,” said Ms. Oliveira. “I don’t have in-laws. They’re all my kids.”

“It does help, oh yeah,” said Arthur’s wife Norma. “I’m getting there.”

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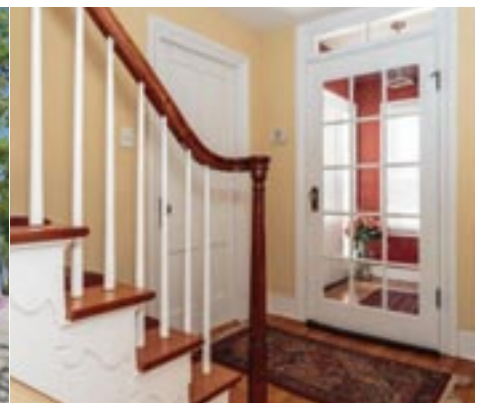


LEFT: Olivia Costa picks up a butterfly at the “Hope Takes Flight” butterfly release on Saturday, 9/12 at the Fairhaven Senior Center. ABOVE: 18 members of the Newhook clan attend the butterfly release to remember Arthur Newhook. Photos by Beth David.

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To enter, please e-mail your own favorite rescue pet photo in jpg format to lighthouseanimalshelter@gmail.com, and list Photo Contest in the subject line.

It is suggested that a \$10 donation be sent for each entry. Checks should be made out to "Lighthouse Animal Shelter" and mailed to the shelter, or donations may be made via our web site: www.lighthouseanimalshelter.org. Entries must be received by October 1, 2015.

For more information, please email lighthouseanimalshelter@gmail.com.

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Waterfront Fest

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Recreation Catalog

New Bedford Parks Recreation & Beaches has released its 2015 Fall Winter Catalog of programming and invites the public to explore and enroll in new programming at the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center. The City will bring back many popular programs including Zumba, Zumba Kids Jr., gymnastics, lacrosse, yoga, chair yoga and many more

programs. At the request of recreation center members, the City has added a number of new activities including tumbling, instructional rugby, pre-K soccer and basketball, oil painting, superhero science and LEGO engineering. The full catalog of events is available on the city's website and hardcopies have been distributed to various locations.

Residents may enroll in programs by visiting the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center, located at 181 Hillman Street, New Bedford, MA 02740. Recreation center members may enroll between the hours of 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM Monday through Friday and between 10:00 AM and 4:00PM on Saturdays. Payment may be made by check, money order, or credit card.

During the fall season, programs run between five and eight weeks with discounts given to those holding an Andrea McCoy Membership status. Membership at the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center is free to all New Bedford residents. For more information on holiday events, after school programs, vacation camps and special rates, please contact the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center at (508) 991-6298. Click here to view the full new fall-winter catalog: Parks Recreation and Beaches 2015 Fall-Winter Programs

JA Volunteers

Junior Achievement of Southern Mass. is seeking volunteers to teach classes in Bristol County and Southern Plymouth County during their fall session.

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For more information about Junior Achievement or to sign up as a volunteer, visit <http://jasouthernma.org>.

NB Preservation

The public is cordially invited to attend the **New Bedford Preservation Society's 41st Annual Meeting on Thurs., 9/24, at 7 p.m., at the New Bedford Main Library, Third Floor Meeting Room, 613 Pleasant Street, New Bedford.**

After a brief business meeting, society president Mark P. Fuller will present the annual **Plaque and Elm Awards**, which recognize historic properties in the city and those individuals or organizations who have done an outstanding job in either the ongoing maintenance, preservation, restoration or adaptive reuse of their historic property. A PowerPoint presentation will feature before and after photos of the properties. A reception with light refreshments will follow the business meeting and program. **Free.**

To learn more about the society and its upcoming events, visit www.nbpreservationsociety.org or call the society office at 508-997-6425.

YTI Play

Your Theatre, Inc. presents *Horrors of Dr. Moreau*, a thrilling fantasy drama based on H. G. Wells' novel, adapted for stage by Joel Stone. With a cast of seven South Coast actors, the play is directed by Lawrence R. Houbre, Jr. of New Bedford.

Remaining dates are Sept. 17, 18, 19 at 8:00 p.m. & Sept. 20 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15 general admission; \$12, season subscribers (three show minimum); students, seniors, and military personnel \$13.

Performances are held at the wheelchair accessible Your Theatre, Inc. Playhouse, 136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), New Bedford, at the St. Martin's Episcopal Church complex. For tickets and further information call 508-993-0772, or send an email to info@yourtheatre.org. The theatre's web site is www.yourtheatre.org

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Bike Path Funds

Friends of Mattapoisett Bike Path have launched a crowd funding effort to raise \$33,000 toward final permitting and design costs. If permitting and fundraising stay on schedule, construction can begin in fall or winter 2016. We are hoping that bicycling enthusiasts everywhere and people in communities around Mattapoisett will support the Town in its long effort to complete this project.

Visit www.mattapoisetttrail.com for more details. Visit www.gofundme.com/Matt-Rail-Trail to donate. Mattapoisett's bike path is part of a regional bikeway that will make it easier for people to ride between towns and neighborhoods. All donations are tax deductible. If you'd rather simply send a check, send it to Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path, PO Box 1336, Mattapoisett MA 02739.

Free Family Fun Day

Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III and UMass Dartmouth are partnering up this year to bring area residents a special one of a kind family fun event to bid farewell to the summer and say hello to autumn.

The first annual Free Family Field Day, which is an outdoor family event designed to promote family fun and healthy living for all ages and abilities, will take place on **Sun., 9/20, from noon to 4 pm at the UMass Dartmouth Football Field (Cressy Field).**

The old fashioned field day will include a wide array of activities for young children, older children and adults. The free event is all about having fun outside with family and friends, getting fit, family building and wellness.

Individuals and families can save time by pre-registering for the event in advance by logging on to www.bristolda.com or by contacting Brian Rose at 508-961-1972, or by emailing him at Brian.Rose@state.ma.us

Highlights include: Football, Baseball, Basketball, Hockey, Soccer and Golf Contests; Fun Obstacle Course with the UMass Dartmouth Fitness Team; 64 ft Inflatable Obstacle Course and Face Painting Station;

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VFW Yard Sale

East Freetown VFW **89 Middleboro Road, is holding a yard sale on Sat., 9/19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** For table rentals call Sue, 508-763 4580

AYAA Registration

For many years, the kids of Acushnet and Fairhaven have enjoyed playing sports together such as baseball, softball, football, soccer, etc. Now, the Acushnet Youth Athletic Association (AYAA) is pleased to announce that **boys and girls from Fairhaven will be invited to play Acushnet Basketball** as well.

Registration will be held at the VFW, 28 Roosevelt St. Acushnet, MA on **Tues. & Wed., 9/22 & 23, from 6-8 p.m.** Please note: Registration will be held in the hall on the upper floor so please use the entrance on the side of Roosevelt St.

Our hope is to accommodate all interested Fairhaven players, but please note space may be limited as availability will be determined based on Acushnet players' participation. So please plan to sign up early!

For more information, please contact boys' commissioner, Scott Deslauriers at scott.deslauriers@gmail.com or girls' commissioner, Stephanie St. Onge at stephstonge@yahoo.com. Please also visit www.acushnetbasketball.com for more information and find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/AcushnetBasketball.

Singers Wanted

The Sippican Choral Society has begun its Autumn rehearsals at in the Mattapoisett Congregational Church's Reynard Hall, 27 Church Street. New members are welcome to join the chorus by coming to a rehearsal on Sept. 21, or 28 at 7:15 p.m.

Call Peter McDonald, 508-748-0286, for further information.

Biodiversity Week

Join the Lloyd Center for a week of free walks and events at the Center's Fourth Annual Southcoast Bio-

diversity Week and Fun Day taking place Mon.-Sat., 9/21-26

Weekday walks and events are free of charge. Space is limited to either 12 or 15 depending on the event. Pre-registration is required for all and can be done online at www.lloydcenter.org or by calling the Lloyd Center's event line 508-558-2918.

Fun Day and Biodiversity Wrap-up, taking place on Saturday, is free to all Lloyd Center members, a suggested donation of \$5 for non-members. You will get to see some of the reptiles, amphibians, insects and wildlife that inhabit our watershed. The day will be full of guided building tours, trail walks, scavenger hunts, crafts and games for all age levels.

All ages are welcome. If you have any questions about the event please contact Jen Wimmer at 508-990-0505 x 14 or jen@lloydcenter.org.

Bikeway End Party

Bike Challenge cyclists from 14 area communities will gather at the Dartmouth YMCA's Fall Festival and be recognized for their accomplishments. Over \$1000 in prizes will be awarded. Prize categories include: Top Male and Female Overall, Second and Third Place Overall and Top Male and Female in each community. Additionally, the community which logs the most miles (per capita) will receive a trophy.

Awards Ceremony will be held on Sat., 9/19, at Dartmouth YMCA 276 Gulf Rd., Dartmouth, at 11:00 a.m.

Cyclists are encouraged to ride their bicycles to the event! We can continue to log miles for the National Bike Challenge which concludes September 30th. (nationalbikechallenge.org). The SCBA Team is ranked 29th in the National Bike Challenge at the time of this writing. Congratulations are due to the entire SCBA team whose efforts have placed SouthCoast at the head of all Massachusetts teams participating in the National Bike Challenge.

For more information about joining the ride to the event as it goes through your community please contact BobEspindola@gmail.com, call 774-263-1046 or post a note onto our Challenge page at <https://nationalbikechallenge.org/team/4669>.

Recipe of the Week

Pizza Zucchini Boats

- 4 medium zucchini
- 2 tbs unrefined, cold pressed, extra virgin olive oil, plus extra for drizzling
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1/2 sweet bell pepper, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 large or 2 small tomatoes, diced
- A few basil leaves, chopped
- 1/3 c grated pecorino or parmesan ch
- 1/2 c shredded mozzarella (optional)
- 1 cup marinara sauce (optional)

Preheat oven to 425°. Lightly grease a baking dish or line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

Trim the stem end of the zucchini. Slice zucchini in half lengthwise. Carefully scoop out the soft center flesh with a spoon and set aside. Place zucchini halves on baking dish, drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Finely chop the scooped zucchini flesh and reserve.

Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat and sauté the zucchini flesh, onion, pepper and garlic until soft, tender and translucent. Add tomatoes and a sprinkling of S&P and sauté until the tomatoes are soft and have released their juices. Turn off the heat and stir in the basil and parmesan cheese.

Spoon the mixture evenly into each zucchini boat. Top with marinara sauce & mozzarella cheese, if desired.

Bake for 15-20 min until cheese is melted and zucchini is tender.

FHS Girls Volleyball are 2-0



Fairhaven High Schools Lady Blue Devils improved to 2-0 on the season with a 3-1 victory over ORR on Monday, 9/13 LEFT: Alexis Duarte goes up to slam the ball for the Lady Blue Devils. ABOVE: Hayleigh Aubut spikes the ball to get one of her five kills in the 3-1 victory over Old Rochester. Photos by Ryan Feeney.

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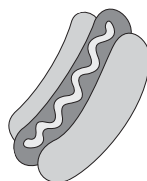
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160 run in 15th annual Fort Phoenix Road Race



TOP LEFT: Benjamin Ndaya, 39, of Lowell, is the first over the finish line in 17:11 at the 15th annual Fort Phoenix 5K in Fairhaven on Sunday, 9/13. TOP RIGHT: Anne Preisig, 48, of Falmouth is the first woman over the line in 19:41, followed by young Meg Hughes, 13, of Fairhaven in 19:42. MIDDLE LEFT: Ava Teixeira, 9, of Acushnet is airborne as she crosses the finish line in 30:16. BOTTOM LEFT: Michael and Michael Crosby, 5 & 37, cross the finish line together. ABOVE L-R: Gail Isaksen, 70; Barbara Belanger, 78; and Dottie Arnold, 74; finished 1-2-3 in their age group. *PLEASE NOTE: Names were taken from JBRace.com Photos by Beth David. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews to see more photos of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase.*

Rain holds off for Apple-Peach Festival

Burgers and Beer



Acushnet's 36th annual Apple-Peach Festival saw huge crowds on both days, according to vendors. The seasonably warm weather was perfect for a couple of days of listening to music, eating fair food, buying crafts and watching the kids jump around in the bouncy house. Mariyah Dutra, 8, said it was her first time at the festival. Her favorite thing was most definitely the bouncy house. At the Boy Scout Troop 51 dunk tank, spirits could not have been higher, even for Logan and Peter Gauvin, who were routinely dunked by keen-eyed, strong-armed festival goers. ABOVE LEFT, L-R: Donald Croker, Nick Charpentier, Capt. George Pimental and Andrew Corrigan dish up burgers at the Acushnet Firefighters booth, while (RIGHT) the Acushnet Lions Club pours the cold beer at the 36th annual Apple-Peach Festival this Saturday and Sunday, 9/12 & 13 at the Long Plain Museum on Main Street in Acushnet. BELOW LEFT: John Cardoso's aim is spot on, but his strength isn't quite enough to dunk Logan Gauvin, although Mr. Gauvin is ready to go down. BELOW RIGHT: Nolan Almeida looks as stunned as Paul Gauvin at hitting the target just right to dunk Mr. Gauvin into the water tank. BOTTOM LEFT: Ray Melendez throws with confidence and sends Paul Gauvin into the water. BOTTOM MIDDLE: Shaylin Raposo livens up the grounds with her ferret on a leash, Aubrey. BOTTOM RIGHT, L-R: Mariyah Dutra, Julianna Catunto and Chad Catunto pause for a moment to pose for the local free sheet. Mariyah and Julianna are cousins. *Photos by Beth David. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews to see more photos*



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Wellness and Education

- **Dietitian** 1st Tues. of the month
- **Wellness Clinic** 2nd 3th and 4th Thursday of the month
- **Fit Quest Fairhaven** Thursday 9-10 a.m. Supportive group for weight and fitness
- **Caregivers Support Education**

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• **Walking, Indoor** weekdays 12:30-1 For more information please call the Fairhaven Senior Center @ 508-979-4029

The Journey of Alzheimer's Caregivers

Caregiving for loved one with Alzheimer's Disease is challenging join us for an event in which we share information. There is no cost To participate and refreshments will be served. OCT. 14, 4-6:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Council On Aging, 229 Huttleston Ave. Fairhaven, Ma RSVP to Eva Fey at 508-636-0590 or efey@residencecedar.com

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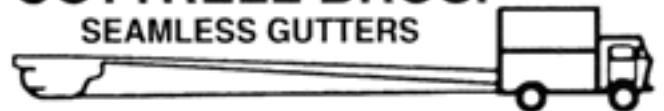
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Acushnet responds to overdoses; Peters Farm may be saved

Michael Smith

Neighb News Correspondent

Keeping with tradition in following the Apple Peach Festival, the Acushnet Selectboard held their meeting at the Long Plain Friends Meeting House on Monday, 9/14.

Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher told the board about a substance abuse campaign his department initiated last month to create awareness of the amount of opiate overdoses paramedics have responded to in town.

The program is in partnership with Drug Free New Bedford.

In 2014, the department responded to 21 overdoses. By August 18 of this year, Chief Gallagher said paramedics have responded to 20.

"This is a national issue that is impacting every community," said Chief Gallagher. "And we thought it was imperative to raise awareness in town."

The goal of the program is to get people talking, he said.

Twenty six purple flags are currently planted outside Fire Station #1 representing the number of overdoses in Acushnet this year, including

six more since August.

"The flags are placed to get conversations started amongst family and friends, he said.

Within one day of the flags being placed, Chief Gallagher received calls asking what they were, and even had a mother take her 12-year old son to the fire station to explain to him what the flags meant. "It's a conversation chip," said the chief.

"When we respond to an overdose, it's often a chaotic scene with emotion," said Chief Gallagher. "With a lot of remorse... felt by the patient afterward."

He said the program's group would consist of the paramedic who attended to the overdose, plus a chaplain and a recovery coach, and would talk to the patient after the overdose has occurred.

"Addiction will only end when the individual seeks attention to end it," said Gallagher. "Our job is to get invited in and help. Our job isn't done until we get to talk to these folks."

Gallagher said the first attempt of the program was hugely successful, getting help for a woman who

recently overdosed.

"Chief, you should be commended for this," responded Selectboard chair David Wojnar. "This is a serious problem and we wish you well."

The board also heard a summer update from the management at Acushnet River Valley Golf Course.

The update comes after the board performed a site visit on September 8 to survey the course.

Golf Manager Dana Przybyszewski told the board the golf course surpassed a \$212,000 earning projection for July with a healthy \$216,000 revenue earning.

However, August saw a \$2,000 dip in projected earnings for the course with a \$229,000 sum, he said.

Mr. Przybyszewski cited two large events at the course in August preventing regular golf rounds from happening, though he is also anticipating an extended season into the fall after a late start this past spring.

Looking heavily into candidates with grant writing skills, the Selectboard unanimously appointed Paula Rossi-Clapp as the new director

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ACUSH: cont'd from previous page for the Council on Aging. Ms. Rossi-Clapp replaces Heather Sylvia.

The appointment comes after the Selectboard interviewed Ms. Rossi-Clapp and New Bedford-resident Gloria Cardoso-Santos on September 8.

"I truly believe in keeping people vital and out in the community," Ms. Rossi-Clapp said during her interview with the Selectboard last week.

The board also voted to put a "right-to-farm" bylaw article on the October town meeting warrant.

After doing some research, according to Agricultural Commission member Cynda Thea Williams, there were some parts in the original draft of the by-law that were changed.

"We are a farming and agricultural community," said Mr. Wojnar, who is a proponent for the by-law.

"I am one hundred percent behind a right-to-farm by-law," said Mr. Gaspar.

The board unanimously agreed to put an article on the town meeting warrant this fall.

After learning from a newspaper article last week of the closing of Peters Family Orchard and Cider Mill, Selectboard members are looking to save the property from development.

Calling Peters Orchard Farm an "iconic property," Mr. Wojnar stated that under Chapter 61A, the town is

business, and has plans on developing residential houses on the land.

The Peters family said they would continue to live on the land.

"We can explore all options to keep the farm viable," said Mr. Wojnar.

The owners of Peters Orchard have also had conversations with Bristol County Agricultural High School about making the farm a preservation farm and model as a "learning tool" for future generations to become farmers.

The Selectboard unanimously approved a classification hearing to take place before the town meeting on October 19. A date was not announced.

In another matter, the board announced a public information meeting with Eversource regarding the new Liquefied Natural Gas project at 6 p.m. on September 23 at Ford Middle School.

The public meeting is designed as a "science-fair-like" discussion on technology and information to learn more about the company and the facility.

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[Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher]

entitled to the first right to refusal to preserve the "agricultural way of life in Acushnet."

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that Community Preservation funds can be used to change the width of the sidewalks around Town Hall, the Millicent Library and the Unitarian Memorial Church.

Ms. Delano said that there were no public hearings dealing specifically with the project and the narrowing of the brick portion of the sidewalks. She said the only proposal given to the Community Preservation Committee was for narrowed sidewalks.

"It was pre-decided," she said.

The board and Mr. Osuch repeated their argument that two town meetings discussed the project and that Mr. Benac spoke at town meeting against the narrowing of the walkway.

In addition, the project has begun, with all the bricks already removed around town hall and the curbing set for the narrower brick portion to be placed.

The opinion from town counsel Thomas Crotty is that using the original bricks trumps the width of

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the sidewalks. The project calls for narrower sidewalks because bricks will break as they are removed.

At the crux of the matter is a clause in the federal law that does not allow for altering or removing historic materials if using CPC historic preservation funds. Mr. Crotty's opinion states that using the old bricks is more important than the width.

"It's unfortunate that town counsel put his trust in saving the bricks and not the sidewalks," said Mr. Benac.

Ms. Delano noted that Mr. Crotty is an attorney, not a judge, so his opinion is "disputable."

The board decided to ask the contractor for an artist's rendition of the finished project, although the project will probably be done by the time they get the sketch.

The board also supported a plan to have the Oxford School bell removed on Oct. 10, and created a nine-member Oxford School Bell Committee to oversee finding a permanent home for the bell once it is removed.

Fairhaven Meetings

Beautification Committee

Wed., 9/23, Fire Station, 6:30 p.m.

Bikeway Committee

Thurs., 9/17, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Community Preserv. Comm

Thurs., 11/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 9/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Contributory Retirement

Tues., 9/22, Town Hall, 8:30 a.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 9/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Agricultural Commission

Thurs., 9/24, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Planning Board

Thurs., 9/17, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 9/28, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Town Meeting

Oct. 19, Deadline for Articles: 9/23

PUBLIC MEETING

Eversource LNG plans

Wed., 9/23, Ford Middle Sch., 6 p.m.

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	Sept. 2015	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	17	1112	2334	0403	1629
Friday	18	1157	----	0439	1708
Saturday	19	0022	1249	0518	1752
Sunday	20	0117	1345	0605	1849
Monday	21	0212	1439	0707	1958
Tuesday	22	0307	1535	0817	2103
Wednesday	23	0407	1638	0922	2205
Thursday	24	0511	1739	1029	2308
Friday	25	0607	1832	1135	----
Saturday	26	0656	1919	0005*	1233*
Sunday	27	0742	2005	0054*	1325*
Monday	28	0830	2055	0143*	1420*
Tuesday	29	0920	2146	0234*	1515*
Wednesday	30	1011	2237	0326*	1605*

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he would have to kill a whole family, including a toddler, if he decided to break into their house.

Mr. Belezos questioned Mr. Dias on his memory, hammering over and over again the fact that Mr. Dias had not told anyone about that conversation until he was being interrogated by police.

Mr. Belezos also referred to Grand Jury testimony to point out that Mr. Dias changed his testimony about when conversations happened.

"I'm not sure about the time, but I know what he said," said Mr. Dias, noting it has been two years.

"You can try to blame me for the murder," he said, admitting he may be confused on the dates.

"I was thinking I was going to go to jail for murder, not the days," said Mr. Dias.

"All of a sudden you help out the police," said Mr. Belezos. "After you thought you were getting looked at for murder."

"I didn't think he would," said Mr. Dias.

"I didn't ask you that, sir," said Mr. Belezos. "Did you tell anyone?"

"No, I did not," said Mr. Dias.

Mr. Dias also testified that he and Mr. Silva had not taken any drugs the day they worked on Ms. Howland's house,

but that Mr. Silva found some pills in the bathroom and took a few out of the bottle. He gave some to Mr. Dias, who said he only agreed to take them after Mr. Silva looked them up on his phone and found out they were pain killers.

They worked at Ms. Howland's house on the Friday before Columbus Day. On Columbus Day, at a job, Mr. Silva did not have his knife, needed to cut insulation.

Mr. Dias said everyone at the job knew that Mr. Silva was missing the knife, "Because he was asking everybody for a knife. He didn't know where his was."

After working a half day, Mr. Silva drove Mr. Dias home.

Video shows the Fairhaven Lumber truck passing by Stop & Shop heading east at 1:16 p.m. and then heading west 19 minutes later at 1:35 p.m.

Mr. Belezos also made a point of Mr. Dias's refusal to speak to police when they went to his house. His former girlfriend, Amy Butler, said she answered the door for police. Mr. Dias told her to say that he was not home and she did.

"Then I told him, 'you need to call them. This is not gonna happen,'" testified Ms. Butler.

Bob Amaral of Fairhaven Lumber,



Joshua Silva, charged in the 10/14/13 murder of Joyce Howland in Fairhaven, turns as he leaves the courtroom on the second day of his trial in Fall River Superior Court on 9/15/15. Photo by Beth David.

testified that Mr. Silva had worked for the company for just over a week.

Mr. Belezos made a point of asking if the truck that Mr. Silva was driving had been cleaned between the Howland job and getting processed by police.

"We don't clean or wash that truck," said Mr. Amaral.

The jury was scheduled to go to the house on Hamlet Street, the Pasta House and possibly Fairhaven Lumber on Thursday morning. The case is expected to last into next week.

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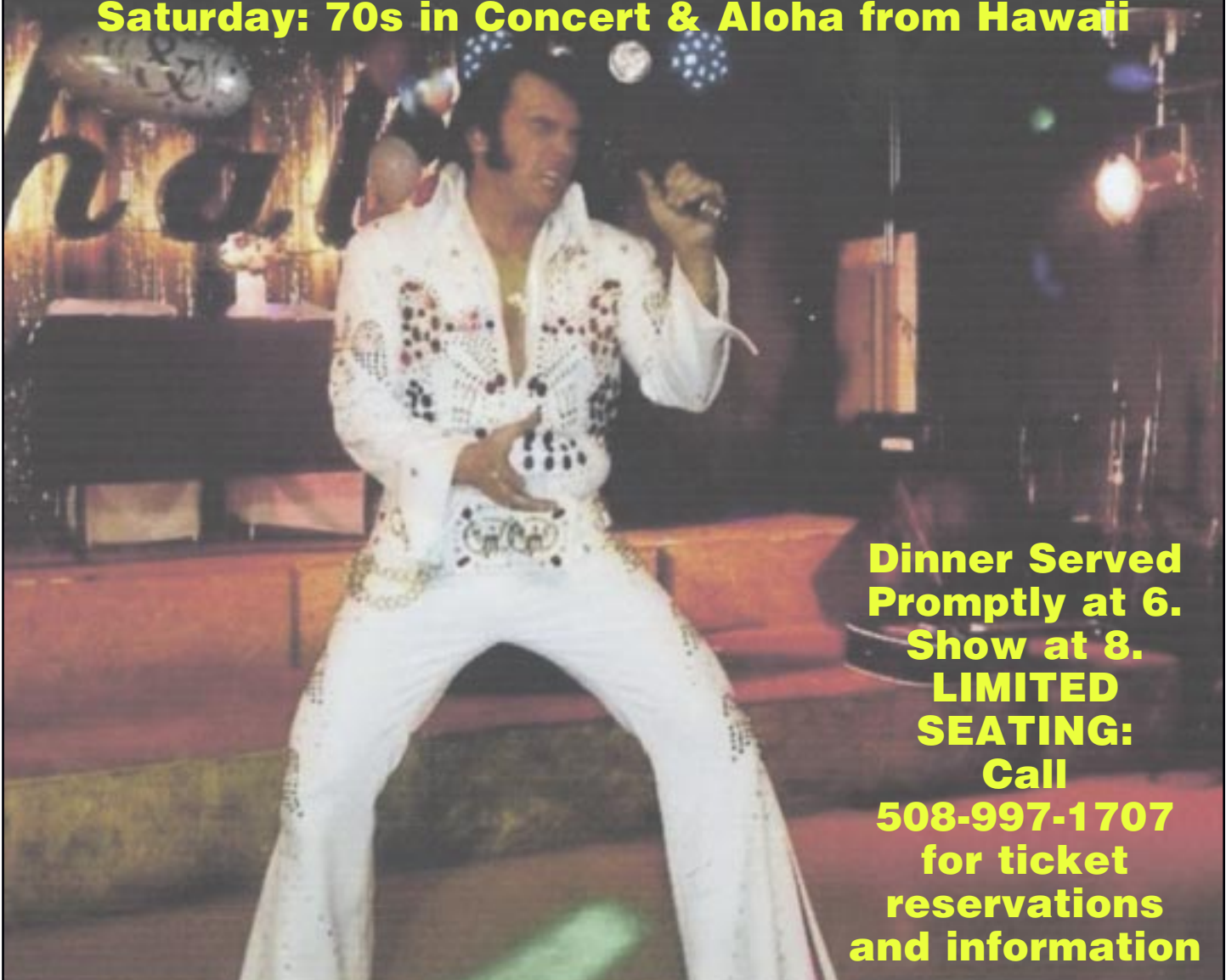
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