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

Rogers School bell removed



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Patrick Carr of A#1 Crane Co., operates the crane that removed the 980-pound bell from the bell tower of the Rogers School in Fairhaven on Saturday, 8/13. The cradle that holds the bell is rusting and rotting, so the Bell Committee decided to remove the bell to keep the cradle from collapsing. The bell will be stored in a secure location until the cradle can be repaired. See page 12 for story. *Photos by Beth David.*

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

It's somewhat of a double miracle that I'm getting this weekly miracle done these days. Between the Olympics and the election shenanigans, I am seriously playing hooky a lot lately. Throw in this crazy-hot weather and it just simply being August, and...well, suffice it to say I amaze me sometimes.

And, of course, the Olympics are a sporting event involving women, so there are unlimited opportunities to rail against the sexist crap that goes on.

First and foremost, a complaint I make every four years: Why do the female gymnasts and beach volleyball athletes have to wear those stupid uniforms? The men do not wear skinny little, up-your-@\$ clothes. They wear long pants on the beam, instead of needing that gawd-awful powdery stuff on their legs as the women do. They wear shorts, not some stupid thing that threatens to disappear up their you-know-whatses.

As for the Beach Volleyball? Hell, you know the only reason it ever got included in the first place was to force women to compete half-naked. The men don't.

It's also the only sport where you get pictures of the women when you put in a search for the men. It even says MEN, and there is a picture of women.

Go figure.

Which brings me to the next point.

There's an article (<http://www.vogue.com/13466818/sexist-moments-olympics-coverage/>) listing a bunch of sexist coverage from these games. Really, it should be required reading for everyone.

Andy Murray won his second gold medal and the reporter said he was great for being the first. Of course the Williams sisters had already done that.

But, hey, they're women, right?

Hungarian swimmer Katinka Hosszu won gold and the cameras immediately went to her husband and said he was the one responsible, although he clearly was not in the pool with her. Imagine doing that to Michael Phelps! Eeee.....would never happen.

But the best...er, worst, I think (so far) is this headline. Katie Ledecky broke a world record and won GOLD. Phelps got silver in a three-way tie....yes a tie.

Guess who got the bigger headline?

As my friend Pam would say: "We're doomed....doomed I tell you, doomed."

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS



Pedal 'n Putt will benefit Bikeway Committee programs



Fairhaven Bikeway Committee's Pedal n' Putt Fundraiser. Benefitting the Committee's award winning programs, will be held on Sunday, 8/21, from 4-6 p.m., at Cap'n Barnacles Mini Golf, 2 David Drown Blvd., Fairhaven.

Tickets are just \$6 for kids and \$10 for adults at fairhavenbikeway.org/pedal-n-putt, or call 774 487-8166

Have you noticed all the bikes and walkers out this summer? Not just on the Phoenix Bike Trail, but all over town!

The Fairhaven Bikeway Committee has been working hard to make biking and walking safe and easy. Shopping,

getting to work and school, or just out for fun and exercise, enjoying this beautiful Town is so much better by bike — just ask the people who come to visit our bike path from far and wide.

This Sunday, from 4-6 p.m., we'll be throwing our first Summer fundraiser at Cap'n Barnacles Mini Golf in Fairhaven. Our Pedal n' Putt event is right on the Bike Path, and there will be VIP bike parking!

So ride with your friends and family to Cap'n Barnacles for a round of mini golf, ice cream and fun activities for all. Proceeds will help with our award winning programs, in beautifying the path and in getting more people on their bikes!

Reserve tickets at fairhavenbikeway.org/pedal-n-putt and watch for updates at Facebook.com/fairhavenbikeway.

A special thank you to Charlene Conway at Cap'n Barnacles for her sponsorship of this event.

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BPW has full night with sewer, Pokemon GO & driveway woes

By Mary Macedo

Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday, 8/8, the Fairhaven Board of Public Works faced a variety of topics, including Pokemon Go issues at Fort Phoenix.

Contractor, Shawn Guillotte met with the board to discuss a driveway violation and waiver at 10 Cherry Street. Mr. Guillotte informed the board that during the driveway installation, he was not on site, but understood that he would still be fined.

Brian Wotton informed Mr. Guillotte of the \$300 fine. The board showed some concern with the violation of the cobblestone apron because of their worries about plowing snow.

BPW chairperson Mike Ristuccia explained that if a town plow damages the cobblestone, it would not be the town's fault. He said he wanted to make sure that Mr. Guillotte, as well as the homeowners were aware of that. Mr. Guillotte agreed and said the homeowners were aware of the situation.

The board voted to levy the fine.

The board also interviewed Dan Snell for a Water System Maintenance Craftsman job. Mr. Snell told the board that he has worked for the Highway Department for a long time, but as he is getting older, he is looking for something less taxing on his body.

Mr. Snell also said that he does not have a water license, but is willing to take the classes immediately.

Public works superintendent Vincent Furtado said he had one concern with hiring Mr. Snell.

"I'm nervous if he doesn't get the license we're going to lose him because we will hire someone else to fill his highway position," said Mr. Furtado, adding that Mr. Snell was a very good employee, which is why Mr. Furtado would hate to lose him.

The board agreed that the best way to ensure Mr. Snell gets his license was to give him a time frame. Mr. Wotton made a motion to hire Mr. Snell, but have a review in six months to see how far along Mr. Snell is with getting his license.

Stantec Consulting Services met with the board next to discuss entering a contract to upgrade the sewer treatment plant, as well as upgrading two pumping stations, and replacing some equipment.

The contract would be for the

design, bidding, and construction at the cost of \$1,188,000. With design completed, the project would be ready to start immediately, with the estimated completion date being October 2018.

Mr. Wotton said he had one concern regarding PCBs. He asked if while upgrading the facilities would it be covered by the contract if they found things like PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) or would the board get billed extra for it.

The representative from Stantec informed the board that everything would be covered and they would get no further bill.

The board voted to approve the contract.

Resident Francis Budryk, One Main Street, met with the board about an ongoing issue with sewer backups in his basement. Mr. Budryk said he wanted to be reimbursed for a \$429

You can keep
104 dollars and I will go
to the small claims court
[Francis Budryk]

Roto-Rooter bill he had incurred, due to a backup that he believed was the town's fault.

Mr. Furtado explained that Mr. Budryk first called Roto-Rooter when sewer water began to back up and flood Mr. Budryk's basement. After Roto-Rooter employees told Mr. Budryk that they believed it was a problem with the town line, Mr. Budryk decided to call the town.

Jeff Furtado, the foreperson for the Sewer department, told Mr. Budryk he would be there within the hour. The Sewer department employees showed up about 45-50 minutes later to inspect the problem.

Mr. Budryk said that during that time he had company over his house and he began to get worried when the town employees had not showed up yet. During the 45-50 minute window that Mr. Budryk waited, he got nervous and told the Roto-Rooter employees to unclog the town line.

When town employees showed up

to inspect the town line, it was clear.

Mr. Budryk said a clump of roots had been clogging up the town line that Roto-Rooter removed.

Because the roots were removed before town employees arrive, there was no way to be sure if the roots were in the town line or the private line.

Because the town employees arrived at Mr. Budryk's house and the work was already done, public works Superintendent Vincent Furtado decided not to bill Mr. Budryk the \$220 for the sewer employees' time.

But he did not have authority to pay for the Roto-Rooter bill.

Mr. Budryk told the board he thought he should be reimbursed for the cost of his Roto-Rooter bill because the clog was in the town's line and because of the town not helping him in the past.

Mr. Budryk said that he called the town last February because he had water in his basement. He said the town came and said there was nothing they could do.

He said the next time he called Roto-Rooter, they cleaned some roots out of the private line. The next day Mr. Budryk said he had a flood again. He called Roto-Rooter again and they said it was a problem with the town's line, which was the day of the bill in question.

Mr. Budryk also said that Roto-Rooter sent a camera all the way into the town's line, which showed a break and leakage in the line.

The board questioned whether or not a leak would cause backup and a flood. Mr. Furtado told the board that it was unlikely that the break caused the backup.

It was likely that it was roots that caused the backup, but Mr. Furtado said there was no way to tell which line the roots came from because they were already out when the town employees got there.

"Do you think I am fabricating... why would I lie," asked Mr. Budryk.

He then began repeating the story, but was interrupted by Mr. Ristuccia who said, "I think you have spoken well about your point."

"I think there was some clog in your private line and some clog in the public line," said Mr. Hobson. "I think the town should pay half the bill."

He made a motion to split the \$429

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Pedal 'n' Putt

On Sun., 8/21. See page 3 for details.

Mon. Morning Fun LAST CHANCE TO JOIN IN

The Fairhaven Office of Tourism sponsors Monday morning fun at the town's Visitors Center **on the lawn of the Fairhaven Academy Building, 141 Main St., from 9 to 11:30 a.m.**

Features old fashioned lawn games, bounce house, and special guest programs at 10 a.m. geared toward children ages 5 through 12 and their parents and guardians. Admission, games, bounce house, and programs are free. There is a charge for face painting and lemonade.

• **Monday, 8/22: Performers from Fairhaven Character Parties, show and activities.** Combo Bounce House/Water Slide sponsored by: Robby Thatcher Memorial Fund and DeTerra's Jump and Bounce.

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

Farmer's Market

Fairhaven Farmer's Market runs **from 1-4 p.m. every Sunday through mid October.** At Fairhaven High School, 12 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven

Buy fresh local produce and other products from area farmers. Entertainment will be available occasionally during market hours. Access the parking lot off Main Street to the rear of the Academy Building. Handicap parking. Free admission. Coordinated by the Fairhaven Sustainability Committee.

Indoor Yard Sale

The Church of the Good Shepherd, 357 Main St., North Fairhaven, will hold its **annual yard sale, held rain or shine, on Sat., 8/20, from 9-3.** The kitchen menu will include stuffed cabbage and corn on the cob. Any questions, call 508-992-2281. Not accessible.

WIIA Raffle

The West Island Improvement Association is raffling off an Arthur Moniz framed and matted print, "Whaler Fitting Out." **Tickets are two for \$5, or five for \$10. Drawing will be held on Sun., 9/4, at the WIIA breakfast.** You do not need to be

present to win. Proceeds to be used for building maintenance and improvements.

Get tickets from Bob or Cathi Konicki, 151 Balsam St., or at Mackatan General Store on Causeway Road.

WIIA Dance

Featuring The Relics, on **Sat., 8/27, from 8-Mid.,** at the West Island Improvement Association Community House, 41 Causeway Road, West Island, Fairhaven **Tickets: \$10,** at the door. BYOB.

Animal Shelter Open House

The Fairhaven Animal Shelter is holding an Open House on **Sat., 8/20, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 200 Bridge St., Fairhaven**

Bring the family for this fun-filled event. Includes local vendors, raffles, face painting, pony rides and more. Take a tour of our shelter and meet our furry friends and the awesome staff who cares for them.

Fill The Backpack

Help children living in domestic violence shelters by donating school supplies. The Help SAVE Foundation has launched "Bright Futures," and is holding a "filling session" **on Sat., 8/27, at 10 a.m., at the Fairhaven Recreation Center.** All ages are welcome to go and fill the back packs with school supplies. Any school items are welcome, backpacks, paper, pens, pencils, notebooks, etc.

Channel 18 issues?

If anyone is having trouble with the Government access station, channel 18, contact the Selectboard office, 508-979-4023, Ext. 104.

The channel has been experiencing some visual and audio problems lately. If you have experienced anything unusual, please let the town know so the Cable Committee can work on the problem.

Lobster Roll Dine-Out

At Our Lady's Haven, 71 Center St., Fairhaven, 508-999-4561, **Thurs., 8/25, 4:30-6 p.m.** (Includes Chowder, Lobster Roll, French Fries, Coleslaw,

Dessert & Beverage.

Tickets \$15, must be purchased in advance. Proceeds benefit the residents of Our Lady's Haven.

Business After Hours

Join the Chamber of Commerce on **Thurs., 8/25, for Business After Hours from 5-7 p.m.,** sponsored by Seaport Inn and Marina, 110 Middle St., Fairhaven.

Business After Hours provides an opportunity for members and non-members to mingle and build business relationships in an informal, relaxed business setting. Free for members and their guests and **\$25 for non-members,** event includes: Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, Cash bar, Door prize

To RSVP for this event contact Deven Q. Tillman, Program and Events Manager, dtillman@newbedfordchamber.com, to register online, <http://newbedfordchamber.com>

SAVE THE DATE

OLOA Feast

Feast of Our Lady of Angels, Sept. 3-5, on the Feast Grounds, 7 Jesse St.. **Sat. 5 p.m.-Mid., Sun. Noon-Mid., Mon. Noon-10 p.m.** Procession on Main St. Monday at 1:00 p.m.

A traditional Portuguese "festa." Sponsored by Our Lady of Angels Catholic Association. For more info: 508-990-0502

FBA Golf Day

The third annual Fairhaven Business Association Mini-golf Family Fun Day, on **Sat., 9/10, from 9 a.m.-noon,** at Cap'n Barnacle's Mini Golf, 2 David Drown Blvd., Fairhaven; \$10 ages 10+; \$5 ages 3-10. To benefit the FBA and the Fairhaven Community. Open to the public, family and friends are all welcome.

Promote your business: Sponsor a hole, \$50; other sponsorships, \$25. Join the FBA ad play for free. For more information, visit <http://fairhavenbusiness.blogspot.com>, email charcarosl@aol.com.

Learn more about the FBA and have some fun, too.

Owners or representatives of business entities operating within Fairhaven, Mass., are eligible for membership.

West Island has a special visitor



The largest civilian sailing school vessel in The United States is anchored off West Island. The Oliver Hazard Perry was spotted 3/4 of a mile off North Point West Island, on the northeast corner of WI on Wednesday, 8/16, at 3 p.m. The ship is 200 feet long with 14,000 square feet of sails and seven miles of rope and rigging. The ship is based in Rhode Island. NOTE: If you are going to venture out to the back side of the island to take a look, take bug spray with you! The SSV *Oliver Hazard Perry* is Rhode Island's official state "Educational Sailing Vessel" and an official Tall Ship for RI, according to its website. For more information on this fantastic sailing ship visit <http://www.ohpri.org>. Photo courtesy of ML Baron, www.WestIslandWeather.com

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Rio2016

As the 31st Olympiad comes to a close this weekend, the culinary journey continues through Monday!

Stop in tonight to enjoy the flavors of Italy and be sure to come back for a good 'ol all American meal Friday and Saturday. Then back to Brazil Sunday and Monday!

And don't forget Emma Jean's right next door for everything sweet! Cupcakes, chocolates, candies, ice cream, and more!

MENU

	8/16 - 8/18 Lasagna, Chicken Parmesan, Chicken and Broccoli with Penne Alfredo, and Tiramisu
	8/19 - 8/20 All American Burgers, Hot Dogs, Fried Chicken, and Apple Pie
	8/21 - 8/22 Salgadinhos, Feijao Tropeiro, Arroz Branco, Feijoada, Pizza Brasileira, Lacinha de Frango e Presunto, Pudim de Leite, Caipirinha

Deadline for booth space at Harvest Fun Day coming up

Press Release

The Fairhaven Office of Tourism is holding its fourth Harvest Fun Day on Saturday, October 8, 2016, on the lawn of the Visitors Center at the Academy Building, 141 Main Street. A limited number of booth spaces are available for non-profit groups, artists, crafters and Fairhaven businesses that wish to offer items for sale, provide children's games or fall-themed activities, sell food, etc. This could be used as a fundraising opportunity for groups and it can provide a venue for those looking for a fun community event in which to participate. The event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Office of Tourism will offer spaces on a first come first served basis, with first priority given to Fairhaven-based non-profit groups, individual artists and crafters, and businesses. Vendors from outside of Fairhaven may be accepted as space allows. The space will be approximately eleven feet square to allow groups to set up 10'x10' pop-up canopies if desired. (Special

arrangements for larger areas may be made on a case by case basis as room allows.) A limited number of spots can have access to electricity. Harvest Fun Day will be marketed primarily as a Family/Children's event with a fall theme. Potential vendors should keep that in mind when deciding on whether or not they wish

Fairhaven government entities – senior center, Fairhaven Public Schools groups, etc.–are exempt from the donation.)

If you, your group or business are interested in applying for a booth space, please email FairhavenTours@aol.com anytime with details of what you would like to do. Be sure to include a contact name and phone number. Or you may call the Office of Tourism at 508-979-4085. (Note: The Visitors Center will be closed July 24 -31.) Participants will be selected by the Office of Tourism based on how suited the booths, products and/or activities are to the overall "Harvest Fun Day" theme. They will also be screened to eliminate having too many booths offering similar products.

The final deadline to apply for a space will be Friday, September 2, but acceptances may be confirmed before then and space is limited, so please apply early.

For more details about Harvest Fun Day, visit <http://fairhaventours.com/annual-harvest-fun-day/>.



to participate. Free or low-cost children's activities are particularly encouraged, as are locally produced goods or Fairhaven-themed items.

Vendors will be asked to make a donation of \$10 to the Office of Tourism Gift Account. This money goes toward the rental of handicap accessible portable toilets. (Town of

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Musical Entertainment with Gary Duquette Thurs., 8/25, 2:30 p.m. Take a walk down memory lane and sing to many of Gary's all time classic songs. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Birthday Bash with Tom and Betty Tues., 8/30, 2:30 p.m. You will enjoy this afternoon with the magical sounds of Tom and Betty. We are celebrating our residents' August birthdays. Come and join the fun!



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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Free Film

South Coast Neighbors United is hosting a free screening of the new film, *Dear President Obama, the Clean Energy Revolution is Now*, narrated by Mark Ruffalo, on **Thurs. 8/18, at the Pulaski Elementary School, 1097 Braley Rd., New Bedford at 7 pm. Free and open to the public.**

Come learn how and why communities on the South Coast and all across Mass., New England and the U.S. are being threatened by the unnecessary and costly expansion of natural gas infrastructure.

Scott Smith, Chief Technology Officer & Investigator of Water Defense, who is featured in the film, will be our SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER, conducting a Q&A following the film!

For more information email info@scnu.us

Register to Vote

The New Bedford Board of Election Commissioners reminds the public that the last day to register to vote and to change party enrollment for the Massachusetts State Primaries is **Friday, August 19, 2016**. The Massachusetts State Primaries will be held on Thursday, September 8, 2016.

Dinner Fund-raiser

A dinner to benefit **Chad Frownfelter** will be held on **Sat., 8/20, from 6-10 p.m. at 100B S. Rodney French Blvd., New Bedford. Tickets: \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door, purchase at Gallery 65 on 65 William St., New Bedford or TL6 The Gallery, 100 William St., New Bedford or online at www.lowtideyc.or or www.azoreanmaritime.org**

Chad is a devoted ceramicist and advocate of the arts in New Bedford. He was treated for Ateriovenous Malformation (AMV) in January of 2013 and was told that it would dissipate completely within 2 years. However, what was left of it ruptured on September 10, 2014 causing a brain hemorrhage. The funds raised from this event will support therapeutic and spiritual assistance. The goal is to get him walking on his own as soon as possible. He won't stop fighting until he is walking and making pottery again.

The dinner follows the Light the Bay Regatta sponsored by the low

tide Yacht Club and the Azorean Maritime Heritage Society.

Please consider making a donation by going to <https://www.gofundme.com/chadsrecoveryfund>

100% of the dinner proceeds and 50% of Cash bar proceeds go to Chad. The City of New Bedford Licensing Laws do not permit BYOB

Beach Volleyball Tourney

Spike, block, dig and dive your way to victory at the 1st Annual East Beach Volleyball Tournament on **Sat., 8/20!** Mayor Jon Mitchell, New Bedford Parks, Recreation & Beaches, and Destination New Bedford are teaming up to present the first of its kind tournament at **11 a.m. at the beach volleyball courts on New Bedford's East Beach located on East Rodney French Boulevard.**

The public is invited to register to participate or as a team member (4 person teams). Individuals will be assigned to a team on the day of the tournament. Participants will receive a commemorative tee-shirt and prizes will be awarded to the winning team.

Participants may register at the Office of Parks Recreation & Beaches at 181 Hillman Street Bldg. 3 or at the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center also in the Hillman Street complex or call (508) 961-3015 for more information.

Dock-U-Mentary

The Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series continues on **Fri., 8/19, at 7 p.m. in the Corson Maritime Learning Center, located at 33 William St. in downtown New Bedford with *Of the Sea: Fishermen, Seafood & Sustainability*, a new documentary film by Mischa Hedges.**

Today, fishing is a rare and challenging way of life: Few California fishing families remain, due to complex regulations, high cost, and competition with cheap farmed and imported seafood. Struggling to revive a fading way of life, fishermen and entrepreneurs are creating new models for how to support sustainably produced seafood. In the film, we learn from fishermen about the Salmon, Black Cod, Sea Urchin, Crab and Squid fisheries, and the challenges they face. Of the Sea tells the story of five California fishermen,

and shows how our seafood choices can influence ocean sustainability. Film maker Mischa Hedges will introduce the film and lead a discussion following the screening.

Call the visitor center at 508-996-4095, visit www.nps.gov/nebe or visit the park's Facebook page.

Singers Wanted

Come join the acclaimed Greater New Bedford Choral Society. Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays, 7:30-9:30 p.m. No audition required. Requirements: Blend with your section, pay nominal dues. Rehearsals begin Tues., 9/6, First Unitarian Church, New Bedford. Registration 7:15 p.m.

For more info call 508-644-2419, or visit gnbcs.org, or find us on Facebook.

Join the Crew

The **Fishing Heritage Center is looking for volunteers** to help with day to day operations and will launch an extensive training for those volunteers beginning in September. The Center is dedicated to telling the story of the fishing industry past, present and future through exhibits, programs, and archives.

Volunteers receive extensive training. Volunteer opportunities include: welcoming visitors, staffing the reception area and gift shop, engaging visitors with the exhibits, assisting with educational programs, conducting research, and helping with special events.

For those with a fishing industry connection, we hope you will share your industry skills and knowledge with visitors by leading walking tours, demonstrating skills such as net mending, knot tying, or talking with school groups or the public about your work and life.

Volunteers are needed during operating hours (Thursday-Sunday 10-4) and for occasional evening programs and special events. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Center is located at 38 Bethel Street, in the heart of the National Park. The Center is wheelchair accessible and free off-street parking is provided to volunteers.

For more information please contact the Fishing Heritage Center at: operations@fishingheritagecenter.org or call 508-993-8894.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Free Concerts

The Acushnet Historical Society is sponsoring two free concerts this month at the Long Plain Museum 1203 Main Street Acushnet.

- **Sun., 8/21, from 1-3** Neil Diamond concert **starring Bill Reidy**. Snacks and drinks will be available.

Farmers Market

Open every **Saturday, rain or shine, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Stone Bridge Farm, 186 Leonard St., Acushnet, 508-951-1551**. Ample off-street parking.

Fruit, veggies, baked goods, honey, cheese, coffee, preserves, eggs, gluten-free baked goods, BBQ sauce, wine, pork, chicken, beef, jewelry, dog treats, classes, demos and more.

Visit www.AcushnetFarmersMarket.com, or follow us on Facebook: Acushnet Farmers Market.

Acushnet Cruise Night

Cruise night will be held on **Thurs., 8/25**. See page 16 for details.

Raising Alpacas Workshop

The Southeastern Massachusetts Agricultural Partnership (SEMAP) is pleased to announce their next workshop of the season! Join Dave Rose of Moonlight Rose Alpacas for an Alpacas 101 including alpacas introduction into this North America, their lifespan, care & feeding, and breeding & birthing. We will also discuss showing alpacas and using their fiber to make many different clothing products.

Tues., 8/23, from 6-8 p.m. at Moonlight Rose Alpacas, 91 Chace St., Swansea, MA. Cost: \$5 Beginning Farmer, \$15 SEMAP Members, \$20 General Public. Register online at semaponline.org/education. Direct event link: <http://conta.cc/2bfq55C>

Food Truck Fest

The Cape Cod Food Truck Festival will return to the **Cape Cod Fairgrounds on Sat., 8/27 from Noon-6 p.m.**, 1220 Nathan Ellis Hwy in East Falmouth. Parking on-site.

The festival will feature over 20 of New England's most popular food

trucks serving up a variety of fan favorites, including local seafood, gourmet grilled cheese sandwiches, cupcakes, whoopie pies, and more.

For more information visit www.foodtruckfestivalsofamerica.com. For tickets, visit ftfa.eventbrite.com.

The Cape Cod Fairgrounds are located at 1220 Nathan Ellis Highway in East Falmouth. Parking is available on-site.

Golf Tourney

The Fairway Golf Tournament sponsored by The Church of The Good Shepherd, will be held on **Sat., 9/10, at Little Harbor Country Club, Wareham. Shotgun start at 8 a.m.; \$75 per person or \$280 foursome**, includes Golf and Lunch. Raffles and Prizes

Join us as we raise money for the Church of the Good Shepherd's Outreach Ministries that benefit the community.

Contact Natecia Alfonso for more info: 774-260-1924 or natecia17@gmail.com

Carolees Comedy Corner

Join us on **Sat., 8/20, when Carolees Comedy Corner** returns to 3065 Cranberry Highway, Wareham. Appearing on BPP's stage will be three comedians, Headliner Chris Zito, Mike Bain and in the Guest Spot Shane Olesen. Also, CCC's House MC, Chris Tabb.

Doors at Buzzards Play Productions open at **8 p.m. Show starts at 9. Tickets are \$14**. Ages 18+ welcome and 21+ for the cash bar. For information and reservations text or call 508-942-3917 or e-mail: caroleescomedycorner@gmail.com

Golf Tourney

12th Annual Monsignor Thomas J. Harrington Open Golf Tournament. HF-HN School will hold its 12th Annual Open Golf Tournament on **Sun., 9/25, at Allendale Country Club, Dartmouth. Registration: 11:30 a.m. Shotgun: 1 p.m. Format: Scramble**

Registration Fee: \$150/per golfer. Includes 18 holes with cart/golfer gifts/dinner/awards and more!

A great day of golf with friends for a great cause!

For details and to register on line

www.hfhn.org/golf2015

Proceeds will help to support the Education and Technology needs of the students at Holy Family Holy Name School. HFHN School is a non-profit Elementary School offering a quality Catholic education

Quilt Weekend

Textile Weekend at Old Sturbridge Village Celebrates the Art of Quilting, August 20-21. Old Sturbridge Village celebrates "Textile Weekend" every year, diving deep into a different aspect of 19th century textiles with each annual event. This years theme is quilts. Visitors will have the opportunity to view exquisite handmade artifact and reproduction quilts, and quilted items such as petticoats, hoods, pockets, and bed quilts.

This event is a great opportunity to learn the history of quilts, quilt making, and perhaps be inspired to incorporate antique quilt designs in modern projects!

For a complete schedule and details, visit www.osv.org, or call 800-SEE-1830 (733-1830).

Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots for qualified residents are now available at the Acushnet Town Clerk's Office for the State Primary Election, which will be held, Thursday, September 8th. Qualified residents eligible for an absentee ballot application include the following:

- Those who will be absent from Acushnet during the voting hours of 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. the day of the election.
- Those who have a physical disability which prevents them from going to the polls.
- Those who have religious beliefs which prevent them from voting the day of the election.

Absentee ballot applications can be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office: Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and every Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Please call the Town Clerk, Pamela Labonte at 508-998-0215 with any questions.

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Recipe of the Week

Chicken Cordon Bleu and Rice Casserole

- 2 small carrots, shredded (1 cup)
- 2 tbsp butter or margarine
- 2 pkgs (6 oz each) fast-cooking chicken and wild rice mix
- 4 cups boiling water
- 8 boneless skinless chicken breasts (about 2 1/2 lb)
- 4 slices (1/8 inch thick) cooked ham, cut in half
- 4 slices (1 oz each) Swiss cheese, cut in half

Heat oven to 350°. Spray 13x9-inch (2-quart) glass baking dish with cooking spray.

In baking dish, stir together carrots, butter and rice mix and water. Arrange chicken on rice mixture. Top each breast with ham.

Cover tightly with foil; bake 55 to 60 minutes or until liquid is absorbed and juice of chicken is clear when center of thickest part is cut (170°F).

Place cheese on ham. Bake uncovered 3 to 4 minutes longer or until cheese is melted.

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Selectboard hears about Serve-A-Thon

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard heard about plans for the annual Serve-A-Thon in September that will benefit the Salvation Army and Mobile Loaves and Fishes. The work done will benefit the town of Fairhaven, too.

To participate in the Serve-A-Thon, volunteers get donors to sponsor them to do work at various non-profits and on projects that benefit local communities.

In Fairhaven last year, volunteers spruced up the Veterans Memorial on Route 6. This year, work is slated for Cooke Memorial Park.

Steven Bouley told the board he will meet with the Beautification Committee and other town boards to coordinate the effort.

"We're going to provide the labor force," said Mr. Bouley.

He told the board that some volunteers will work at a farm in Dartmouth, some will be painting, and one person is jumping out of a plane.

This year, the event is also holding a bicycle ride from Cooke Memorial Park to Plymouth, called the Pilgrim Ride, on the same day. The 70-mile ride will leave from Cooke park at 8 a.m.

Cooke Memorial Park is the site of a memorial for John Cooke, who was 14 when he arrived aboard the Mayflower with his father Francis Cooke. John Cooke was the only one of the original Pilgrims to actually live in Fairhaven, which was the Dartmouth Township at the time.

When he died in 1695, he was the last male passenger of the Mayflower.

"How awesome we are in this geography," said Mr. Bouley, calling this area the "cradle of religious freedom in the new world."

He encouraged people to volunteer at the Serve-A-Thon, and to join the bike ride. He said riders can sponsor themselves.

"It's exciting to see the community come alive in a cooperative way," said Mr. Bouley. "It's not a competitive thing. It's exciting. It's exciting."

Board members expressed their support for the program, with board member Bob Espindola indicating, he may even go on the bike ride.

For more information and participation packets, visit www.Lift-in-Love.org, find them on Facebook, or call Major BethEllen Parkhurst at 508 997-6561, or Steve Bouley at 508-264-8211. The group meets regularly at the Salvation Army office, 619 Purchase Street, New Bedford.

On September 10, volunteers will be at Cooke Memorial Park from 9 a.m. to noon. There are also Serve-A-Thon service locations in Acushnet, Dartmouth and New Bedford.

The Salvation Army is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church that has provided support for people in need for 130 years. Nearly 30 million Americans receive assistance from the Salvation Army every year, according to their website.

Mobile Loaves and Fishes provides meals, clothing, hygiene products, and other life-sustaining items to homeless people in New Bedford. They operate locally out of St. Paul's Church in New Bedford, and estimate serving 50,000 meals a year. Call for truck locations 508-993-0614

Visit <http://www.lift-in-love.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Serve-a-thon-Brochure.pdf> for more info.

For more information on the bike ride visit <http://www.lift-in-love.org/2016/06/25/the-pilgrim-ride/>

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Sun., 8/21: Truee, 37 p.m.
Fri., 8/26: Relics, 8–M
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Crowd gathers for Rogers Bell removal, and ringing, too

By Beth David

Editor

Fairhaven residents turned out by the scores in the scorching heat on Saturday to witness the removal of the bell from the Rogers School building, and to get a chance to ring it.

The Fairhaven Bell Committee got the help of the A#1 Crane Company and Keith Silvia Custom Home Builder & Home Improvement, with materials donated by Fairhaven Lumber, and a lot of other volunteers, who all donated their time and expertise.

The bell was removed because the cradle is rotting out. Committee members said they were afraid it would fall off and get damaged. The committee is hoping to raise the money to restore the cradle and possibly return the bell, depending on the final fate of the school.

The town has tried to sell the building and is now going to hire a consultant to recommend possible uses for the building.

A gift of town benefactor Henry Huttleston Rogers, the building sits in the center of town and served as an elementary school for 128 years before closing in 2013.

Eve, Christian, Jacob, Nathan and Alexandria waited patiently as the riggers got things ready to remove the bell. Most of them had attended the Rogers School and now attend Fairhaven High School.

Nathan said he never went up to the bell tower, but he did get to ring the bell sometimes.

"It's sad that it's not open anymore," said Eve.

"I kind of wish they had protected it, and renovated it, instead of closing it," said Christian.

"It's shame," said Nathan.

Thirteen-year-old Shane had a practical view of the whole event.

"I guess it's okay, so the bell doesn't...fall through and break stuff in the school," he said.

Shane's younger sister Haylie, 8, said she wanted to watch the bell come down and have her picture taken with it.

Long-time friends and former schoolmates Sonja Jacobsen, Carol Backus and Polly Hood used the occasion to reminisce about their time at the school.

They attended in the 1950s, and remember that the third floor was condemned at some point and some

students had to go to the Boys & Girls Club in New Bedford.

A little bit of back-and-forth among the friends and some others in the crowd followed as they tried to pin down the exact year that happened.

With lots of "you didn't go to the Boys and Girls Club, but I did...." etc.

They did all agree that they went to school in shifts, 7 a.m. to noon and noon to....well, sometime in the afternoon.

They also remember going home for lunch.

"I used to walk up the block to school, then walk back for lunch, and then walk back again," said Ms. Backus.

My heart is broken, for
the simple reason that
they closed the school
[Doris Blanchard]

She remembered climbing down the banks of the "gully" that the railroad tracks sat in to cross over to go home. That would be where the bick path is now.

She could have gone around, but...
"There's a lot of memories here," said Ms. Backus.

The riggers rang the bell 12 times

before hauling it out of the opening.

Then everyone watched as the bell got carefully lifted by the crane and then was suspended a couple of feet off the ground so people could ring it.

Unlike the Oxford Bell, the Rogers Bell still had its clapper in. So Committee members just tied rope to it and let people have at it.

Little Alleah Costa, however, just a toddler, gave that old rope a pull with a big smile on her face; then promptly started crying at the loud noise it made.

Not so for Doris Blanchard who was the first person to ring the bell.

Selectboard chair Charles Murphy was slated to go first, but gave up his spot for the 92-year-old, who was duly mortified at the attention.

"Embarrassed," said Ms. Blanchard when asked how it felt to be the first to ring the bell. "That never should have happened."

She said she worked in the Selectboard office for 20 years and volunteered at the Council on Aging and Our Lady's Haven.

"My heart is broken, for the simple reason that they closed the school," said Ms. Blanchard, whose children attended the school. "I just had to ring the bell."

She waited from 9:30 in the morning for the privilege, drinking her water and waiting patiently.

Her daughter Linda Blanchard said it was fitting that her mother rang the

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Doris Blanchard, 92, is the first to ring the Rogers School bell that was removed on Saturday, 8/13, because the cradle is corroded. Her son and daughter, Bruce and Linda, cheer her on. Photo by Beth David.

Picnic on lawn creates elegant dining in the center

By Beth David
Editor

The lawn of the Unitarian Memorial Church in Fairhaven is quite elegant in its own right, with the magnificent church in the background and the strikingly beautiful canopy trees.

But on Saturday, 8/13, an added touch of elegance complemented the beautiful locale on Walnut Street in the center of Fairhaven.

The third annual Picnic on the Lawn took over the space, with tables all decked out in white and humans all decked out in white, too. The requirement to wear white and decorate with white creates a special photogenic visual.

The event, inspired by "Diner en Blanc, which started in Paris more than 25 years ago, is a chance for friends to get together, have fun, and share a meal together.

The Fairhaven event is underwritten by Howe Allen Realty, with Tim Evans as the main organizer. Instead of individual tickets, people buy a whole table and invite their friends and relatives to join them.

This year, organizers held a contest for the best-decorated table. Mr. Evans said that at the first two picnics, he and Howe were delighted and surprised at how well people rose to the occasion with so little direction on decorating.

"They just knew what to do," said

Mr. Evans, as he exceeded on Saturday.

So, this year, they decided to reward the effort. Winners of the table decoration were Tom and Michelle Crotty. They won bragging rights.

According to Mr. Evans, "Their response to winning was most exuberant."

Mr. Evans told the crowd that he and his husband Howe love living in Fairhaven.

"We love this community, we love all of you. Thank you," said Mr. Evans, adding that they also love "talking part in unique events that enrich where we live."

Barbara Gracia got a table, and invited her sister, Jane Kilmer, to join her.

"I'm her date," said Ms. Kilmer, who was attending her first Picnic on the Lawn. "I'm delighted to be here."

She joked that her sister was bringing her into "Fairhaven high society."



ABOVE, L-R: Barbara Gracia, Vanessa Gralton, Jane Kilmer, take a moment to pose for the local free sheet at the third annual Picnic on the Lawn in Fairhaven on Saturday, 8/13. BELOW: The event was inspired by "Diner en Blanc," which started in Paris more than 25 years ago. It is a fun even for friends to get together to share a meal. Everyone is required to wear white, the table lines are white, to create a photogenic effect. Photos by Beth David. See page 18.

"I think it's wonderful, warm, very accepting, she said. "It makes you feel comfortable with a gang of people."

"I love it," said Ms. Gracia. "It brings the community together. It's pretty classy."

Jimmy Tavares, who had a warm and fuzzy mini-reunion with Ms. Gracia, echoed her comments.

"I love this event," said Mr. Tavares. "I think it's very classy, beautiful."

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Come with us as we head to Kittery Maine for a chance to fill your Christmas list. The bus will leave the Rec. Center at 7am and return at 7:30pm. Light refreshments will be available in the morning. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Date: October 15th Cost \$30.00

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Fort Phoenix beach has 2 new water/sand wheelchairs that are equipped with flotation devices. They can be loaned at the Building located on the grounds of Fort Phoenix.

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Mah Jongg for Beginners

This six-week program is for those interested in learning the basics of Mahjong. Classes start on Mon., Sept. 12 from 1-2:30 p.m. and will be held at the Fairhaven Senior Center. Join us for fun and gain a basic understanding of the game's fundamental components, including tiles, rules and playing strategy. Our teacher, Barbara Bishop, has been playing "Mahj" for 4 years. Cost: \$35 includes the playing card. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center to sign up at 508-979-4029. Classes are limited to 6.

Osteoporosis Classes

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SAVE THE DATE

A butterfly release to benefit Southcoast VNA's, Supportive Care Services Saturday, September 10th 2016, Purchase your butterflies today at WWW.southcoastvna.org At: The Fairhaven Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Ave. Fairhaven, Mass. For more info call 508-973-3470 or [SCVNA Community Affairs@southcoast.org](mailto:SCVNACommunityAffairs@southcoast.org)

Computer Solitaire

Come and meet Jim in September, Thursdays. Jim will be teaching computer solitaire at the Fairhaven COA. If you enjoy solitaire, this is an easy fun way to do it. The computer is always there and free to use. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 to sign up

Computer Games

Fairhaven Lion Bill Kligel assembled all components needed for a working computer donated to The Fairhaven Senior Center for use by Fairhaven Seniors. The computer is loaded with software for games, brain teasers, sign language, etc. Thanks to Bill Kligel for his time and knowledge, and caring.

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Acushnet Selectboard finalizes short warrant for STM

By Pattie Pacella

Neighb News Correspondent

At a meeting on Wednesday, 8/10, the Acushnet Selectboard discussed the details of the warrant for the special Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 8/30 at 7 p.m. at Ford Middle School. The Selectboard reviewed town counsel's remarks on the articles.

Activists with Southcoast Neighbors United (SCNU) forced the town meeting by gathering the required signatures. The group wants the town to go on record against the proposed expansion of the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility on Peckham Road.

Selectboard Chair Garry Rawcliffe said that town counsel stated that it was a non-binding article. Mr. Rawcliffe said that any vote taken regarding the LNG Project through the article would reflect the opinions of the people that were at the special town meeting.

The article directs all elected and appointed town officials to "state their opposition" to the project, and to use "all authority vest in them" to fight the project. It also includes some specific actions for officials to take, such as filing their opposition with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The second article on the warrant was recommended by Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher, the chairperson of the LNG Committee.

The nine-page by-law will require a "permit for operation of" the new, expanded facility.

Mr. Rawcliffe read from the town's attorney that the by-law could be discussed and voted on.

If passed, the lengthy by-law would require safety precautions, emergency response training programs, and detailed requirements for employees and emergency response equipment.

Mr. Rawcliffe said there had been a

third article put forward by the Town Administrator Screening Committee asking for a charter change or bylaw change to have a waiver in place if the potentially new town administrator would be able to also work elsewhere if he took the Town Administrator position.

Mr. Rawcliffe stated that the town's attorney stated that there were different ways to get a charter changed and he did not feel the article should be voted on at the upcoming STM.

Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar said he wanted to know if all the screening committee members agreed to create the by-law change or

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[Kevin Gaspar]

if it was just the person who signed the letter.

"I don't think it's fair to the taxpayers to put a town administrator in place for \$100,000 plus and have him still be able to work somewhere else," said Mr. Gaspar. "I wouldn't agree to that."

He said he would rather have the committee go before them to discuss exactly what they want to change in the charter regarding the potentially new administrator.

In other business, the Selectboard

read a letter from Kopeman & Page, the town's law firm, stating they will be representing the City of New Bedford regarding the LNG, Access Northeast project and wanted to advise that if the town of Acushnet and City of New Bedford become adverse to each other regarding the project they may have to provide limited services to either client.

"K&P are our town attorneys and now if they take on the city as their client and we don't agree with the city, what happens then," asked Mr. Gaspar.

He said it could end up costing the taxpayers more money if there was a conflict and then they had to potentially get another attorney. Mr. Gaspar suggested there be more clarification.

He said that he would actually like to see them put a stipulation in place with New Bedford that if there were any conflict they would drop New Bedford as a client, regarding the LNG project, because they are in fact Acushnet's town counsel.

The Selectboard also met with Dan Menard of the Department of Public Works, who went over the trash barrel situation. Mr. Menard said there were approximately 15-20 residents who wanted an additional barrel.

Selectboard members stated that it would cost those residents or any resident who wanted a second barrel \$65 for the each barrel, plus \$65 for tonnage for the year.

Mr. Menard agreed, stating that he would like his office to be able to keep track to invoice the tonnage every year. The Selectboard agreed.

Finally, the Selectboard motioned that for the September 8th election the polls places would be the Council on Aging building for precincts 1 and 3; and the Acushnet Grange for precinct 2.♦♦♦

Acushnet car cruise will be 8/25



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He added that he was happy to be able to support the Historical Society, and loved seeing his friends and clients, including Ms. Gracia.

"She's a gracious friend,," said Mr. Tavares.

At the Nugent table, Barbara Wallace was getting a little extra attention. The 90-year-old just had a poem accepted for publication in an anthology, her third.

She started writing when she was 80, said her daughter Debra Wallace, and got her first poem published when she was 82.

Debra traveled from Newton to be part of the event, saying she would travel for hours to go.

"You meet such wonderful people," she said.

At the self-proclaimed "Irish Table," Sinead Glynn, Hal and Paul

Chaisson, and Irish guest Audrey Kirwan (Sinead's sister), said they "brought the Irish" to the lawn."

Ms. Kirwan, who was visiting from Ireland, said she loved the town, calling it "quaint."

Gail Isaksen said she thought it was a "great event."

"It adds a little class to Fairhaven," said Ms. Isaksen. "It's a very classy thing to do and anybody can come."



LEFT, L-R: Susan Haskill and Geneva Woodruff make their way to their table at the third annual Picnic on the Lawn in Fairhaven on Saturday, 8/13. RIGHT: The Nugent table. *Photos by Beth David.*

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Who makes the magic?

By Beth David

"Get away from those trees," yelled Mark's dad. "I told you, you're not digging up the lawn to look for gnomes."

"I know, I know," Mark answered.

He wanted to dig up the gnome trees, though, to see if gnomes really existed. Gnomes build their homes under two oak trees planted near each other. One tree is the entrance, the other is the house.

Mark's mother acted positively mortified, hysterical really, that her little boy would want to ruin gnome homes.

But Mark didn't want to ruin their homes. He wanted to contact them and tell them that the Waters family needed help this year.

The gnomes on Nikommo Island often helped families in need.

Mark wanted to tell them that they needed stuff, Christmas stuff. It was Thanksgiving Day and things were looking pretty glum.

Granddad Waters, who used to live on the island, simply said, "You don't contact gnomes, they contact you."

Mark's know-it-all snooty cousin said only fools believed in gnomes and he didn't even know the difference between a pookwudgie and a fairy.

So Mark plotted and planned for a way to contact the gnomes.

Meanwhile, he helped Miss Adamack in her yard, shoveling snow and fixing her

fairy houses.

Finally, he confided in the very theatrical, eccentric old lady.

He found that she, too, believed in gnomes and fairies and all the Little People of the island.

But before he could hatch a plan to contact the gnomes, Miss Adamack had an "episode" and ended up in the hospital.

At first, all Mark could think of was how she could not help him contact the gnomes. Then his little sister Polly got all emotional and weepy and worried about Miss Adamack because she was sick.

Mark felt like a heel.

He changed his mind, and decided to take back is note asking for stuff.

But, before he could do that, he found a little vial of potion right in his secret spot.

Mark could hardly contain himself until the next day. And then, it was a snow day. Gnome magic all the way around.

He made Miss Adamack drink the potion in her hot chocolate, and in no time at all she was singing and wearing her colorful clothes and baking cookies.

What he didn't understand, though, was how the gnomes knew. His note had asked for a bike and a board game, not a potion.

"You don't have to say things out loud for gnomes to hear them," Miss Adamack

told Mark.

"Oh. I don't think I like that."

"No one does," she said. "But if you know that someone is hearing your thoughts, maybe it will make you think better thoughts."

And with that, they wrote down their whole story in the big black book of stories about the Little People on Nikommo Island.

Who Makes the Magic, \$1.49, is a 9,600-word short story available for Kindles, Nooks and other e-book readers. It includes a 2,570-word bedtime version. Visit www.Zorena.com for links to buy.



In a rare painting, three Woodland Gnomes, probably from different clans, stop for a visit by an old oak tree on Nikommo Island. The painting was found in the attic of an eccentric artist who had lived on Nikommo Island for many years.

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bell first, even if she didn't think so.

"It was an ordinary person ringing and ordinary bell, and it was extraordinary," said Linda.

"I couldn't believe that Charlie Murphy didn't ring the bell first," said Doris.

Marie Sylvia also got a chance to ring the bell, saying that the janitor used to let her ring it back when she attended the school.

"It's the first time in 60 years," she said.

The 980-pound bell was cast by

William Blake & Co., formerly Henry N. Hooper & Co. of Boston. It was dedicated on September 3, 1885, according to an article in the Fairhaven Star. It will be in a secure location until the cradle can be repaired.

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Little Alleah Costa gets some help from her mother Sheryl to ring the bell, however, the resulting loud noise took the toddler by surprise. Photos by Beth David.



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From our readers

Thanks to Carol Murchie

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and respect to our former tree warden Carol Murchie for an informative and enlightening letter concerning the removal of the trees on Green Street.

I can only say that I wish that she was still our Tree Warden. One can readily see she has a passion for trees and a great depth of knowledge of them together with legal issues concerning them.

For my part I can claim that I have a love for trees. I believe that they are just another demonstration of just how great our God is when you consider that a mighty Oak starts from an acorn.

At this point I readily agree that we do need to be cutting down some. I was a former owner of a 140-acre woodlot in Vermont and selective cut many, which brings me to this point. I have walked down Green Street and looked over each tree which was tagged. For the most part they are decayed and diseased and should be cut down.

However there are two I strongly take issue with, one being a large ash on the corner of Union and Green in

front of Memorial Church Park, a gift of Lady Fairhaven; another a large, I believe, pin oak just south of South Street.

These are healthy trees and I believe that they are irreplaceable. Once cut down they will never be replaced. They provide a great deal of shade which we all can appreciate during this hot summer and the oxygen which we need to live

John Pond, Fairhaven

Bell Committee Says "Thank You"

The Town of Fairhaven Bell Committee wishes thank everyone who attended the Rogers Bell Removal. It certainly was a long, hot, sticky day, but in the end, it was certainly fun watching those little kids (and big kids alike) ringing the bell, taking pictures and seeing the smiles on their faces.

Many memories were created that day, and especially for those like Doris Blanchard, a 92 year old lady who went to Rogers School. Getting a chance to ring the historic bell again was truly amazing!

This is what it is all about... allowing people to see and touch history while thinking of the future

and to reconnect with their personal memories of long ago.

A special "thank you" to Patrick Carr, Jerry Bettencourt and the crew of A#1 Crane Company, who provided all services. We certainly appreciate their perseverance in the hot weather while safely and delicately removing this precious piece of our Town's history.

Thank you to Keith Silvia and Daniel Silvia for building the crate to store the historic bell until its restoration, with wood supplied by Fairhaven Lumber.

Thank you to the *Fairhaven Neighborhood News*, *Standard Times* and *The Advocate* for taking pictures to document the event in timeless photos. Thanks also to the hundreds of Town residents who lined Chestnut Street to witness the event first hand.

The Members of the Bell Committee's desire was to remove the Rogers School Bell with respectful dignity while providing an enjoyable occasion for residents to gather and share memories in their beautiful historic Town of Fairhaven.

Sincerest Thanks,

*The members of the
Town's Bell Committee*

West Nile Virus found in Fairhaven mosquitoes

Positive West Nile Virus (WNV) mosquitoes have been found in a mosquito trap in Fairhaven.

"This is not unusual for our summer," said Fairhaven Health Agent Pat Fowle in an email, but it is a good time to re-enforce that there are things we should all do.

WNV activity continues to expand across our area. Above average temperatures and localized precipitation events continue to produce mosquito populations among species most likely to spread WNV (*Culex*

species). August and early September is the peak period for WNV human transmission.

To avoid mosquito bites:

- Schedule outdoor events to avoid the hours between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active
- Pick a repellent with an EPA-approved active ingredient
- Use long sleeves to cover up when possible
- Repair screens
- Remove standing water around your house to help reduce

mosquito populations. Turn over wading pools and wheelbarrows, change birdbath water every few days, keep swimming pools clean

- Teach children to be aware of mosquito activity and avoid it

For more information on WNV and mosquito control techniques visit www.mass.gov/dph/mosquito or call the Fairhaven Board of Health at 508-979-4022, ext 125.

For mosquito spraying of your property call Bristol County Mosquito Control at 508-823-5253

Public Hearings/ Legal Notices

Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petition(s)

NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Petitioner: Eric Trudeau, RE: 49 Narragansett Boulevard, Plot 30A, Lot 257-271; Book 100 and Page 4. 198-16 Livestock raising under 5 acres requires Special Permit — Chickens.
2. Petitioner: Denise DeCosta, RE: 1 Welcome Street, Plot 31B, Lot 266; Book 1855 and Page 921. 198-16: Animal Kennel or Hospital not allowed in an RA District.
3. Petitioner: Shawn Nocon, RE: 35 Middle Street, Plot 9, Lot 72; Book 3744 and Page 198. 198-23 Special Permit required for a Home Occupation as a painting

contractor.

4. Petitioner: Wayne & Debra St. Pierre, RE: 30 Green Street, Plot 3, Lot 17; Book 1927 and Page 725. 198-18: Short 17' of required 20' front setback within an RA District.
5. Petitioner: Jay Simmons, RE: 14 Oxford Street, Plot 13, Lot 3; Book 10900 and Page 157. 198-22 A-1: Accessory Structures over 2,180 sq. ft. of allowed 700 sq. ft.
6. Petitioner: V-Corp, LLC, RE: Charity Stevens Lane, Plot 40, Lot 14; Book 1189 and Page 260. 198-28-G Special Permit required for construction of a single-family home within the Nasketucket River Basin.
7. Petitioner: Oliveira Investment, Inc., RE: 35 Welcome Street, Plot 31B, Lot 14; Book 8902 and Page 169. 198-28-G: Special Permit required for construction of single-family home within the

Nasketucket River Basin.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman

Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on September 12, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the Fairhaven Town Hall. Purpose is for the Request for Determination of the following matters as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Request for Determination Applicant Mary Ann Rob Location 11 Moravia Ave Plot 29A Lot 83 Purpose extend shed 6' within a VE flood zone and within the 100' buffer zone to BVW

Jay Simmons, Chairman

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Board of Public Works

Mon., 8/29, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 9/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 8/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 8/24, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 8/29, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Housing Authority

Wed., 8/31, Gomes Comm. Ctr., 9 a.

Special Town Meeting

Tues., 8/30, Ford MS, 7 p.m.

Old Colony Sch Dist. Comm

Wed., 8/31, ORR Library, 6 p.m.

VOTER REGISTRATION D/L

Last day to register to vote in the September primary is Tues., 8/30. See the town clerk.

TIDE TABLE

US Army Corps of Engineers, Cape Cod Canal/Wing's Neck

	AUG. 2016	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	18	0831	2052	0140	1354*
Friday	19	0917	2139	0226*	1446*
Saturday	20	1005	2226	0314*	1537*
Sunday	21	1053	2315	0359*	1625*
Monday	22	1145	----	0443*	1712*
Tuesday	23	0009	1241	0528*	1804
Wednesday	24	0108	1341	0621*	1913
Thursday	25	0208	1440	0729	2040
Friday	26	0307	1540	0845	2249
Saturday	27	0410	1646	1008	----
Sunday	28	0519	1749	0008	1209
Monday	29	0617	1841	0101	1305

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

You have to accept whatever comes and the only important thing is that you meet it with courage and with the best that you have to give.

Eleanor Roosevelt

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bill, which was not seconded.

Mr. Wotton informed Mr. Budryk that Roto-Rooter does not have permission to go into the town's public lines. Mr. Wotton then questioned how much the bill would have been had the town billed Mr. Budryk for the town employees, which was \$220.

Mr. Wotton suggested if they subtract the \$220 bill that Mr. Budryk was not billed for it would be \$209. Mr. Wotton then suggested they split the difference of the \$209, which would be \$104.50.

Mr. Wotton made a motion to reimburse Mr. Budryk \$104.50, which was seconded and agreed upon by everyone except Mr. Hobson.

"You can keep 104 dollars and I will go to the small claims court," said Mr. Budryk.

Mr. Ristuccia said, "Still to this minute I am not convinced that the roots weren't in your pipe."

Mr. Ristuccia said because Mr. Budryk's private line was a clay pipe, he thought it was more likely that the clay pipe was clogged not the town pipe.

Mr. Budryk stood up from his chair and yelled, "Do you think I would lie?"

Mr. Wotton said he would have no problem reimbursing the whole bill if Mr. Budryk had just waited the hour for the town to show up because if Mr. Budryk waited, the sewer employees would have been able to see the roots for themselves.

Mr. Budryk quickly retreated out of the room stating he would be going to a judge.

In another matter the board discussed Gary Lavalette's presence at Fort Phoenix. Mr. Lavalette is a volunteer caretaker at the fort.

Mr. Wotton explained that Mr.

Lavalette was at Fort Phoenix last week and took his truck up near the cannons to pick up trash, and a police officer told Mr. Lavalette that he could not be there with his truck.

Mr. Lavalette wanted permission to be there with his truck to pick up trash and take care of the fort.

Mr. Hobson said, "I can appreciate what he is doing."

He said there should be certain hours he should be allowed there with his truck.

Both Kathy Sturtevant and Mr. Wotton commended Mr. Lavalette for doing a good job at the fort, and said if he did not do it no one would.

Mr. Ristuccia suggested that they give Mr. Lavalette permission for the next six months and then he must come back and renew.

Mr. Wotton made a motion to give Mr. Lavalette a letter to allow him access to the fort from sunrise to sunset for working with his truck.

Ms. Sturtevant seconded; all agreed except for Mr. Hobson, who made a motion for Mr. Lavalette to be allowed from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., which was not seconded.

"If something happens I'm going to say 'I told you so.'" said Mr. Hobson.

Mr. Ristuccia said, "Let's take the risk for a few months."

The topic of Fort Phoenix continued with the issues concerning the new video game Pokemon Go. Mr. Ristuccia said he had received a lot of complaints from people who live near the Fort who say players have been parking in front of their houses and walking on their lawns.

Mr. Furtado said he has also received emails about the parking, as well as the noise coming from the fort late at night and people drinking and smoking pot.

Mr. Furtado said that they have started picking up trash more often, tripled the number of trash barrels, and have a strong police presence, but there has still been thousands of dollars in damage to the cannons.

Mr. Furtado also stated that the Selectboard was having a meeting at the same time as the BPW meeting, so they would wait to see what the Selectboard decided.

Mr. Hobson questioned why the Selectboard was making the decisions and not the BPW.

"The Selectboard owns the parks and we maintain them," said Mr. Furtado.

"A lot of people didn't even know about the Fort," said Mr. Hobson. "It's amazing when I go down there. They are starting to enjoy the place now."

"I just don't think it is necessary at night," said Mr. Furtado.

"The meeting with the Selectboard tonight will make a decision," said Mr. Ristuccia.

Before the meeting was adjourned Mr. Hobson brought up Ms. Sturtevant's previous request for a revoke of her request to participate in meetings remotely.

Mr. Hobson asked when they would be voting on it, but because board member Jarrod Lussier was not at the meeting, the vote would have to wait.

The next meeting will be on 8/29.

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