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Veterans Day parade braves the cold temps



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Veterans of the United States Marine Corps march along Main Street in Fairhaven on Veterans Day, 11/11/17. The 25-degree temperatures may have deterred some spectators along the route, but hundreds were on hand at Fairhaven High School for the raising of the big flag and a ceremony that included the firing of muskets and the small cannon by the Fairhaven Village Militia. See page 12 for story. *Photo by Beth David.*

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Thanksgiving is coming! And that means next week is our annual shopping issue. If you have a business anywhere around here, you'll want to be in that issue. See page 22 for details.

"Fight like a Premie!" How's that for a rallying cry? Our own Pattie Pacella gives her insight into raising a child who was a micro-preemie. I don't think I ever thought of it quite that way, but it's a great sentiment. Little Grace started out fighting for every breath. Now she's full of smiles and fist-bumps. See page 3 for a little more of her story.

This weekend the Christmas bazaars and other holiday festivities begin in earnest. The food pantries are in full Thanksgiving mode. And the Fairhaven Turkey Trot is scheduled for the crack of dawn on Thanksgiving Day (no, I won't be there, I don't DO 8 a.m.) Check out page 5 for details. We'll be getting the paper out a day early next week (I think...I hope...that's the plan, anyway), but just in case...the details are in this week's issue.

We have lots of news on Veterans Day events in this week's issue, including our cover story (see page 12), flag raisings and luncheon (page 13), and school events (page 7).

It was pretty cold out there at the start of the parade, but that didn't stop a bunch of people from coming out to show support for veterans. I hope you had a chance to go by the high school and see the big flag on the pole. It truly is a spectacular sight.

We have some meeting coverage for you this week, including BPW (page 22) and ZBA on page 4.

The Housing Authority is back in the news (see page 6). This time for a spruced up parking lot.

Oh, and Manny Souza's daughter...you know Manny, of Ole Oxford Haunt fame....Melissa, is participating in the Miss Teen pageant. She's looking for sponsors, so take a look on page 19 and see if you can help her out.

On page 20 you'll find a story on how kids are hiding drugs from their parents, only we had to keep it vague because we didn't want them to know that we know how they are hiding stuff. Pretty clever, though. So if you have a chance to see the presentation, you should definitely take advantage of it.

And don't forget, as you zip around the pages, to be sure and notice who our advertisers are. Let them know you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Until next week then...see ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our story on the newly installed solar panels at the Fairhaven Housing Authority in last week's issue, we made a mistake in explaining net metering. It should have read: "When the system produces more energy than is needed at any given time, the meter runs backwards and creates

electricity credits that the FHA can draw on when needed. When the array is not producing enough power for the facility, the meter will switch directions."

We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

In honor of World Prematurity Day: Fight like a Premie!

By Pattie Pacella

Special to the Neighb News

Did you know that there are more than 15 million babies born premature around the world every year? Medically, the term "premature" refers to a baby being born less than 37 weeks. Premature babies are most often referred to as preemies.

In some cases, there is a term, micro-preemies. A micro preemie is a baby who is born weighing less than 1 pound, 12 ounces (800 grams) or before 26 weeks gestation. Premature babies may have more medically complex issues and most have to spend time in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

November 17th, is World Prematurity Day. For moms and dads of premature babies, it is a day of reflection and memories. It is a day that we remember our own premature babies, or in our case, micro preemie babies and see how far they have truly come from those first very fearful days in the NICU.

For my family, we are somewhat saddened by our NICU and pre-

maturity experience, but six years later, we are also humble and count our blessings daily.

Our daughter, Grace is a former micro preemie. Born at 27 weeks, 3 days, along with her brother, Maxwell, twin A and B were born at 1 lb. 12 ounces. (Maxwell passed at four days old.)

Grace is a light brown curly haired

makes her needs and wants known through sign language. She loves girly things: painted nails, jewelry, and sparkles. Yes, she is your typical little girl. She has a smile and laugh that brightens up everyone's day who comes in contact with her.

Not so typical, because of her prematurity she has had to learn how to eat and swallow. She currently gets her nutrition through her gtube (feeding through her belly).

Every day is a new experience with and for Grace.

She is motivated by other children and her peers at EFS. Not so typical, she uses a walker at school to walk around, and does an awesome job holding our hands to walk too.

Prematurity is not something that any Mom or Dad wants for their baby, but it happens and as parents you learn to appreciate the smallest milestone that comes with it.

She started out at 11lb, she is now nearly 40 lbs. She had a medically complex background as an infant, but now she is a thriving six-year-old.

For moms of premature babies there can be a lot of guilt and anxiety around the birth of our children. For me, I have had an on-line women support group in the last six years. It's not a club I asked to be in, but I wouldn't have it any other way. Grace has a very strong spirit.

Thank you for allowing me to introduce you to my 1 lb. 12 oz Micro-Premie, Grace!

So, on November 17th, say a prayer, hug your child and relish in all their accomplishments, even the very small ones. If nothing else, remember, "When life kicks you down, Fight like a Premie!"

...

When life kicks
you down,
Fight like a Premie!

vibrant, strong, and happy six-year-old who now attends school at East Fairhaven Elementary.

Grace spent 125 days in the NICU at Maine Medical (another story for another time), and was discharged

with a few medical complexities; but to look at her today, one would never know how much she has encountered and dealt with in her little life.

At this time, Grace is non-verbal with the constant sound of "hi" and "mama." She can speak sign language and

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ZBA continues apartment project again; denies chickens

By Beth David
Editor

At its meeting on 11/7, the Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals continued yet again, the proposed eight-unit building project for the former site of Dan Good Auto Sales, 294 Huttleston Avenue, which burned down in 2006. The owners of the property, Robert and Judith Tubbs, have been trying to get permission to build a two-building eight-unit residential complex on the site. The petition has been before the ZBA at least three times since 8/1.

The proposal has been scaled back somewhat, but not enough to persuade neighbors, who have attended every meeting since it has been on the agenda.

The variances required for the project include short 70 feet of the 200 feet required frontage, short 72,233 sf of the required 100,000 sf, short 5' of required 50-foot setback, short 42,233 sf of required 70,000 sf of contiguous upland, and 19% over maximum lot coverage.

Ms. Tubbs told the board that some of those numbers have

changed, but without specific plans, the board was not accepting the assumption.

Tensions between the board and Town Planner and Economic Development Director Bill Roth also became obvious, with ZBA Chairperson Peter DeTerra asking in a raised voice if Mr. Roth was advocating for the Tubbses, or representing the town.

At issue is the disagreement between Mr. Roth and Building Inspector and enforcement agent Wayne Fostin over the interpretation of some of the rules.

The matter had been delayed for Town Counsel to give an opinion. Mr. Crotty said in a letter that the matter did belong in front of the ZBA and that the lot was not "grandfathered" in, or protected from some setback changes made by bylaws changes.

Mr. Roth said he was trying to clarify that there were several issues and Mr. Crotty was talking about one issue.

The property was rezoned by Town Meeting last year to multi-family residential, which has different setbacks from a commercial lot,

causing more confusion.

"I'm representing myself and the town," said Mr. Roth.

"It's your personal opinion," said Mr. DeTerra, noting that Mr. Fostin disagreed. "What's going on here?"

Mr. Roth said that if the board did not allow the project due to the setbacks it would be the same as a "taking."

Ms. Tubbs, for her part, again noted that if necessary, she would simply file a 40B project, which is a state law that allows a project to bypass zoning if the project is for low-income housing.

She said she would not have agreed to the zoning change if she knew it was going to make her lot unusable.

ZBA member Joseph Borelli said it was not unusable, it was just too small to put eight units on. He called the shortages "horrendous."

There was also some discussion on whether or not the ZBA had the authority to vote on the density, setbacks, and other variances.

"But that's what we vote on," said

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Holiday Bazaar

St. Joseph School will be holding its annual holiday bazaar on **Sat., 11/18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the school, 100 Spring St., Fairhaven.** Featuring raffles, bake sale, yard sale, vendors, kids' holiday shop, kids' activities and games, entertainment. Full menu by Two Sisters food truck.

Christmas Bazaar

Annual Christmas Bazaar on **Sat., 11/18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, 16 Temple Place, Fairhaven.**

A variety of hand-made gift giving items from handmade Christmas decorations to uniquely knitted hats, scarfs, mittens, socks, baby sweaters, Norwegian Christmas decorations, and more! All handcrafted items.

Come for lunch! Our kitchen will feature Norwegian open-faced sandwiches and pastries, fresh lobster rolls, local scallops and chicken delicacies.

Savers Drive

Clean out your closets, basements, attics & garages. We get 20 cents a pound on soft wear such as clothing and bedding, and 10 cents a pound for Knick knacks, house hold items no bigger than a small toaster oven or bread box, working lamps, etc.

At St. Mary's Church, Main St., Fairhaven, Savers Donation Drive, Sat., 11/18, noon to 3:45 p.m. in the parking lot. ITEMS WILL BE COLLECTED THAT DAY ONLY!!

Book Drive

Please Donate Books for **St. Mary's Book Café in the Parish Hall, Sunday, Nov. 19th 11:00AM - 2:00PM** (Patriots aren't on until 4:45 p.m.) Hard cover books \$1.00 Soft cover 50 cents. Books for everyone.

We will have available for \$1.00 a cup/bottle: coffee, hot chocolate, apple cider & water. Also available: cookies, bars & brownies. Books may be dropped off at the rectory during regular office hours M-F 8:30AM to 12:30PM or on the day of Savers Donation Drive (see above listing). All donations are greatly appreciated.

Climate Change Film

SCNU REFS Presents November's Movie of the Month: *AN*

INCONVENIENT SEQUEL: Truth to Power, on **Sat., 11/18, 10:00 – 11:45 AM at the Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle Road**

A decade after *AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH* brought the climate crisis into the heart of popular culture, comes the riveting and rousing follow-up that shows just how close we are to a real energy revolution. Former Vice President Al Gore continues his tireless fight, traveling around the world training an army of climate champions and influencing international climate policy. Cameras follow him behind the scenes — in moments both private and public, funny and poignant — as he pursues the inspirational idea that while the stakes have never been higher, the perils of climate change can be overcome with human ingenuity and passion. Visit <https://inconvenientsequel.tumblr.com/>

Turkey Trot

Fairhaven Turkey Trot, **Thanksgiving morning, Thurs., 11/23, at 8 a.m. Start/finish, 56 Bridge St., corner of Green.** Join this 5K (3.1 miles) to support local food pantries.

Adult Price: (13 and up): \$20 online through Nov 21, \$25 online or in-person. Youth Price: (12 and under): \$10 always online and in-person In Person sign up: Wed., 11/22, from 4-7:00pm at 56 Bridge St., Fairhaven. Register day-of: \$25 (cash or check) on Thanksgiving morning between 7am-7:45am 56 Bridge St. Please make checks payable to The Shepherd's Pantry.

Trot Fest Pre-Trot number pick-up at the SMEC Building and post-Trot festivities at Rasputin's Tavern! Thanksgiving morning is usually pretty COLD! So, layer up and plan to be outside for a few minutes before the Trot to pick-up your number. Visit <https://www.fairhaventurkeytrot.com/eventdetails>

Leaf Pickup

Curbside leaf collection in Fairhaven will run **from November 7, 2017 through December 1, 2017.**

Leaves will be collected the day after your regular rubbish day. Place leaves curbside by 7:00 AM. **Limit of 25 bags per stop. No plastic bags.** After a holiday collection will be one day later.

SAVE THE DATES

Benoit Square Lighting

Sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association, the annual lighting of Benoit Square will feature a visit by Santa Claus, singing in the square, and the lighting of the Christmas lights.

Join us on Fri. 12/1, for a sing-along beginning at 6:30, where Adams Street and Main Street intersect with Howland Road. Showstoppers will be joining us to lead the singing and we hope you will too.

POMC Non-Violence Vigil

Please join us for a Holiday Candlelight Vigil for Non-violence and to honor those who have died by violence on **Sun., 12/3, at 4:00 p.m., indoors at Fairhaven Unitarian Church, 102 Green St., Fairhaven.**

Sponsored by SE Mass. Chapter, Parents of Murdered Children, for family and friends who have suffered a loss from a violent death.

Douglass Tree Sale

After being forced to cancel its annual Christmas Tree sale last year due to the drought, Douglass Tree Farm is proud to announce that the trees look great this year.

On Sat. & Sun., 12/9 & 10, from 9 a.m.-3:00 p.m., the Douglass family will be selling Christmas Trees from their farm located on Scoticut Neck Road in Fairhaven, MA. All trees, priced at \$40 each, are donated by the Douglasses so that all proceeds from trees purchased will support ALS research.

Old-Time Holiday

Fairhaven's Old-Time Holiday will be held on Sat. & Sun., 12/9 & 10, in the center of town, Get into the spirit of the holidays and find an array of holiday gifts, food, music, and old-fashioned good cheer in the historical town center. More details in the next couple of weeks. Meanwhile, visit www.fairhaventours.com

Honor Society Fund-raiser

The Fairhaven High School Honor Society and Student Council will be selling **Dinner for Two Books at the Old Time Holiday-Town Hall Shops - upstairs at Town Hall on Dec 9th-\$29.95 each or buy 3, get a free one.** Cash or Check, please, no credit cards. Gift wrapping is free!

Fairhaven Housing Authority parking lot gets facelift

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Housing Authority is on a roll. The improvements to the facilities are adding up, with solar installed for electricity (see last week's issue, 11/9/17), and a re-paved parking lot that included adding 11 spaces, new curbing, and increased access for people in wheelchairs, or those walking with assists, such as canes and walkers.

The FHA held an official ribbon cutting, with town officials and contractors, on Thursday, 11/9.

The bulk of the project was paid for with Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG), which put in about \$440,000. The FHA kicked in another \$40,000.

In addition to re-paving the lots and the curbing, the project also updated the aging lights. The new lights are more efficient LEDs, and the residents seem to like them, said FHA Executive Director Krisanne Sheedy.

Oxford Terrace, and its parking lot, were constructed in the mid 1970s. The lot has had some sporadic work, and an addition, but this is the first wholesale re-vamping of it.

Ms. Sheedy called the project a "real collaboration," with town hall

and the FHA. Town Planner and Economic Development Director Bill Roth applied for the CDBG funds.

"It was a true team effort," said Linda Overing of Breezeway Farm Consulting, which also worked on the project.

The project re-configured some parts of the parking lot, adding wheelchair accessible spots in a place that was already being used that way by residents.

"There was high demand down there," said FHA Chairperson Jay Simmons.

FHA member Anne Silveira said the tenants actually seemed to enjoy the project, with some of them sitting outside to watch the activities every day.



Town officials, Fairhaven Housing Authority members, and representatives of companies that worked on the project join together for a ribbon cutting to commemorate the completion of the repaved and improved parking lot at Oxford Terrace on Thursday, 11/9. The changes include some additional parking spots and increased accessibility for people with decreased mobility. L-R front row: FHA board member Jean Rousseau; Selectboard chairperson Bob Espindola; Fairhaven Town Administrator Mark Rees; FHA Executive Director Krisanne Sheedy; FHA Chairperson Jay Simmons, cutting the ribbon; FHA board member Anne Sylvaria; Fairhaven Town Planner and Economic Development Director Bill Roth; Linda Overing of Breezeway Farm Consulting. L-R back row: John Ryan of Breezeway Farm Consulting; Craig Trombly of Robert B. Our Co.; Mike Carter, GCG Associates. Photo by Beth David.

"They had a 107 units of inspectors," said Mr. Roth.

The important thing, they all agreed, is that now the lot is completely compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). It is now easier for tenants to get back and forth from their cars and apartments.

As the popul-

ation in Fairhaven ages, it is more important than ever for the facilities to be up to date, said Mr. Roth. He said the town's new Master Plan puts a lot of emphasis on housing and "recognizes the needs of the future as the population ages."

"It was a great collaboration," said Ms. Sheedy. "And we have benefitted immensely."

Oxford Terrace is not the only FHA facility that needs work. Ms. Sheedy said that the Dana Court parking lot also needs revamping, and there are other projects on the list.

Out back, the pathways were also re-paved and reconfigured. They are wider, have new benches, and some of the steep grades have been lessened to make it easier for walking.

People were not even using the back area because it was "all beat up," said maintenance worker Tom Caron. "They regraded the whole thing." ●●●



As part of the repaving/revamping of the parking lot at the Fairhaven Housing Authority's Oxford Terrace property, the backyard area (ABOVE) was also spruced up. This bench was added, and the grade on this walkway was lessened to make it easier for tenants to walk. The path leads to Dana Court, another FHA property that also needs some work. Photo by Beth David.

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Wood School community recognizes veterans



The LL Wood School in Fairhaven held its annual Veterans Day event on Wednesday, 11/8, to recognize the veterans in the lives of elementary school students. Approximately 40 veterans attended the school-wide assembly. The program included several opportunities for students to recognize veterans, including a tank-you song, and an historical piece read by student Elaine Monroe about the experience of a very special veteran in her life, Daniel Hankins. Mr. Hankins was deployed to Bosnia and Herzegovina and received a medal called the "Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal." TOP LEFT: Brianna Gavins greets her dad after the emotional assembly. TOP MIDDLE: Student Brooklyn Cleaves, Wood School staff Melissa Desnoyers and her father, Many Aguiar. TOP RIGHT: Rose Bouley and her grandfather. ABOVE LEFT: The display case with veteran memorabilia was set up in the school for Veterans Day. ABOVE RIGHT: Ary-lee, Julia, and Kyarah read a special "Thank You" to our veterans, who are sitting on the stage (left) while the students sit on the floor of the gym. *Submitted photos.*

Wood School holds annual Spaghetti Supper, book fair, raffle



The LL Wood School Community was pretty busy on Wednesday, 11/8. Not only did they hold their annual Veterans Day event (see above), but they also held their annual Wood School Spaghetti Supper, the annual book fair, and raffle by the Parent-Teacher Organization. LEFT: Jackson Hooley gets ready to enjoy his spaghetti. ABOVE: The Wood School book fair. *Submitted photos.*

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Open Studios & Sale

Hatch Street Studios will hold its annual **Open Studios and Holiday Sale on Fri., Sat., Sun., 11/17, 18, 19, at 88 & 90 Hatch St., New Bedford.** Nov. 17: Preview party, 5–8 p.m. on all floors; 8–11 p.m., 88 Hatch St., 2nd floor, party on with Pumpkin Head Tead. Nov. 18 & 19: 11 a.m.–5 p.m., the arts & crafts of more than 50 artists. Good food, great music. Come join us in celebrating great art in New Bedford. Visit www.hatchstreetstudios.com

Turkey Shoot

At New Bedford Revolver and Rifle Club, 246 Bolton St., New Bedford. Sun. 11/19, from 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Shooting competition (no, we don't shoot real turkeys, you WIN a turkey).

\$1.00/Lucky Target/3 shots. All ages accepted. No license required. Door prizes, Chinese auction, 50/50 raffle. Food, fun and prizes. All profits to be donated to local charities.

HFHN Holiday Fair

This year's annual Holy Family-Holy Name Holiday Fair will be held on **Sst., 11/18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at HFHN School, 91 Summer St., New Bedford. Take a picture with Santa, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

The Holiday Fair has become a tradition in New Bedford, and we expect another great year this weekend. In addition to fine gift items from some of the most talented craftspeople in our area, we have a number of special things that add to the enjoyment of the day: a Holiday Auction, Free Gift Wrapping, Children's Game Room, Baked Goods Items, Delicious Lunch Menu, Santa's Workshop with terrific Stocking Stuffers for all ages, \$1.00 Grocery Booth, Refreshments (including free coffee), and Gift Certificate Give-Aways every hour.

Archaeological Dig

The New Bedford Historical Society is sponsoring an archaeological dig at the site that will become **Abolition Row Park at Spring and Seventh Street in the Seaport Cultural District.** The dig will take place on Sat. & Sun., 11/18 & 19, from 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

The goal of the dig is to discover, recover and interpret all artifacts

associated with the occupation and use of the Elisha Thornton Jr. Homesite built in 1829 that was located at 20 Seventh Street.

A secondary goal is to help teach non-archaeologists how archaeology can be used to learn about New Bedford's Abolitionist past. The team will be excavating the site believed to be the privy or outhouse behind the property. Outhouses have proven to be treasure troves for archaeologists as residents often got rid of their garbage by dumping items in their outhouses. Digging began on November 4 and has already recovered and identified over 200 artifacts going back as far as 1800.

For more information, visit www.nbhistoricalociety.org

YTI Play

Your Theater Inc., presents Christopher Durang's Tony Award winning hit comedy *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*. Directed by Your Theatre's Robin Richard of Fairhaven remaining dates are **Thurs.–Sat., 11/16-18 at 7:30 p.m. and Sun., 11/19 at 2:30 p.m.**

In this wickedly wonderful winner of the 2013 Tony Award for Best Play from the master of comedy Christopher Durang, Vanya and Sonia's quiet, bucolic life is hilariously upended when their glamorous movie star sister arrives for the weekend with her brawny boy toy in tow.

Performances are held at the wheelchair accessible Your Theatre, Inc. Playhouse located at 136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), New Bedford, in the St. Martin's Episcopal Church complex. Free off-street parking and entrance are on County Street.

Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$12 for season subscribers (three show minimum), and \$13 for senior citizens, students, and military personnel. For further information call Your Theatre, Inc. at 508-993-0772, or send an email to info@yourtheatre.org. The theatre's web site is www.yourtheatre.org.

Dock-U-Mentary

When workers don't receive what they feel is their fair share they will often go on strike. New Bedford fishermen took that action in 1985-1986. Find out the rest of that story,

as the Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series continues with *Community Conversation: Remembering the Fishermen's Strike of 1985-86* on Fri., 11/17 in the theater of the Corson Maritime Learning Center, at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, 33 William St., in downtown New Bedford. Free.

The Fishing Heritage Center is currently working to document the history of organized labor on the New Bedford/Fairhaven waterfront. We will show clips of television coverage from the period, play excerpts from a live radio broadcast, and present a slide show of archival images. Community members will be invited to share their memories of these events. This month's program is co-sponsored by Spinner Publications and the UMass Dartmouth Arnold M. Dubin Labor Education Center. Funding for the project has been provided by Mass Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Heritage Center, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and presenting the history and culture of New Bedford's fishing industry through exhibits, programs, and archives. Visit www.fishingheritagecenter.org

Women on Target

The New Bedford Revolver & Rifle Club is sponsoring a Women on Target event on **Sun., 12/10, from noon–5 p.m., at our indoor range, 246 Bolton St., New Bedford.** This FREE event is open to any women who are interested in learning more about firearms and safety. This is not specifically a safety training course that is needed to apply for a license.

This class is limited to 45 participants and is already half full so register NOW at info@nbrrc.com, with your name and contact information. Visit www.nbrrc.com for more information about the club.

SAVE THE DATES

Holiday Shop & Stroll

Downtown New Bedford, Fri. & Sat., 12/1 & 2, 4–7 p.m.

Holiday Fair

At First Unitarian Church in New Bedford, 71 Eighth St. (corner Union & County). Sat., 12/2, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Auction for Animals

Animal Advocates is having its 21st Annual Four Paws Charity Auction for Homeless Animals **Fri., 11/17, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm., at Rachel's Lakeside, 950 State Rd., Dartmouth.** Free admission. The Silent Auction for Animals is our largest annual fund raiser; it's a chance to meet with friends, have a fun evening out and support a worthy cause.

Animal Advocates is committed to ensuring the health and welfare of homeless dogs and cats by promoting proactive, compassionate no-kill programs. If you are able to donate an auction item and support animals in need, please call us at (774) 888-9008.

For more information, call or e-mail animaladvocates@comcast.net Animal Advocates is a nonprofit charitable no-kill animal organization for cats and dogs

Plymouth Parade

America's hometown, Plymouth Mass. presents a Thanksgiving Celebration this weekend, from 11/17-11/19. FREE Patriotic Concert, Fri., 11/17, from 5-10 p.m. Historic tours on the waterfront with costumed guides on Friday, 11/17 from 1:30 to 3:30.

PARADE on Sat., 11/18. Start at the Plymouth waterfront (DCR Pilgrim Memorial Park). Opening ceremony, 10:30 a.m. Parade steps off from Benny's Plaza, Court St., 11 a.m.

On the waterfront: Food festival 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., crafters, children's learning center. Brewster Gardens: Portal to the past/historic village, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Visit <http://usathanksgiving.com/> for the full list of event.

Turkeypalooza 3

Help us feed 300 families this year. Join us at third annual Turkeypalooza, on **Sat. & Sun., 11/18 & 19, at Ponderosa Sportsman's Club, 242 Robinson Rd., Acushnet.** Benefits multiple food banks. Vendors.

Wish list: Turkey or Tofurkey Roast, canned goods, grocery gift cards, cornbread, cranberries, stuffing yams, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, carrots, green beans, Jell-O, brownie mix.

Toys for Tots/Lions

The Acushnet Lions Club along with the Rivers' End Cafe, proudly

sponsor their annual **Toys for Tots & Food Drive Motorcycle Run on Sun., 11/26.** \$10 unwrapped toy donation (no stuffed animals please), and non-perishable food donation. Now accepting food and toys at the Rivers End, 7 Tarkiln Hil Road, Acushnet.

Starts at 10 a.m. at the River's End Cafe. Kickstands up at noon for ride to the Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet.

Toys for Tots/Acush

Toys for Tots now has drop-off bins at the Acushnet Fire Station located at 24 Russell St. and at the Acushnet Library located on 232 Middle Road

The bins will be at both locations until December 23rd. Please Donate an Unwrapped Toy!!

The Nutcracker

Spindle City Ballet will be presenting its lively holiday classic production of "The Nutcracker" **Sat., 12/16 at 2 and 7 p.m.p; and Sun., 12/17 at 2 p.m. at Bristol Community College in Fall River.**

The professional company will be supported by a cast of 30 local children, transporting audiences through a magical journey of dancing Soldiers and swirling Snowflakes to the magical Land of the Sweets.

Two special events will be held along with the performances. On Saturday evening the ballet will hold its ever popular "An Evening with the Staulbaums," **Dec. 16 beginning at 6 p.m.** At this event guests will enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres, sweet treats, wine and champagne before the show and during intermission. After the show come and meet costumed cast members for pictures and autographs. **Tickets for this event are Adults & Seniors: \$32, Children 12 & Under: \$22.**

In addition we will be offering the magical "Meet Clara." This exciting event for children of all ages begins **after the Saturday and Sunday matinees.** Each child, accompanied by one adult, may come backstage to meet Clara, see what is happening behind the scenes and take pictures with Clara. This will be the highlight of your child's day! **Children 12 & Under: \$10**

Tickets to the performance are \$11-\$32. For info call 508-536-6073 or visit spindlecityballet.org or email lisabibeau@spindlecityballet.org

Spindle City Ballet is the South Coast's only non-profit professional ballet company celebrating it's 22nd season presenting performances that excite, educate and inspire.

SAVE THE DATES:

Nemasket Holiday Stroll

Holiday shoppers of all ages are cordially invited to join The Nemasket Group in celebrating the beginning of the Holiday Season at our Holiday Stroll on **Sat., 12/2 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.** Features some of the finest craftspeople in SE Mass., Chance Auction and our Signature Basket Raffle. At the Nemasket Group, 109 Fairhaven Rd. Mattapoisett.

Call 508-999-4436, e-mail Stroll2017@NemasketGroup.org or visit www.NemasketGroup.org

Barn Sale

At St. John Neumann Parish Barn, next to Cathedral Camp, Middlboro Rd. (Rte. 18), E. Freetown, on **Sat., 12/2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Free admission, accessible.

Wine Tasting

St Julie Billiard Ladies Guild presents "A Toast To The Season" to be held at Inner Bay Cafe (2nd floor), 1339 Cove Rd, New Bedford on Friday, December 1 from 7pm-10pm. Tickets \$25.00 per person include wine tasting and an array of hors d'oeuvres. Please call 508-728-7933 or 508-992-5464 for tickets.

Holiday Lighting

Sun., 12/3, at 6:30 p.m. the town of Acushnet will hold its annual lighting of the Christmas Display at the Fire Station at Partine Ways. Free hot chocolate and cookies, and a visit from The Big Guy!

Festival of Lights/LaSalette

Our 2017 Christmas Festival of Lights BEGINS ON Nov. 23 to Jan. 1, with Illuminations Daily: 5-9 pm. Featuring: 300,000 Lights illuminating over 10 acres; International Creche museum with hundreds of creches from around the world, 5-9pm weekdays and 2-9pm weekends. The Outdoor Creche of Bethlehem featuring a candle lit with a flame from Bethlehem, Israel. Concerts with Father Pat and various artists. National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette, 947 Park St., Attleboro. Visit <http://www.lasaletteattleboroshrine.org/christmas-festival>

Recipe of the Week

Cherry Chocolate Chip Cookies

2 1/4 cups flour
1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp salt
1 c softened butter
3/4 cup sugar
3/4 cup brown sugar
1 tsp vanilla
2 large eggs
2 12 oz. bags semi sweet chocolate morsels
1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
8 oz. candied red cherries chopped
8 oz. candied green cherries chopped

Preheat oven to 375°. In a small bowl combine flour, baking soda and salt. In a large bowl beat together butter, both sugars and vanilla until creamy; add eggs and flour mixture. Mix until well blended, then add the chocolate chips, nuts and cherries. Mix until well blended.

Drop by tablespoonfuls onto an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in a 375° oven for 9-12 mins or until golden brown. *From Marie Jones*

From our readers

Thank God at Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is approaching, and it's my favorite holiday for a number of reasons: I am truly grateful for family, friends, health, living in a free country, material possessions, and all the other wonderful things not mentioned. Listing what's obvious in my thanksgiving basket is not my purpose, however. A far greater priority deserves the spotlight on this special day...

We all know people who are rarely grateful. There is always something to complain about that's not quite up to par. Likewise, we've also met people who have a gratefulness about them that bellows louder than a jet engine. All of us have probably exhibited a little from each of these extremes.

We also know there are library shelves too numerous to count that present books on good attitudes, positive thinking, and ways to make it as an optimist. While there are plenty of helpful points to be gleaned, may I suggest that we turn our attention to God's good book? It was the Apostle Paul who said, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."

How was he able to make such a claim? His admission was this: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

You see, Paul resided permanently in his personal encounter with Jesus Christ. Because of it, he was inherently thankful... no mat-

ter what.

To be consistently thankful, we too must recognize and honor a God that loves us in a personal way. It's possible for anyone to follow the lead of Paul. All we need to do is find permanent contentment in Jesus Christ — the One who is forever ready, willing, and able to strengthen us by the power of His Holy Spirit.

As the 1700's songwriter Thomas Ken wrote,

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

"Praise Him all creatures here below,

"Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
"Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

This Thanksgiving will be no less thankful for me, even though it will be much different than any I've ever experienced. Instead of participating in any traditional family gathering, I will be at the New England Baptist Hospital recovering from a knee replacement. I'm blessed to have such an awesome place to go and to have top notch medical people treat me. The on-site support and prayers of my wife, family, and friends play key to a fast recovery.

For what am I truly thankful? I'm thankful that God's love affords me the choice to be thankful, no matter what!

Thank you, Lord, Jesus....and Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Sincerely, Steven J. Bouley, Fairhaven

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Hundreds turn out for Veterans Day parade despite cold

By Beth David
Editor

The 25-degree temperature did not stop hundreds of people from attending Veterans Day services in Fairhaven, although the lining of the parade route was a little sparse in



The 50'x30' flies at Fairhaven High School during a Veterans Day ceremony on 11/11/17. RIGHT: Keynote speaker Larry Jones, U.S. Navy, Senior Chief, addresses the crowd. Photos by Beth David.

spots. Veterans, civic groups and politicians marched from Benoit Square in North Fairhaven to the high school, where the "Big Flag" was raised. The 50'x30' flag is only raised on special occasions, and only the GHS flagpole is big enough to accommodate it.

Activities at FHS included the National Anthem, firing of the small cannon and muskets by the Fairhaven Village Militia, "America the Beautiful" sung by Sylvester Santos, Jr., invocation by Barbara-Jean Tiles, bagpipes by William Bullard and "Taps" the FHS and Apponequet Regional HS buglers. Emcee was Donald LeBlanc, who, despite some sound system issues, managed to get each speaker to the mike.

"While you sleep, while you do your daily activities, they never blink," said George Brownell, a Vietnam Veteran who helped organize the event, about the nation's military service members. "They're always there protecting you."

Fairhaven Selectboard Chairperson Bob Espindola told the crowd that he was happy to see young people lining the streets to show respect for veterans. He said it was important for adults to attend those kinds of ceremonies to send the message to children.

Keynote speaker Larry Jones, U.S. Navy, Senior Chief, began his speech with a salute to all veterans.

"This veteran may fade, but this veteran will not run," said Mr. Jones,

adding that it did not matter if veterans served in peace or war.

By raising your hand, he said: "It was a brave and selfless act, an act that deserves recognition."

"Thank you," he said. "Thank you for your unwavering service in peacetime and in war. God bless you, God bless our troops, God bless America."

Emcee Donald LeBlanc reminded everyone that Veterans Day started out as Armistice Day for WWI veterans only, then was expanded to include all veterans after the Korean Conflict.

"So together we honor all veterans who [selflessly] placed their lives on the line for our freedom," said Mr. LeBlanc. "They fought to protect our country and to maintain our way of life."

Mr. LeBlanc also thanked those who helped with the parade and ceremony, and invited the crowd to VFW Post 2892 on Middle Street for a free buffet.



Acushnet celebrates Veterans Day

By Beth David
Editor

The town of Acushnet commemorated Veterans Day with a ceremony at town hall that included a flag raising ceremony and vocals by the Ford Middle School chorus.

Acushnet Selectboard chairperson Kevin Gaspar told the crowd: "We gather today to honor the men and women who have worn this nation's uniform. More importantly, we join together to thank them for their service and their devotion to duty."

Whether they served in a time of war or peace, American veterans share a common bond, said Mr. Gaspar: "Their unwavering belief in the cause of freedom, a belief so strong they were willing to give their

lives, if necessary, in its defense."

He said that more than a million service members have made the "ultimate sacrifice" fighting for the country.

Veterans Day started out as Armistice Day, beginning after World War I ended, and was originally for the veterans of that war only. After the Korean War, President Dwight D. Eisenhower renamed it veterans day to honor all veterans.

"While the name has changed over the years, its purpose remains unchanged — to remember the sacrifice of those who have died and to honor those who are still with us," said Mr. Gaspar. "We owe so much to our veterans, and it is a debt that we can never truly repay. Their stories

are the stories of our history because America rose to greatness on their shoulders. We owe them our very way of life — the freedom to live, work and raise our families as we please. It is fitting, therefore, to honor their sacrifices and thank them for all that they have done for this great country."

He continued: "To all veterans, we say 'Thank you.' Thank you for your sacrifices, your sense of duty, and your service. Our nation salutes you, and we gather here today to salute you."

Mr. Gaspar's full remarks are available on the town's website: <https://www.acushnet.ma.us/home/news/acushnet-celebrates-veterans-day>

Flag raisings honor veterans at Ft. Phoenix and Benoit Square



Before marching in the Veterans Day Parade on November 11th, the Fairhaven Lions held a dedication and flag raising ceremony at Benoit Square for a new US Flag. The Fairhaven Lions donated the Flag to the Square in honor of Pvt. Ernest Benoit and all Fairhaven Veterans. LEFT, L-R: Lions Bob Parent, Bill Kligel and Bill Moniz raise the flag at Benoit Square on Veterans Day, 11/11/17. RIGHT: Singing group B.L.C. sings the National Anthem as the flag is raised. *Submitted photos.* Flag raising and lowering ceremonies were also held at Fort Phoenix on Veterans Day. The North Fairhaven Improvement Association and Boy Scouts from Troups 52 & 55 raised and lowered the flag in honor of 19 Fairhaven service members who are still listed as Missing in Action from WWI, WWII and the Korean War.

Luncheon serves those who served

Press Release

For the 12th consecutive year, Southern Mass Credit Union (SMCU), Fairhaven, MA, proudly sponsored a Veterans' Day Luncheon held at the Fairhaven Council on Aging on Wednesday, 11/8. Approximately 76 veterans, spouses and guests enjoyed a hot meal sponsored by SMCU and served by the credit union's employees and directors.

"We are honored to provide lunch for veterans and their guests," stated Carmen Sylvester, President and CEO of SMCU. "Thank you for your service, dedication and sacrifice. Because of your service Americans enjoy freedom and privileges unlike any other country. We also thank Anne Silvia, Fairhaven Director of the Council on Aging, for planning and organizing this wonderful event."

Guests attending the luncheon included Fairhaven Town Selectmen Charles K. Murphy Sr. and Robert Espindola, priest Al Gagnoli (who served 20 years as a marine Chaplain), and Jim Gagne, of the Disabled American Veterans.

During the luncheon, Anne Silvia, Director of Fairhaven's Council on

Aging, announced each veteran's years of service.

Veterans attending this year's luncheon included men and women from various divisions of the U.S. Armed Forces who participated in WWII, Korea and Vietnam. Two veterans attending the luncheon had dedicated 28 and 33 years of their lives serving the U.S.

Southern Mass Credit Union volunteers serving lunch included board members Clerk/Treasurer Richard Ellis, 3rd Vice Chairman Alfred Peccini, recently appointed President/CEO Carmen Sylvester; employees Jo-Ann Rose, V.P. Corporate Services/Human Resources; Ricky Pimental, Collections Manager; Marian LaMarra, Support Services Manager; Debra

Perrin, Marketing Manager; Margaret Raposo, Accounting Manager.

Southern Mass Credit Union is a full service financial institution with offices located in Fairhaven, New Bedford, Fall River and a new branch that opened last month located inside Plymouth South High School. For more information on the credit union's savings, loans or mortgage products visit southernmass.com.



L-R: Southern Mass Credit Union President/CEO Carmen Sylvester, and Accounting Manager Margaret Raposo help serve lunch to veterans at the Fairhaven Council on Aging on Wednesday, 11/8. *Submitted photo.*

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**Date: November 25. Registration
Deadline is November 18.**

Depart FHVN: 6AM Arrive NYC:
10:30AM. Depart NYC: 5PM Arrive
FHVN: 10PM **Cost: \$50**

Youth Basketball

Fairhaven Recreation Youth Basketball League Registration: Nov. 4th & 11th from 8AM-2PM Cost:\$10/with play card \$50 without Age is determined as of December 1, 2017 Divisions will be as follows with sufficient numbers; Pee Wee (Co-Ed) Ages 6-8 Junior (Co-Ed) Ages 9-12 Open to all Members! Please bring 2 proofs of residency and a copy of child's birth certificate to registration. Information on new evaluation schedule available at registration.

Attention!!! Calling all basketball enthusiasts!

We need motivated, committed individuals to volunteer as basketball coaches for this league. We also need officials, pay is roughly \$15 per game. For more information and to fill out a volunteer application please call or stop by the Recreation Center.

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11/29: Emerald Square Mall **12/16:** Xmas shop

Entertainment: 12:30-2:30 p.m.

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Special Activities

Self Improvement Classes For Adults

Monday, November 13th, and 20th 12:30 to 2:30 at the Fairhaven Senior Center. If you're experiencing challenges in: Memory, Self Expression, Speech Clarity, Independent Living, Social Connectedness. Presented by Lisa Yauch-Cadden and Kari Starr of Buzzards Bay Speech. Please call Lisa at 508-326-0353 to sign up or for more information.

General Loss and Grief Support Group

Third Tuesday of the month, 5:00-6:30 pm at The Fairhaven Senior Center, The Grief Support Group is facilitated by trained grief professionals from Southcoast VNA and is offered to provide the opportunity to gather with others who are grieving the death of a loved one. To register, please call Southcoast VNA Bereavement Services at 508-973-3227.

Alzheimer's Support Group

November 21st, 6:00-7:00 p.m. 3rd Tuesday of the month at Brookdale, 274 Slocum Road, Dartmouth, MA. RSVP 508-999-0404

Volunteer Medical Drivers

Drivers are needed to help transport seniors to medical appointments. Please call 508-979-4029 for more.

PACE Fuel Assistance & Recertification Forms

The fuel assistance program has begun for the 2017-2018 season. If you received fuel assistance last year you should have already received a renewal in the mail to be filled out. If you need help filling out the recertification form or a new application for fuel assistance, call Phyllis at the Senior Center 508-979-4029 for an appointment.

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Acushnet Selectboard supports South Main Street bypass idea

Pattie Pacella

Neighb News Correspondent

The Acushnet Selectboard heard from Town Planner Henry Young about a potential bypass of South Main Street at its meeting on 11/14.

South Main Street is a state road, for unknown reasons, and Mr. Young said that state representatives have been pushing the town to take over that stretch, which is from Main Street to the Fairhaven line.

The proposed bypass road would start at around the Century House and go all the way to Slocum Street. The idea is to lighten up the truck traffic and through traffic.

The properties involved are privately owned, so the town would either need a right of way granted by home-owners, or would have to buy the land.

Mr. Young told the board he would apply for grants, and that the Town had a good opportunity at this time to speak to the state regarding funding.

In a follow-up phone interview, Mr. Young said that the stretch of South Main Street in question is heavily trafficked and is expensive to maintain. Diverting some of the traffic would ease up on some of that cost.

The idea, has been part of the town's Master Plan and has been kicking around town for about 10 years.

"As of late, the state has been really pushing to divest itself of South Main Street," said Mr. Young.

The reason it is a state road in the first place is a mystery he said, but it is no mystery why the state wants to get rid of it.

"To them it's an obscure and expensive road to maintain," said Mr. Young.

Selectboard Chairperson Kevin Gaspar said he would be in favor of

exploring options for project. The Board voted unanimously to explore concept further.

The board also discussed the town's support of the legalization of the marijuana. Mr. Gaspar stated that back in November 2016, a ballot question asked town voters whether they were in favor of legalization of marijuana in the state. It only passed by 2%, which was a 119 vote difference between "yes" and "no."

Mr. Gaspar said he felt that the Board needed to put the question on the ballot for the Town election in April.

"We are asking now, do you want marijuana to be legalized in our Town," Mr. Gaspar said. "There could be a big difference from the state vote to now in our back yard."

Board member Michael Cioper agreed, stating he would like to see the question on a Town election ballot.

Board member Roger Cabral opposed, stating that whether it was passed by one vote or two percent it had already been voted on. He said Acushnet residents decided they were in favor of legalized marijuana.

"I think government needs to stay out of it," said Mr. Cabral.

Town Administrator Brian Noble told the board that ballot questions need to pertain to the town. The first question would be, "Do you favor marijuana legalization in the Town of Acushnet?"

He said that a number of towns have put forth the question on their local ballots and at least 14 towns state-wide have seen a different outcome.

The Selectboard voted two to one, with Mr. Cabral opposing, to create the ballot question for the April election.

An update from Mr. Noble pointed out that the Department of Public Works is still working on Main and Wamsutta Streets for the sewer expansion, and is making good time in getting it completed by end of November.

Mr. Noble said he spoke with DPW Superintendent Dan Menard, and he confirmed that the stubs would be completed on Wamsutta Street by the middle of this week, and then the streets should be re-sealed and patched by the end of November.

Mr. Noble gave kudos to the DPW crew for their diligence in getting the work done and he thanked the residents in that area for their patience.

Mr. Noble also reported that the town received a grant for a Capital Budget Planning consultant who would be hired by the end of December.

In other business, Police Chief Michael Alves was present to recommend the appointments of three part-time police officers to attend the part-time academy to be held right here in Acushnet. He stated it was a year long training until they became Acushnet police officers.

Chief Alves also shared the "No Shave November" fundraiser that members of the Police Department were participating in. He stated that each officer had to give a donation of \$100 not to shave for the month of November to the www.homebase.org foundation, which is a Red Sox charity that assists veterans returning home from war.

Chief Alves asked anyone who would like to make a donation to visit the town's police Facebook page or they can make a donation directly to homebase.org. •••

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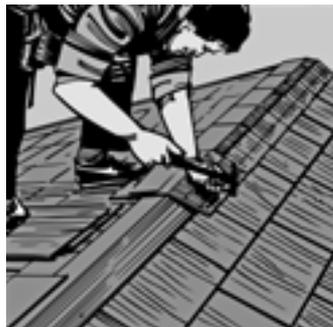


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Sewage truck rolls over on I-195 in Fairhaven

By Beth David
Editor

A sewage truck overturned on Route 195 between Alden Road and the Adams Street overpass on Thursday, 11/9, at about 3:30 p.m., causing the sewage to spill onto the roadway in the westbound lane.

According to a press release by the Fairhaven Fire Department, the crash involved a pick-up truck and a septic tank truck owned by Flowmaster that was carrying 3,000 gallons of sewage.

Fairhaven Paramedics transported one driver to Rhode Island Hospital and a Med-flight helicopter transported the other driver to Rhode Island Hospital. Both drivers were in serious condition, and their names have not been released.

Frank Corp and Mass. DEP conducted a clean-up of the highway. Traffic in the westbound lane of Rte. 195 was diverted for several hours as the highway had to be closed to remove the vehicles and conduct clean-up of the septic waste.

Massachusetts State Police are conducting an investigation into the accident.



Sue Rizzo got this shot of the overturned sewage truck on Route 195 on Thursday, 11/9, with her cell phone. Screen capture shot courtesy of Sue Rizzo.



ABOVE LEFT & RIGHT: Traffic is backed up while a medical helicopter lifts off to transport one of the drivers involved in an accident on Route 195 on Thursday, 11/9, in Fairhaven. A septic truck with 3,000 gallons of sewage flipped over, after an accident that also involved a pick-up truck. Both drivers were taken to Rhode Island Hospital with serious injuries. Photos by Glenn C. Silva. BELOW LEFT: This pick-up truck lost its bed after being involved in an accident with a septic truck on Thursday, 11/9, on Route 195 in Fairhaven. BELOW RIGHT: The wheels of the septic truck are completely detached and on top of the tank after the accident on Route 195 in Fairhaven on Thursday, 11/9. Fairhaven Fire Department photos by Ed Pepin.



Fairhaven resident selected to compete in Miss Teen pageant

By Beth David
Editor

Melissa Souza is getting a lot of new experiences these days. And that's just how she likes it.

The 16-year-old Fairhaven High School student has been on a "go-for-it" roll lately. She signed up to audition for Disney and Nickelodeon just to "see what would happen."

She didn't get chosen as the next big celebrity, but she did get a letter asking her if she wanted to take part in a pageant.

"And, I thought, 'why not?'" she said, adding that she figured it would be another new experience, she would meet new people and learn different things.

She got accepted into the pageant, and now the next step is a training on Thursday, 11/16, when she will take classes on how to do the different modeling routines, and learn how to walk in those high heels she will have to wear.

As part of the process, the pageant requires that she get sponsorships from individuals, businesses and organizations in the community. She needs \$595, and has raised more than \$425 so far.

The money, according to pageant materials, will go towards application and processing, training class and funds for prizes. If Melissa gets any extra, she will use it for the outfits she needs, and, hopefully, to get her hair and nails done. Those are things she needs to pay for out of pocket.

She is borrowing a gown for the formal wear, but will probably need to buy something for the casual wear routine.

Melissa hopes to go to college and eventually teach art to elementary students. She works at Chuck E. Cheese in Dartmouth, and loves

working with children.

"It's a fun job," she said. "Not a desk job where you have to sit there and be serious. You can have some fun with it, you can dance around."

She said she is also passionate about art, so her goal is to combine the two someday.

On the 16th, Ms. Souza will go to Warwick, RI, for her training classes; on Saturday, 11/25, she will travel to Chelsea for her personal interview. Then the big day: The pageant will be held on Sunday, 11/26, at Malden High School. Pageant winners will receive cash awards.

Ms. Souza would like to thank the following sponsors who have already supported her: A&A Auto, Amaea Photography, Dr. Brian Bowcock at Fairhaven Chiropractic, California Nails, Carousel Family Fun Center, Chadwick's Awards Unlimited, Diligence Inc., Wah May's Restaurant, What A Find Consignment, and Windward Power Systems. To become a sponsor for Melissa, call the Miss Teen Pageant Coordinator, 1-877-910-4190.

"My goal is to be financially stable for this pageant," said Ms. Souza.

Melissa's father, Manny, works for the Town of Fairhaven Highway Department (You've probably seen him running the plow during snowstorms). She lives in Fairhaven with her dad, her mother Lori, and her little brother Zachary. She also has an older step-brother and an older step-sister.



Fairhaven resident Melissa Souza has been selected to participate in the 2017 Miss Teen pageant competition on Sunday, 11/26. As part of the process, Ms. Souza is required to get sponsors from the businesses and organizations in the community. She needs \$595 for required expenditures, plus funds to buy her modeling clothes, and have her hair and nails done. To help Melissa, please contact the Miss Teen Pageant Coordinator at 1-877-910-4190. Submitted photo.



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Hidden in plain sight: Teens have clever ways to conceal drugs

By Beth David
Editor

If your teenage son or daughter was using drugs and was using every trick in the book to hide it from you, would you know what to look for?

Are you thinking that you'd be looking for little baggies, or pill bottles, or powdery substances spilled on the desk?

Think again.

You might be better off looking for everyday normal things that any teenager would have in his or her room.

That was the message of a program called "Hidden in Plain Sight" at Fairhaven High School on Monday, 11/13, for adults only.

Sponsored by the FHS PTO and staffed by volunteers from the Nurses to Prevent Opioid Abuse, the program included a PowerPoint presentation and a sample bedroom. The bedroom included many of the items that teenagers use to conceal drugs.

The items include false bottoms on common items that teens would have (we are being vague on purpose), and fake items that actually conceal scales, or hidden compartments. And all of it can be purchased online or in stores.

"Anything with batteries is a hiding spot," said Joe Dawicki, who helped explain the items in the mock bedroom.

The presentation included explanations of the different ways people can consume drugs, such as dabbing (using heated hash oil for a concentrated THC level) and vaping, which vaporizes marijuana, virtually eliminating the telltale smell of marijuana smoke.

Kim Souza and Laurie LaPlante,

both members of Nurses to Prevent Opioid Abuse, told the parents during the presentation that they were the best defense against drug abuse for their children.

"It seems they don't listen to you," said Ms. LaPlante. "But you are the biggest influence in their lives."

She said communication is a parent's "best weapon."

Communicate: Talk to your children. Parental disapproval of substance abuse is the number one protective factor against underage substance abuse, according to the presentation. Let them know where you stand and that they can talk to you.

Educate: Keep up with trends and technology, and ask at the school about recent trends.

Protect: Lock up drugs and alcohol and medical marijuana. The program offers free drug lock-boxes.

Connect: Develop your relationship with your teen; share meals and family stories; maintain and establish traditions; get to know their passions, friends, teachers, and coaches.

Respect your teen and continue to get to know them as they change and grow; model positive behavior; talk to your teen, but listen too; be present, support your teen's passions

Staying current on technology is also important, stressed Ms. Souza and Ms. LaPlante. They said that things change quickly. For example, as soon as Facebook became popular with adults, teens switched to Instagram and Snapchat.

When one teen is banned from using a cell phone, he or she very often can just use a friend's, because teens share the family wifi password freely with their friends. They also

have other ways of getting around a no-technology punishment.

"So just be up on technology," said Ms. Souza.

Timothy Francis, father of a teenage boy and Fairhaven's Fire Chief, said he attended the event as a father, not the chief.

"Every now



ABOVE: Kim Souza, a volunteer from Nurses to Prevent Opioid Abuse, holds up a drug lock-box at the "Hidden in Plain Sight" presentation at Fairhaven High School on Monday, 11/13. BELOW LEFT: This slide explains "vaping," which uses an e-cigarette to vaporize cannabis, almost completely eliminating the telltale odor of marijuana smoke. BELOW RIGHT: A vaping pen or e-cigarette, which is legal to buy, easy to get, and can be used by teens to get high. Photo by Beth David.

and then, you might learn a new trick," he said.

The town has Narcan, the drug that revives people who have overdosed. Chief Francis said Fairhaven paramedics use it more often than should be necessary.

Tracy Francis, a member of the Wood School PTO, said she was there as a concerned parent of a 13-year-old and a 10-year-old.

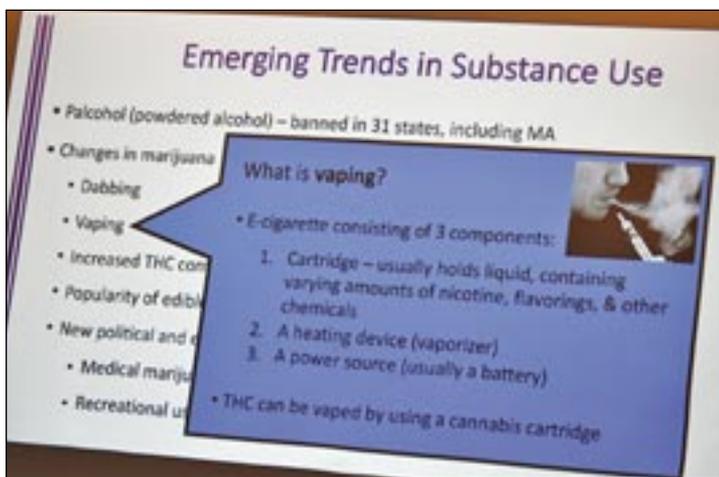
She said she did learn something about how certain bottles and cans can conceal drugs.

She said she knows that even in middle school, her children are exposed to other students who use drugs, or know someone outside the school who uses drugs.

She said she has spoken to her daughter about it.

"It's still there," she said. "They're still exposed to it every single day. Peer pressure is strong."

To learn more about the program, email Kim Souza at kskimsouza@gmail.com



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ZBA member Peg Medeiros. "If it was in compliance, she wouldn't need to come to us."

After more back-and-forth and some input from neighbors opposed to the project, Mr Borelli made it clear he would still not vote to support the large variances.

The board continued the hearing until January to give Ms. Tubbs time to create more detailed plans and provide a clearer explanation of the changes.

"You're going to give her false hopes," said board member Kenneth Kendall.

In another matter the board voted to deny a petition by Lonnie Ulrich, 62 Farmfield Street for chickens. The variance is required for any livestock raising on a lot under five acres.

Mr. Ulrich and his wife already had two chickens and appeared in front of the board after-the-fact for the variance. The board decided the lot was too small and they will have to get rid of the chickens they have.

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Board of Public Works

Mon., 11/27, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Economic Development

Thurs., 11/16, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 12/13, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 11/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Appeals

Tues., 11/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Thurs., 11/16, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 12/5, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

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BPW discusses BMX park; approves BRW for driveways

By Mary Macedo

Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday, 11/13, the Fairhaven Board of Public Works discussed the idea of a BMX park, and hired for Water System Maintenance Craftsman/Meter repairman.

First the board met with BRW Properties president and BPW board member Brian Wotton about a driveway waiver for 107 Dogwood Street. Mr. Wotton sat on the other side of the table front of the BPW to ask for the driveway waiver.

He explained that the waiver is for a second driveway opening that will connect to the other driveway. He said he was also asking for waiver for a shell apron.

Board member Robert "Hoppy" Hobson said that adding more driveway space will allow more cars to be off the street, which is a good thing. Both waivers passed unanimously.

In another matter the board met with Mike Rotondo to discuss the possibility of constructing a BMX track in town.

Mr. Rotondo told the board that the track would be something different for the kids. The track would be small, somewhere around 125 feet long by 100 feet wide. Mr. Rotondo showed some pictures to the board of what the track could look like. They showed a track made of dirt with turns and bumps for the bikers to jump over.

"This is just the loose planning stage," Mr. Rotondo told the board.

Mr. Rotondo explained that he had no specific place in mind for where the BMX track could be located and would love the BPW's help in recommending one.

"I think kids would love it," BPW Chairperson Mike Ristuccia said.

Mr. Wotton told the board that Mr. Rotondo was meeting with the board to discuss forming a committee for the BMX track to discuss possible locations, as well as work on the planning of the track. Mr. Wotton explained that Mr. Rotondo was not asking for money for the project; he

The track would be small, somewhere around 125 feet long by 100 feet wide.

and other volunteers will be doing everything on their own. Mr. Wotton also said that Mr. Rotondo is just looking for guidance on locations, forming a committee, and the possibility of using some extra dirt/ fill that the town has lying around.

"I'm for it," Mr. Wotton said. "I'm willing to help with the committee and be a representative from the board."

"I am all for this type of thing," Mr. Ristuccia said. "I just want to make sure it is done the right way."

Mr. Ristuccia asked about maintenance of the track.

Mr. Rotondo said that the commit-

tee, as well as riders and volunteers would help maintain the track. He said if the town would want to help that would be great but if not the committee will take full responsibility of maintaining the track.

Mr. Ristuccia explained that the next step was to get the committee together, talk with Mr. Wotton about being a representative on the committee, finalize the location of the track and start planning the construction.

In other business, the board interviewed Bill Farrell for Water System Maintenance Craftsman/Meter Repairman.

Mr. Farrell explained that he has been working for the town for the past 13 years and has worked in the Water Department for the last 12 years. He said he has been covering the job of Water System Maintenance Craftsman and is familiar with the requirements and duties of the job.

Mr. Wotton said that Mr. Farrell is a great asset to the Water Department. Mr. Hobson agreed and said that Mr. Farrell's experience was a huge asset and that he thought they should start him at the top step for payment.

Mr. Hobson also said that the town does not pay BPW workers enough which is why it is so hard to find people to work for the town.

The members of the board agreed, but Administrative Assistant, Kathy Tripp informed them that pay rates are a personnel board issue.

The BPW voted unanimously to hire Mr. Farrell. •••

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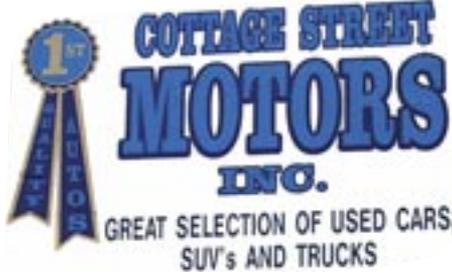
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