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Organizers estimate that nearly 300 people jumped into the Atlantic Ocean on January 1 for the third annual Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge. Temperatures hovered around 27 degrees, feeling like 12 with the wind chill, and water temperature at 37 degrees. Proceeds from the plunge go towards scholarships for high school seniors. See page 16 for story. *Photo by Beth David. Visit us at [www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews](http://www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews) to see more photos of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase.*

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Oh my, it's not a good start to the year. It is SO late. I had two extra weeks to get this baby done, so what happened? Geesh.

Let's hope it's not an indication of things to come this year.

We had a very sad start to the new year around here. A young and very promising young man, Dana Dourdeville of Marion went duck hunting on West Island on New Year's Eve day and did not return (see page 24)

It's an eerie thing in these parts when you hear the Coast Guard or State Police helicopter circling at a very low altitude, back and forth, around and around, endlessly.

Officials and volunteers alike have been out looking for any sign of him since that night.

Then on Tuesday of this week, three duck hunters ended up in the water on the Westport River, just two towns to our west. Two of those men died, one is alive.

It's dangerous out there people, even if you know what you are doing. Be careful.

Lance Corporal Matthew Rodriguez was also laid to rest during our break (see pages 17 & 18). The Fairhaven native was only 19 when he was killed in Afghanistan in December. It was another sad event, followed by the loss of another Massachusetts soldier, Daniel Vasselian of Abington on the same day of Matthew's funeral.

It is a sad way to start the year, but hopefully the outpouring of support from the community helped a little. It seemed to with one of Matthew's sisters, anyway. Lauren Rodriguez Webber must be one of the most positive people on the planet. Her Facebook page is filled with thank-you messages and other uplifting notes about how people responded to her brother's death. She also made sure her daughters had a fun-filled Christmas that included the uncle they had just lost.

It's a lesson for all of us to continually seek out the positive energy around us. I know I learned a lesson from her.

The annual Polar Plunge was quite the challenge this year, with frigid temperatures in the water and out of the water. Wow. Those people are crazy....er...I mean tough. Yeah, they are tough, hardy New Englanders.

I was proud to watch them (not join them).

Well, there's lots of good stuff in there this week, even though I threw most of it together in a rush today.

I promise not to do that next week. Honest.

After that....who knows.

I never did finish up that Christmas story I was writing, but I will. I will. Meanwhile visit my blog at [www.BethDavid.net/blog](http://www.BethDavid.net/blog). I promise to write something soon.

Until next week then...see ya



Beth David, Publisher

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

# Online permitting now available in Fairhaven

Press Release

The Town of Fairhaven is pleased to announce that both residents and contractors now have the convenience of accessing the Town Hall Building Department online 24/7. With a special thanks to the Executive Secretary, Board of Selectmen, Town Officials and GeoTMS Software, residents and contractors doing work in Fairhaven will be able to submit a number of building permit applications online, at their convenience.

No longer will residents and contractors have to commute to-and-from the Town Hall to submit routine applications. Now, residents and contractors alike will be able to obtain services online without needing to leave their homes or jobsites.

This new approach will not only offer better service to residents and contractors, but it will also allow them to check on the status of their applications online and will allow the Town of Fairhaven to operate even more efficiently.

Homeowners and licensed contractors can go on the Town's website

and click "Departments," then "Building Department" to access the Town Hall's online portal. From there, they will be able to submit an array of Building permit applications. Additionally, applicants will be able to attach documents to their applications.

The public will also be able to pay for their applications online, or they may still choose to mail a check or deliver a check to the Town Hall in person.

Applicants will enjoy the ability to fill-out multiple Building applications at once, including Board of Appeals applications, saving them even more time. The Town of Fairhaven and GeoTMS are proud to offer this new service to residents, contractors and local businesses, starting with the Building Department and plan to roll out similar capability in other departments soon.

Please call the Building Department with any questions: 508-979-4019 ext. 7.



The Building Department page on the Town of Fairhaven's website has a link for online permitting. Residents can now apply and pay online for most building department permits.

## Calling all girls ages 5-15

The South Coast Girls Softball is holding a registration day on Sunday January 12, 2014 12pm- 2pm at the Livesey Club on Hopkins St in Fairhaven



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# Selectboard allows Spring Street garage to open; talks budgets

By Beth David

Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard voted to allow the Spring Street Garage to open after assurances from owner Carol Dussault that activities will be within the bounds of the license.

The license was not renewed at a previous meeting because the Fire Chief wanted a stipulation that now painting or spray painting would take place on the premises until proper ventilation is installed.

Ms. Dussault showed the board a "self-contained unit" that the garage planned to buy, promising not to do any of the body work until it arrived. She said they had been "outsourcing" the work for now.

She said the new unit should satisfy the concerns of the chief.

"Nothing goes out to the atmosphere," she said.

Selectboard chairperson Charles Murphy noted that the regulations are now very strict.

Ms. Dussault said she had "no problem with it," and that she realized times have changed from back when a 40-foot stack "satisfied" the regulators.

Selectboard member Geoffrey

Haworth said he had held up the license last time because he had gotten complaints from neighbors.

Ms. Dussault assured the board that the late night work would cease, except for the occasional car towed in at night. She said no repair work would be done after 9 p.m.

She said the restoration of the building had been a long process and that she had been "overzealous" in her efforts to get back working.

"We want to be good neighbors," said Ms. Dussault, adding that she was restoring more than a building. "This is our business."

As for the noise, she said "I want to be on the record apologizing."

She said she would personally be at the building at 9 p.m. to make sure it was all closed up.

The board approved the license with the stipulation that no painting or painting preparation work is done until the new unit is installed, inspected and okayed by both the building inspector and the police chief.

The board spent some time talking about the budget process for FY14. The Finance Committee has asked each department to submit a budget

that includes a 0%, 1% and 2% increase in salaries. The Selectboard has asked departments to reduce their budgets by 2%. Budgets are due next week and departments are having a difficult time having to come up with four scenarios.

Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch told the board that the smaller departments can not cut 2% without cutting salaries.

He said there are various ways to cut salaries, such as cutting hours or cutting personnel. He said it might be wiser to combine some departments and take the cut from, for instance, Town Hall as a whole, instead of taking a separate cut from each department. He said the impact might be less noticeable.

In any case, until the governor releases his budget with aid to towns included, the town can only estimate its revenue.

The board also took a look at legal bills in the last few months, after they had created a policy requiring departments to get permission from the Selectboard before using Town Counsel.

Mr. Haworth said he requested the

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## BOH accepts WT mitigation plan

By Beth David

Editor

The Fairhaven Board of Health voted 2-1 to accept the mitigation plan proposed by Fairhaven Wind LLC in response to noise violations found when the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection tested for sound levels last year. The Wind Turbines off Arsene Street were found to be in violation, which is 10 decibels above ambient sound, on several occasions and in certain wind conditions.

The mitigation plan proposes shutting down one turbine during those wind speeds and directions.

According to the BOH, the mitigation plan has been in effect since the beginning of December. According to BOH data, there have been no complaints coming from new locations since that time.

From March 5, 2012 to Dec. 30, 2013, there were 542 complaints from 61 houses. More than half of those complaints came from three houses.

Since December 9, there have been 32 complaints.

According to Fairhaven Health Agent Patricia Fowle, the developer has been emailing her every night with an update on whether the turbines were off or on.

During the past month, the turbines were adjusted based on weather forecasts and current conditions. Now that the plan has been accepted, the developer will create a program that will automatically shut down one turbine between midnight and 4 a.m. if the wind blows within 11.25 degrees of Northwest (315 degrees), Northeast (45 degrees) or South-Southwest (205 degrees); and the wind is below 7 meters/second (15.7 miles per hour) at the nacelle, or below 3 meters/second at the surface; and there is a less than a 50% chance of precipitation forecast during that time period.

It should take about a month for the new programming to be implemented.

## Aquaculture farm wants to expand

Taylor Seafood, which operates a 35-acre aquaculture farm in Nasquet Bay wants to expand its on-water site to 101 acres. The company also wishes to renovate and start using a building it owns adjacent to Hoppy's Landing to process shellfish.

The plan calls for more oysters to be grown and harvested, for quahogs to be grown for the first time, with a promise that some quahog seed will be donated to the town.

The plan also promises improvements to infrastructure for water users, including more navigational markers and less nitrogen in the water.

The Selectboard first heard of the plan at its 12/30/13 meeting and voted to move it to a future meeting to allow for public input. It is expected to be discussed on Monday, 2/3. A representative from the Division of Marine Fisheries will be available to answer questions. Shellfish warden Tim Cox encourages anyone with questions or input to call him at 508-984-4529 or to email shellfish@fairhaven-ma.gov



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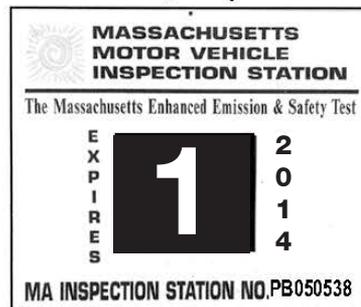
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Remove all ornaments and tinsel  
DO NOT PUT IN PLASTIC BAGS

### Collection Days:

Regular Rubbish Day	Christmas Tree Pick-up Day
Monday	Tuesday, January 14
Tuesday	Wednesday, Jan. 15
Wednesday	Thursday, January 16
Thursday	Friday, January 17

Missed trees may be dropped off at the gate at the Recycle Center, 5 Arsene Street.

By the Fairhaven Department of Public Works, 508-979-4031.

## High School Open House

Fairhaven High School will be holding our 8th Grade Family Open House on Thursday January 9th at 6:30 pm. All 8th grade students interested in attending Fairhaven High School and their parents are welcome to attend. We will be sharing information about the High School and its curriculum. Students and their families will be able to participate in a school tour, an activities fair and a fine arts showcase. Any questions please feel free to contact the Guidance Office at 508-979-4120.

## Softball sign-ups

January 12. See ad on page 3.

## Little League Reg.

Fairhaven Acushnet Little League (FALL) will be holding registration days for the 2014 season on the following dates:

**January 28 and 30** from 5-8 PM at the Fairhaven Shaw Rd complex.

**February 1** from 10-2 PM at the Fairhaven Rec Center.

**February 6 and 11** from 5-8 PM at the Acushnet VFW.

This is for all new and returning players in all divisions (ages 4-15 on or before April 30, 2014)

For further information or questions, please visit [fairhavenacushnetll.com](http://fairhavenacushnetll.com), our Facebook page, or email

[fairhavenacushnetlittleleague@gmail.com](mailto:fairhavenacushnetlittleleague@gmail.com)

## Bullying Prevention

Bully Prevention Workshop. FREE Children's Workshop For Children ages 5—8 years. *Help your child build confidence!*

Please join Stephen Whittier of Nexus Martial Arts and Fitness for this great opportunity for your 5-8 year-old. In this workshop your child will learn how to control his impulses, confront bullies, stand up for himself, and avoid arguments and fights. He will learn confidence and leadership skills that will improve his social interactions in school. This workshop also includes self-defense lessons to get him moving and having fun. Don't miss out on this free opportunity to teach your child the skills he needs to succeed!

Saturday, January 18, 2:30-3:30, at Fairhaven Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Ave. Registration is required! Please contact Jacquie Sampson for questions or to register at 508-999-9930, ext. 102; or [jsampson@paceccw.org](mailto:jsampson@paceccw.org)

Greater New Bedford's Family Connections Network is a program of PACE Inc., Child Care Works, and operates with funding from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care. This workshop is made possible with the collaborative efforts of the Fairhaven Recreation Department and Nexus Martial Arts and Fitness.

## Girl Scout Cookies

*America's Favorite Cookies are Back! Girl Scout Cookies are on Sale through March 4, including First-Ever Gluten Free Girl Scout Cookie*

Girl Scouts of Eastern Mass. is excited to bring back America's favorite cookies, and to introduce two new flavors, including one that is gluten-free. Each year Girl Scout cookies are offered in eight delicious flavors, and are sold for a limited time. Customers can now purchase Thin Mints, Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Shortbreads, Thanks-A-Lots, Lemonades, Peanut Butter Sandwiches or one of our two new cookies this year, Cranberry Citrus Crisp, and starting January 23 in limited supply, Gluten Free Chocolate Chip Shortbread. Be sure to stock up;

they are only available until March 4.

Girl Scout Cookies are an icon of American culture. From their earliest beginnings to their current popularity, Girl Scout Cookies bring joy to customers and help girls have fun, develop valuable life skills and make their communities a better place. Each purchase means you get tasty cookies — and a girl learns a lifetime of skills, such as goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills and business ethics.

During the cookie sale, girls work towards a common goal as part of a team. The money earned from cookie sale activities helps the troop partake in service projects, go on field trips, purchase patches, attend summer camp and so much more. In addition, girls give back to others during the sale through the Cookies for a Cause program. Girls sell boxes of cookies that are set aside to be donated to soldiers overseas or to a local food pantry. Last year Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts donated more than 35,000 packages. This especially meaningful element of the Girl Scout cookie program helps girls develop business ethics and a foundation for a lifetime of community service.

Girl Scout cookies are \$4 a package, Gluten Free are \$5 a pouch. To find out where to buy cookies in your area visit [www.hergirlscouts.org](http://www.hergirlscouts.org), click on the "cookie locator" and enter your zip code.

## Give a pint, get a pound

Southcoast® Blood Bank's annual promotion, "Give a Pint, Get a Pound" featuring Dunkin' Donuts coffee, returns to the region during National Blood Donor Month this January.

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**FAIRHAVEN:** Friday, January 17, Southcoast Center For Cancer Care, 206 Mill Road, Fairhaven, Blood Drive, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Call or visit 508-961-5320 or visit, [www.southcoast.org/bloodbank/](http://www.southcoast.org/bloodbank/)

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Winter Concert

The Greater New Bedford Choral Society, under the direction of Gerald P. Dyck and accompanied by Christopher Ricci, will present its winter choral concert on **Sunday, January 12, 2014 at 3:00pm at Grace Episcopal Church on County Street in New Bedford.** The program includes Antonio Vivaldi's joyful "Magnificat," Michael Haydn's exuberant "Paratum Cor Meum" (My Heart is Steadfast) and other shorter choral works by Bach, Biebl, Gardner, Faure, Lauridsen, Mozart and Read.

**Tickets are \$15** for adults and free for children age twelve and under, and may be obtained from any chorus member or at the door. More information about the chorus is available by calling 508-644-2419 or by visiting [www.gnbcs.org](http://www.gnbcs.org).

## YTI Play

Under the direction of Robin Richard of New Bedford, Douglas Carter Beane's *The Little Dog Laughed* will open at Your Theatre, Inc. on **Thursday, January 16, 2014.**

Nominated for the 2007 Tony Award for Best Play and the GLAAD Media Award for Outstanding New York Theatre, the play is a fast, witty, and wise examination of the Hollywood world of perception and deception. When closeted screen idol, Mitchell Green, develops feelings for the 'rent boy' Alex, complications arise for the hard-driving Diane, Mitchell's talented agent. Diane cleverly negotiates the desires of her star against the demands of secrecy as it relates to success in the Hollywood world.

Ellen, Alex's quirky girlfriend (yes, girlfriend), complicates the action which takes place in quick scenes and internal monologues with sometimes two or more scenes happening simultaneously.

Who are you? What do you want? These big questions are asked by this hilarious risqué romp behind the scenes as the characters come to terms with these questions. Can Diane dish up a delicious answer?

**NOTE: INCLUDES ADULT CONTENT AND LANGUAGE.**

Performances run January 16, 17, 18 & 23, 24, 25, 2014 at 8:00pm and January 19 & 26, 2014 at 2:30pm

All productions will be in the theatre's handicap accessible performance complex at St. Martin's Church, 136 Rivet St. at County St., New Bedford. Parking is free in the church lot on County St.

General admission is \$15; students, seniors, and military personnel \$13. For tickets and other information about the production call Your Theatre, Inc. at 508-993-0772, or send an e-mail to [info@yourtheatre.org](mailto:info@yourtheatre.org). The theatre's web site is [www.yourtheatre.org](http://www.yourtheatre.org)

## Free Science Night

The Ocean Explorium will open its doors a complimentary Family Science Night on **Thursday, January 16, from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.** This event is related to the new exhibit "Life, Smoke, and Fire - Underwater: Deep Sea Vents Explored" which includes artifacts from expeditions to the deep sea floor as well as special Science on a Sphere® presentations.

Visitors will have an opportunity to meet an Ocean Engineer, Dr. James Kinsey, from Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

There will also be hands-on activities and a live telephone call to the research vessel Atlantis on-site over the East Pacific Rise, part of the mid-ocean ridge about 600 miles south of Manzanillo, Mexico.

Visit <http://divediscover.who.edu/>; and <http://divediscover.who.edu/sos>.

Family Science Night is made possible through funding from the National Science Foundation.

## Tree Collection

Christmas trees will be collected curbside in New Bedford during the week of January 13 through Jan. 17. Trees should be placed curbside on the same day as the designated residential solid waste collection day.

The City will not collect Christmas Trees curbside at any other time.

In addition, for those New Bedford residents wishing to dispose of their Christmas trees at alternate dates/times, the city has designated drop-off areas at the following locations: East Rodney French Boulevard Beach Parking Lot (Between Hudson and Seymour Streets); Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station Monday (1103 Shawmut Ave.) Monday through Friday 7:30A.M.—3:30 P.M.; Brooklawn

Park (Near Pony League Field, enter at Irvington Street); Pine Hill Park (Phillips Road)

All trees, whether disposed of curbside or at a drop-off location, must be free of stands, ornaments, lights and shall not be in bags.

Residents with questions on this matter are encouraged to contact the Department of Facilities and Fleet Maintenance at (508) 979-1520.

## Dock-U-Mentary

The Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series continues this month with two programs. **On Sunday, January 12th** Working Waterfront Festival teams up with WCAI (the Cape and Islands NPR Station) to present *Ocean Frontiers II: A New England Story for Sustaining the Sea* at 2PM. **On Friday, January 17th** a screening of *Red Gold* will be offered at 7PM. Dock-U-Mentaries is a co-production of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and the Working Waterfront Festival. Films about the working waterfront are screened on the third Friday of each month beginning at 7:00 PM in the theater of the Corson Maritime Learning Center, located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. All programs are open to the public and presented free of charge. Accessible.

*Ocean Frontiers II* uses coastal Rhode Island as a case study to consider the marine spatial planning process involved in negotiating varied use of the marine environment. In this region steeped in old maritime tradition, a modern wave of big ships, energy industries, and a changing climate, now tests the limits of an already crowded sea.

Filmmakers Ben Knight and Travis Rummel spent 70 days in Bristol Bay documenting the growing unrest among native, commercial and sport fishermen who oppose the construction of Pebble Mine, an open pit copper mine, which would be built at the headwaters of the Kvichak and the Nushagak Rivers in Bristol Bay Alaska, the two largest remaining sockeye salmon runs on the planet. *Red Gold* is a portrait of a unique way of life that would not exist if the salmon didn't return with Bristol Bay's tide. Sarah Schuman, a Bristol Bay cannery worker and activist, will answer questions follow the screening.

## Church Serv for Special Needs

The Four Churches of the Southern Cross (Episcopal churches of St. Peter's in Dartmouth, St. Andrew's and St. Martin's in New Bedford, and Church of the Good Shepherd in Fairhaven) welcome Autistic and other Special Needs children from elementary grades through high school and their families to "Spirit of Grace," a special church service that endeavors to provide a spiritual and meaningful faith experience in a comfortable, informal setting. "The Spirit of Grace" will hold a monthly service in the Judith Clarke Center located at St. Peter's Church, 351 Elm St., So. Dartmouth, on the second Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm. **The next date is Sunday, Jan. 12.**

This hour-long program includes storytelling, crafts and activities and a celebration of the Holy Eucharist by Rev. Rebecca Blair. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caretaker. Reservations are required in order to properly prepare for your child. Please call Andrea at 508-991-8596, Rev. Rebecca Blair at 508-992-9274, or Beryl at 508-493-4408.

## Dance Class for Special Needs

The Schwartz Center for Children and New Bedford Ballet are pleased to offer the Partners in Dance program, an adaptive dance class designed for children with developmental challenges, who are partnered with their typically developing peers, relatives, or teachers. This innovative program will be offered from **January 9th through February 13th** on Thursdays from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Schwartz Center for Children.

Under the direction of Ms. Rebecca Waskiel-Marchesseault, artistic director of New Bedford Ballet and with assistance from Mr. James Brown, master ballet instructor at New Bedford Ballet, and staff members from the Schwartz Center for Children, students with developmental challenges will explore the world of dance and creative movement in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Each class includes a unique theme, around which a warm-up, creative movement and a craft

activity are based. Each child will be partnered with their sibling, a relative, a peer, or an adult, and together they will share this unique experience designed to foster creativity and self-esteem.

For more contact the New Bedford Ballet at 508-993-1387 or visit: [newbedfordballet.org](http://newbedfordballet.org)

## Bird Club Meeting

At January's Nasketucket Bird Club meeting, Fairhaven resident and professional photographer Dan Logan will show some of his images from the last two years to illustrate the diversity of birds that live in or pass through southeastern Mass.

The event will be held at **7 p.m. on Thurs., Jan. 23, at the Mattapoissett Public Library**. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information contact Carolyn Longworth at [bvm1290@comcast.net](mailto:bvm1290@comcast.net).

Logan's travels in the area have enabled him to photograph more than 225 species in Bristol, Plymouth and Barnstable counties from frequent backyard visitors to seabirds forced close to shore by powerful storms. His images range from the ubiquitous Black-capped Chickadee and Red-winged Blackbird, to such less frequently seen species such as the Roseate Tern, Black Skimmer, Snowy Owl, Cape May Warbler, Nelson's Sparrow and Thick-billed Murre.

## Gala Fund-raiser

Buzzards Play Productions is celebrating its first official season with a Gala Fundraiser and invites you to join in the celebration at **our theater, 3065 Cranberry Highway, Wareham, on January 25th from 7 p.m.-midnight. Tickets are \$35.**

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Buzzards Play Productions is a local non-profit theatre that has been producing family friendly theatrical

productions since 2011. Now a 501(c)3 organization, 2013 is the first official season of Buzzards Play Productions. In addition to theatre, the venue houses 3065 LIVE, a fully functional music venue which brings in acts from all over the country.

## Free Concerts

Running Brook Vineyards and Winery has announced the lineup for the Local Music & Wine Winter Series. Music events are always free at the Dartmouth winery.

In January Jeff Mayer will play January 8 from 1 to 5 p.m. and Tony & Steph Acoustic Duo, part of the Mystic Trio, will play from 1 to 5 p.m. on January 25. Delta Charlie Trio will play at a special time on January 18 from 5 to 9 p.m. which will also feature a bonfire of the vineyard's prunings in the field.

The winter series concludes in March with performances by reggae band Dubbest on March 1, Delta Charlie Band on March 8, Midlife Crisis on March 15, Wes from Georgia on March 22 and a special Wine Club Party on March 29 with James Gagne of Shipyard Wreck.

Running Brook will be holding the Local Music & Wine music series nearly every weekend in 2014.

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## FOE Renewal Time

January 2014 is membership renewal month for the Mattapoissett Friends of the Elderly. Remember to renew your annual membership, still only \$5 per person (age 18 and older) and be able to vote at the Annual Meeting. Curious about what we are all about? Come to the Annual Meeting on **Saturday, January 25 at 10 AM**. Forms were inserted in the January 2014 Seasonings. A membership form is also available online at: [http://www.mattapoissett.net/Pages/MattapoissettMA\\_COA/FOEApplication2012.pdf](http://www.mattapoissett.net/Pages/MattapoissettMA_COA/FOEApplication2012.pdf)



**ENTERTAINMENT:**

Fri., 1/10, Scarlett, 8 p.m.  
 Fri., 1/17, James Gagne, 8 p.m.  
 Sat., 1/18, Johnny's Basement, 9 p.m.  
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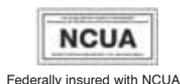
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# Recipe of the Week

## Slow Cooker Beef Stew

- 1 1/2-2 pounds stew meat, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 3 sliced carrots
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 3 diced potatoes
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1-2 chopped onions
- 2 cups water
- 1 sliced celery stalk
- 1 teaspoon or 1 cube low sodium beef bouillon
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 finely chopped garlic cloves
- Add herbs as desired: bay leaf, basil, oregano, paprika, black pepper, etc.

Place meat in slow cooker. Mix flour, salt, and pepper in a medium bowl, and pour over meat; stir to coat. Add remaining ingredients and stir to mix.

Cover and cook on LOW for 8 to 10 hours or HIGH for 4 to 6 hours. Stir stew thoroughly before serving. If using bay leaf, discard before serving. (Yields 6 servings)

Feel free to add any of your favorite vegetables to the stew as well!

*From Coastline Elderly Services Nutrition Newsletter*

### To share a recipe with your neighbors

Mail to 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719; fax to 508-991-5580; email to [neighbnews@comcast.net](mailto:neighbnews@comcast.net)

# Douglass tree sale helps ALS research

*By Beth David*  
Editor

Douglass Tree Farm in Fairhaven held its 12th annual Christmas Tree Sale to Support ALS Research on Saturday and Sunday, 12/7 & 8. The Douglass family's Christmas tree sale began in 2001, shortly after their son, Ken, now 53, was diagnosed with ALS.

This year, the family raised about \$17,000 with the help of many volunteers, including the Old Rochester Regional/Fairhaven Hockey Team on Sunday, according to Dick Douglass, Ken's father. In the past 11 years, the sale has raised about \$170,000.

Every year, many people show up to volunteer and to buy trees. The annual tradition allows local families to pick their own tree and cut it down, traipsing through the tree farm, but not needing to venture into the woods.

Spencer Smith's daughters, Geneva and Hannah, said they enjoyed

searching for the tree and reading the clever signs on some of them, such as "If I were standing in front of you I would certainly take you home."

Most people said they like the tradition, they like supporting a good cause, and they like knowing that the trees are fresh.

"You can't get any fresher than this," said Danielle Slight of Berkley, who has been buying her tree at the sale for 10 years and whose husband died from ALS.

Liz DiCarlo and Bev Baccelli said they liked supporting a local small business, but that this was so much more because of the support for ALS.

"We wouldn't give our Christmas Tree money to anyone else," said Ms. Baccelli.

Proceeds go to the ALS Therapy Development Institute (ALS TDI) in Cambridge. For more information, visit [http://community.als.net/the\\_douglassfamilyeffort](http://community.als.net/the_douglassfamilyeffort) •••



Spencer, Geneva and Hannah Smith load up a tree from the Douglass Tree Farm in Fairhaven on Dec. 7. The farm donates proceeds from all Christmas Tree sales to research for a cure for ALS, known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. For more information on the Douglass Family's fundraising efforts visit <http://community.als.net/thedouglassfamilyeffort>. Photo by Beth David. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

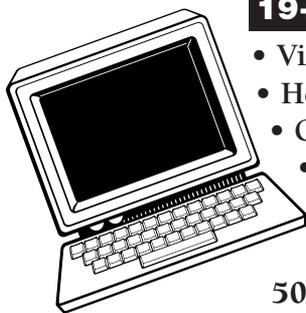
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Fri., 1/24: Couto & Mulligan, 5-8

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# Acushnet firefighters honored in Boston

By Beth David  
Editor

Three Acushnet firefighters received the Meritorious Citation for acts of bravery during a fire at 46 Coloumbe Street on January 6, 2013, when they rescued Karen Szymczyk, who was trapped in a second-floor bathroom.

Rookie firefighter Adam Hebert, 19 at the time, his cousin Paul Frysinger and Thomas Farland received the award from Governor Deval Patrick at the 24th annual Firefighter of the Year Awards held at Kresge Auditorium at MIT in Cambridge on Thursday, 12/19/13.

According to Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher, the last aware for Acushnet went to now retired firefighter Alfred Robichaud for the rescue of Ms. Szymczyk's aunt at the same Coloumbe Street address 22 years ago.

Two years ago Chief Gallagher received the Fire Marshal Award at the same ceremony for his building code work on modular homes.

The three firefighters are credited with saving Ms. Szymczyk's life. Mr. Hebert and Mr. Frysinger carried her down the stairs and outside where she was airlifted to Rhode Island Hospital.

Ms. Szymczyk now lives at Presidential Terrace Acushnet after losing most of her possessions in the fire. She told firefighters that she



L-R: Acushnet Firefighters Thomas Farland, Paul Frysinger and Adam Hebert with Governor Patrick at the 24th annual Firefighter of the Year Awards on December 19. The three firefighters received the Meritorious Citation for acts of bravery when they saved Karen Szymczyk last January 6, 2013 from a fire in her home, where she was trapped in the bathroom. Photo from the Acushnet Fire Department.

missed the lilac bushes from the house that had the fire. They had been planted by her grandparents who built the house in 1910.

So, on September 25, 2013, Firefighters and Acushnet Housing Authority personnel got together and dug up some of those lilac bushes and planted them in an area near her new

apartment. A bush was also planted at Station #1.

Chief Gallagher said he was proud of the three men who received the award in December.

"We could not be prouder of their accomplishment or prouder of them as firefighters and men," he said.



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Kelli Tomlinson

# Secret Santa spreads Christmas Spirit at Fairhaven Village

Press Release

Christmas came early for Fairhaven Village families this year. Just days before the holiday, the residents of Fairhaven Village — a 169-unit affordable housing community located on Main Street and managed by Peabody Properties, Inc. — received a generous donation from an anonymous do-gooder.

The “Secret Santa” delivered gift bags overflowing with new coats, gloves, hats, leggings, toys and gift cards to the families of Fairhaven Village, who celebrated together on December 18th.

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L-R: The Dwelley Family, mother Kristen, seven-year-old Savannah, two-month-old Ryder, four-year-old Skye and father Max (back), pose for a photo with Santa Claus before receiving their Christmas gifts on December 18. An anonymous “do-gooder” donated gift bags for the residents of Fairhaven Village. Submitted photo. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

## Mattapoisett Laundromat donates 200 coats

Press Release

The Mattapoisett Laundromat recently held its sixth annual One Warm Coat drive. More than 200 coats were collected and donated to Child & Family Services for distribution to their clients.

Customers and employees of the Mattapoisett Laundromat and people from the community gave gently used and even new coats of all sizes, as well as mittens, gloves, scarves and blankets. The coat drive was organized by the Mattapoisett

Laundromat’s assistant manager, Nancy Duff.

“Every year I am touched by people’s generosity, but the outpouring of kindness this year has been deeply moving,” Duff commented.

Nancy turned to Mattapoisett construction company Fisher & Rocha, Inc. for help delivering 200 coats to Child & Family Service’s 1061 Pleasant Street location. Bruce Rocha, Jr. offered to drive and help unload the coats, making these deliveries possible.

Over 800 coats have been donated to Child & Family Services since 2010.

“Nancy does a fantastic job organizing this coat drive and we are thankful to be recipients once again this year,” stated Susan Remy, CFS Director of Development.

Child & Family Services, Inc. is a private, nonprofit, human service agency that provides adoption services, mental health counseling, psychiatry and specialized support programs to people of all ages living in Greater New Bedford, Greater Fall River, Cape Cod, Lawrence, Florence, Plymouth, Worcester and Somerville. We have been helping people since 1843 and continue to fulfill our mission “...to heal and strengthen the lives of children and families.”



L-R: Janelle Guenette, Nancy Duff, Bruce Rocha, Marc Boulanger get ready to donate more than 200 coats to Child & Family Services from the sixth annual One Warm Coat drive sponsored by the Mattapoisett Laundromat. Submitted photo. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

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## Home Alone Safety Class

This course is designed to encourage children to be more independent. Topics covered will be basic first aid, door and telephone protocol, accident prevention, first aid for choking and safety measures. Pizza will also be provided. Space is limited... sign up soon.

Ages: 9-11 Date: January 27th  
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Wed. 1/22: So. Shore Plaza

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### Presentation

Fallon Community Health Plan, Fri. 1/24, 2/28 and 3/28 at 10:00 a.m. A representative will be here to discuss Fallon Health Care options.

### Singles Supper Club

Tuesday, Jan. 21. Call Fairhaven Senior Center for info. 508-979-4029

### LGBT Supper Club

For Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender seniors, Wed., 1/15, from 5-7 p.m.

### New Activity

Line Dancing with Lyn, Mon. 1:00-2:30 p.m.

### Weather Cancellations

If we have snow accumulation there will be no daily shopping that day and activities may be cancelled.

Call the Senior Center to confirm if your activity is cancelled. So, please stock up on non-perishable food items. If the Town Hall Offices are closed then the Senior Center is closed. Listen to the local radio or television stations for official closings.

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# Annual plunge draws hundreds on frigid morning

By Beth David  
Editor

The third annual Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge drew hundreds to the beach at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven on an especially frigid New Year's morning. According to ML Baron at the West Island Weather Station temperatures were 27 degrees with a wind chill bringing that down to 12, with wind gusts from 17-24 miles per hour. The water temperature was about 37 degrees.

None of that stopped Sarah Nogueira, 25, Alyssa Garcia, 18, or Garrett Wunschel, 20, from taking the plunge for the first time. Their friend and coworker Joshua Allen, 23, had plunged before. Mr. Wunschel said he was plunging in memory of his friend Lance Cpl Matthew Rodriguez, a Fairhaven resident and Marine who was killed in Afghanistan on December 11.

Announcer Jim Dugan told plungers to be especially careful because of the cold weather. He asked that they keep an eye on each other in the water.

Then, at the appointed time, the group of shivering, hopping, half-naked people ran into the cold waters of the Atlantic Ocean, and quickly turned around again.

A few show-offs stayed in the water and dunked in all the way, but most just ran in a few feet and had the good sense to turn around and run out again.

They were met with munchies at the Fort Phoenix gazebo, a hot fire, and much gratitude from the organizers. Hundreds of people also showed up just to watch.

Paul Moitoso, 44, of Fairhaven said he plunged for the third time and this year was definitely colder than the other two. He said it hurt when he went in, but it was for a great cause.



ABOVE: This group of friends strips down getting ready to jump in the frigid waters on New Year's Day at the third annual Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge in Fairhaven, while (BELOW LEFT) the West Island group stays bundled up until absolutely necessary. BELOW RIGHT: Billy Sorell warms up at the fire after his jump into the Atlantic. Photos by Beth David. Visit us at [www.Facebook.com/NeighborNews](http://www.Facebook.com/NeighborNews) to see more photos of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase.

"I can't feel my feet," said Cory Fitzpatrick, 33. "All I wanted to do was get out."

Billy Sorell, 31, plunged for the fifth time.

"The first year was the coldest," said Mr. Sorell, admitting that this year was the second coldest. "Last year was a breeze."

The organizers asked that people register, but registration is free. Money is raised through t-shirt sales.

Organizer Kathy Lopes said that the event grossed more than \$5500 this year. After expenses, she said they will be able to award two \$1,000 scholarships through the Dollars for Scholars program. She estimated nearly 300 plungers signed up, but there are a few who don't sign in, they just jump in.

In an email, Ms. Lopes made it a point to thank the registration crew, the police, the fire department for providing the ambulance, the voice of the plunge Jim Dugan, who announces the event, Ted Silva, Carol-

Ann Days-Merrill, the entire Lopes family, and the Salvation Army.

"It is pretty amazing that we never have a meeting for the event and yet on plunge day everything goes like clockwork," wrote Ms. Lopes.

"Everyone knows their job and just does it!"

This year's plunge was "who's your superhero?" People were invited to dress up as their favorite superhero and many showed up. Someone also wore a shark fin. Officials reported no medical issues.

The Ft. Phoenix Polar Plunge began after organizers ended the plunge they had held in honor of Nancy Schonheinz, who was killed by her boyfriend in 2000.

The Fort Phoenix Plunge's mission statements says that bringing awareness to the issue of domestic violence is continued in honoring the memories of Fairhaven's domestic violence victims. We believe the answer to ending the cycle of violence is through education.

For more information find the Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge on Facebook.



# “My big brother, my Marine, my hero”

## Fairhaven native son laid to rest at National Cemetery in Bourne

By Beth David  
Editor

Fairhaven native Lance Corporal Matthew Rodriguez, 19, was laid to rest at the National Cemetery in Bourne on Monday, 12/23. He was killed in Afghanistan during combat operations in Helmand Province on December 11. A dignified transfer ceremony took the body from the New Bedford Airport to Saunders-Dwyer funeral home on 12/19, and a wake was held on 12/22.

Thousands of people lined the route as the casket made its way through the streets of New Bedford, Fairhaven and Mattapoisett. Both processions passed by the Rodriguez home on Adams Street. On the way to Bourne, fire departments posted trucks at each overpass on 195 which was completely shut down for the procession. People were scattered along the highway, and many of those stopped at the on-ramps got out of their cars in the pouring rain to salute or just stand in silences. At the entrance to the cemetery a man held the US and Marine flags next to a sign that read “Thank you LCPL Rodriguez. I try to be worth dying for.”

At the cemetery, a service with full military honors, including a 21-gun salute, taps and the folding of the flag was held. Flags were given to LCPL

Rodriguez’s mother Lisa, his brother Adam and his fiancé Julia Tapper.

During the ceremony in a full First Congregational Church in Fairhaven the Rev. Bette McClure told the congregation that they were there to grieve one of the “hardest deaths to grieve, one of a young man barely in adulthood...a proud Marine.”

She said that although they may feel surrounded by darkness, she invited them to “believe with me that the light will once again shine and that the darkness will not put it out.”

“May you know that Matt’s spirit lives on in each and every one of you,” she said.

Matthew’s sister Lauren Rodriguez Webber and his brother Adam also spoke about him.

Ms. Webber, 37, said she was excited when she got a little brother.

“I loved spoiling that kid,” she said.

She thanked everyone for their support and love and strength, saying that the family “felt every bit of it.”

She told a story or two about him, including that he had to learn to dance for her wedding.

“He could do a mean worm,” she said.

Like many others who talked about Matthew, Lauren made sure to mention his ever-present smile. She said he was always willing to help her and her husband with jobs around

the house, even painting his niece’s bedroom all by himself when he

“You name it, he did it,” she said. “And with a smile.”

She said he always wanted to be a marine.

“We know he’s nothing short of a hero,” said Ms. Rodriguez Webber. “I am honored to be his sister.

She asked that in his honor people visit a veteran and thank him for his service, listen to his stories. And her favorite way to honor him, she said as her voice cracked, was take a child to play in the playground at the airport, which has been named after Matthew.

“He loved everyone he met. He always had that dumb grin on his face,” said his brother Adam. “He wasn’t only my big brother, he was my hero and he still is.”

Adam said the best way he could honor Matthew would be to do his best at everything he tried, to succeed.

“Everything I do will be for him,” said Adam. “I know all of you will remember Matthew...my big brother, my marine, my hero.”



LEFT: Roland “Rod” Rodriguez salutes his son, Lance Cpl. Matthew Rodriguez, at the National Cemetery in Bourne on 12/23/13, while LCPL Rodriguez’s mother (RIGHT), his brother and sisters say their final goodbyes. Matthew was killed in Afghanistan during combat operations in Helmand Province according to the US Department of Defense. RIGHT: A man holds a US flag and Marine flag next to a sign that reads “Thank you LCPL Rodriguez. I try to be worth dying for,” at the entrance to the National Cemetery in Bourne. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com) Visit us at [www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews](http://www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews) to see more photos.

# People line roads for “dignified transfer” of LCPL Rodriguez

Meredith Winnett

## Neighb News Correspondent

The town of Fairhaven came out in large numbers to support the family of fallen Marine Lance Corporal Matthew Rodriguez during a motorcade on 12/19. During the “dignified transfer” ceremony, LCpl Rodriguez’s casket was taken off a plane at New Bedford Regional Airport and transferred to Saunders-Dwyer Funeral Home in Mattapoisett. The motorcade went through the streets of Fairhaven and by LCpl Rodriguez’s family home on Center Street.

Family members looked out their car windows appreciatively with tears in their eyes as town members solemnly watched with support.

Mary Anne Walker of Adams Street was noticeably upset of the passing as he was, “Way too young,” she said.

Ms. Walker said she was very thankful for the Rodriguez’s family sacrifice, saying, “It’s freedom — we’re here because of kids like him.”

Ms. Walker added, “We only hear about the bad kids. We don’t hear about the good kids until something like this happens.”

Neighbor Wayne Holland spoke briefly about how he had known Lance Corporal Rodriguez for his whole life. Mr. Holland said he was heartbroken when he received the news and is doing all he can to help the Rodriguez family.

Sargeant Barry Lima of New Bedford, combat medic in the Army, made the trip to Fairhaven to, “Pay respects to a fellow service member”.

Sgt. Lima did not know LCpl Rodriguez, but his passing hit close to home as Sgt. Lima is deploying to Afghanistan again in the next year.

Neighbors chatted about how young LCpl Rodriguez was, many



Veterans living at Our Lady’s Haven on Center Street in Fairhaven, brave the cold on December 19 to pay tribute to fallen Marine, Lance Cpl. Matthew Rodriguez, who grew up just two blocks away. The motorcade carrying his body passed by his house on the way to the funeral home. He was buried in the National Cemetery in Bourne on 12/23/13. Photo by Heidi Winnett. BELOW: LCPL Rodriguez’s body is taken off the plane by the Marines at New Bedford Regional Airport on 12/19 in a dignified transfer ceremony. Photo by Beth David.

commenting on how they could not understand how the family was expected to cope. They recalled never knowing the young marine to cause a problem in the neighborhood, and viewed him as a good kid.

Those who knew him remembered how he was excited to become a Marine and follow in his father’s footsteps.

Center Street was lined with neighbors bundled up braving the harsh wind. Normal chatter filled the street as town members greeted each other. The

conversation was silenced when the band of local police motorcycles turned the corner of Main Street onto Center Street. Though townspeople were trying to stay strong in support of the Rodriguez family, many shed tears as a local hero who had given his life for our country passed by. After the motorcade passed by, onlookers walked silently back to their homes and cars. ●●●





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# Cold snap hits area, blizzard drops 7" of snow

By Beth David  
Editor

A cold snap hit the region since the beginning of the year, with temperatures in the teens, often dipping below zero and wind chills making it feel like way below zero.

A blizzard dropped 7" of snow on Fairhaven on January 3, halting efforts to find a duck hunter missing from West Island since 12/31 (see story on page 24).

The subzero temperatures and snowfall closed schools and town hall

just as school vacation was coming to an end. A short thaw lasted long enough to melt the snow this week, but then the temperatures dropped back below zero, causing the marshes to look like a frozen tundra.



ABOVE LEFT, L-R: Liz Bennett and Barbara Phaneuf, both of Fairhaven enjoy a little cross country skiing at Fort Phoenix on January 3, after a blizzard dropped seven inches of snow in Fairhaven. ABOVE RIGHT: Landscaper Nick Oliveira throws some salt down at the Millicent Library in Fairhaven, which was closed, along with town hall across the street, due to the storm. BELOW: The marsh on the north side of Goulart Memorial Drive looks like the frozen tundra of the arctic on January 3. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com) Visit us at [www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews](http://www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews) to see more photos. Individual photos are available for purchase.



# BPW may need layoffs to reach budget goals

By Michael Smith

## Neighb News Correspondent

Facing a difficult task, the Fairhaven Board of Public Works and its department supervisors met January 6 to discuss proposals on cuts up to 2% from their 2014 fiscal year budget, with the sacrificial lamb most likely coming in the form of salaries or jobs.

The Board of Public Works has until January 14 to submit its proposal for cuts to the Selectboard and the Finance Committee.

Remarking on the "difficult exercise" in deciding what to cut from the budget, Chairperson Steven Riley said during preliminary talks on a meeting December 30, "That is this board's challenge here tonight. It is what it is."

The difficulty Mr. Riley speaks of stems from the differentiation of budget cut requests from the Selectboard and of the Finance Committee. The Selectboard is asking for cuts anywhere within the budget to meet the 2% goal. The Finance Committee, according is asking departments to submit three budget numbers, including a 0% salary increase, a 1% and a 2% increase.

The BPW met with department supervisors to review budgets for water, sewer, parks and highway.

After discussion, a consensus reluctantly pointed toward the cutting department personnel.

Water Superintendent Ed Fortin

suggested to the board that cuts from his department come in the way of summer employees.

"I can't cut costs for repairs, so help is the one," said Mr. Fortin, noting to the board the importance of having money on hand to repair and replace aging department vehicles.

The Water Department, employing six people, with two working July

employees may not be enough to meet the goal. Salaries for sewer personnel went up 2% this fiscal year.

The Sewer Department employs over 15 people, including weekend and summer help.

Mr. Charbonneau told the board he could not make up the \$13,000 in the budget except by cutting positions. To reach the 2% goal, Mr. Charbonneau said he might be able to "squeeze" something from line item expenditures in the budget, but would not touch vehicle maintenance.

"We have new vehicles, but we also have old vehicles too that have to work just as hard," said Mr. Charbonneau.

Board member Brian Wotton suggested the Park and Highway Department could skip mowing grass every other week during the season to save costs.

Public Works Superintendent Vinnie Furtado reminded the board that the department is responsible for over 59 acres to care for.

"That is a lot of grass in Fairhaven that gets cut," said Mr. Furtado.

Mr. Furtado also said, in his estimation, reaching 2% in cuts in each budget is an "exercise in futility" without personnel cuts.

"Whatever it is, it's going to be less services to provide."

"Our employees are our biggest assets, but they also cost the most," lamented Mr. Riley. "It's a very difficult situation."

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through August, gave a 2.18% increase in salaries this year.

Sewer Superintendent Linda Schick and Park and Highway Superintendent John Charbonneau echoed Mr. Fortin's sentiments when it came to their respective department budgets.

"I don't want to cut anybody," Ms. Schick said to the board, noting that the scenario of cutting summer

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## Appeals approves home use for electrician

Meredith Winnett

### Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals met on January 7 and approved a home office for Nicholas Costa's electrician business.

Mr. Costa has lived at 16 Holcomb Street for the past seven years and has been an electrician since 2005. He needs a special permit for his home office because he is required to have a mailing address for his business.

The board announced that the use would comply with the home occupation bylaw, which states that a home office cannot use more than 25% of the house. Furthermore, no more than one employee is allowed to live at the house, no illuminated signs and no signs over one square foot, and no smoke emissions are allowed. Costa plans to have a desk with a computer

in order to run his business from home.

Neighbor Robert Costa (no relation to Nicholas) spoke against the office, saying he was concerned about how Nicholas Costa would use his property.

"This is a residential area and there is a lot of traffic," Robert Costa told the board.

Neighbor Nancy Costa complained that Nicholas Costa has violated town bylaws in the past, stating that he would throw his dog's feces against their fence and he had a shed that did not have a foundation.

Board member Rene Fleurent assured Mr. and Mrs. Costa that the town bylaws dictated what Nicholas Costa could and could not do. He told them that if they suspected he was violating other bylaws, they could file a complaint. Mr. Fleurent told the

neighbors that Mr. Costa was not allowed to sell or store products at his house and his property would remain residential.

The permit was approved and will be available in 34 days.

The board was scheduled to hear an appeal from Route 6 Properties (A&A Auto) for a variance for setbacks to use a small piece of adjacent land for autos, but the petitioner asked for the request to be withdrawn without prejudice and the request was granted.

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The last day for registering to vote is Wednesday, March 18. The clerk's office will be open until 8 p.m. that day to register voters.

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The public survey document will be included in the annual town census to be mailed in the first few weeks of January. We encourage everyone to take the time to complete it and return it in a timely fashion. This survey is also available now in electronic format on our website [www.fairhaventgsc.com](http://www.fairhaventgsc.com). The website will also feature additional backup information to help clarify the survey questions. We encourage everyone to opt for the electronic form as it makes the data collection process easier.

## Fairhaven Meetings

### Board of Appeals

Tues., 2/4, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Board of Health

Mon., 1/13, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Boat Ramp Committee

Tues., 1/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Community Preservation

Thurs., 1/16, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 1/13, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Finance Committee

Thurs., 1/9, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Thurs., 1/16, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

### Oxford/Rogers Building

Thurs., 1/16, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 1/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

Wed., 1/8, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Wed., 1/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Special Town Meeting

Wed., 2/12, Hastings MS, 7 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Selectboard

Mon., 1/13, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

### TIDE TABLE

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

	Jan. 2014	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	9	0211	1433	0945	21
Friday	10	0308	1535	1052	22
Saturday	11	0411	1638	1145	23
Sunday	12	0506	1729	----	12
Monday	13	0550	1811	0026	13
Tuesday	14	0629	1850	0100	14
Wednesday	15	0707	1929	0017	14
Thursday	16	0746	2010	0045	13
Friday	17	0826	2051	0122	14
Saturday	18	0906	2131	0203	14
Sunday	19	0945	2211	0243*	15
Monday	20	1027	2255	0322*	15
Tuesday	21	1112	2344	0401*	16
Wednesday	22	----	1203	0445*	17
Thursday	23	0037	1257	0540	17
Friday	24	0129	1350	0647	19
Saturday	25	0223	1448	0752	20
Sunday	26	0324	1555	0857	21
Monday	27	0429	1658	1007*	22

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

# Fire destroys Wilbur Point home

*From press release materials*

Fairhaven Firefighters battled a two-alarm house fire at 36 Nelson Ave. on Wilbur's Point in the early hours of December 30. The 9-1-1 call came in at 4:36 a.m. reporting heavy flames coming from the home. Two Engines and a Ladder responded from the Fairhaven Station on Washington Street. Once on scene they found heavy flames throughout the two-story waterfront residence, fanned by

winds off the ocean.

No occupants were home at the time. Renovations were being done to the residence so the occupants were staying with family members at another location. The home, which was totally destroyed, is owned by Thomas and Mary-Lou Rossi who normally reside at that address.

The fire, which is considered accidental and not suspicious, is under investi-

gation by Fairhaven Fire Officials, the State Fire Marshal's Office and Fairhaven Police Detectives. Fire loss is estimated to be over \$750,000. No injuries were reported and Mutual aid was received from the New Bedford, Acushnet and Mattapoisett Fire Departments.

Crews battled the fire for over three hours and remained on scene to conduct the investigation.



Fairhaven Firefighter's battled this house fire on Dec. 30 at 4:36 a.m. at 36 Nelson Avenue on Wilbur's Point at the tip of Scoticut Neck. The New Bedford, Mattapoisett and Acushnet Fire Departments provided mutual aid assistance. *Fairhaven Fire Department photos. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)*

## Public Hearings/Legal Notices



### Deadline for Town Meeting Articles

The deadline for the Articles of the May 3, 2014 Annual Town Meeting and Street Acceptance Articles is January 23 by 4 pm.

Fairhaven Board of Selectmen

**SELECT:** cont'd from page 4

legal expenditures from the last few months and was surprised to see items he knew nothing about.

He said it looked like the town was spending "willy nilly" on legal fees.

"We're supposed to be voting on this," he said.

In five months the town spent \$59,000, he said

"We're on track right now to overspend," said Mr. Haworth. "We need to tighten up."

The board acknowledged that it was a disproportionate time period because of the use of town counsel for the wind turbine mitigation plan, which cost \$9,300, and medical marijuana which cost \$2,000.

Fire chief Timothy Francis appeared before the board again to talk about his department's overtime woes, due to an inordinate number of injuries in the department.

"In my 14 years as chief I have not had as many injuries," said Chief Francis.

He said he anticipates a \$28,000 shortfall in his overtime budget, but is afraid it might be higher. Revenues from the ambulance runs, however, are up, and the chief anticipates that the money will be in the ambulance fund if it is needed. Any transfer would have to be made by the Finance Committee or Town Meeting.

The board also discussed possible articles for the special town meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 2/12. A \$2 million grant for the Union Wharf project includes a 20% match from the town requiring an article. The town also received \$150,000 from the state for part of the project.

A bylaw and a moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries will also be on the warrant.

Town Meeting members may also be asked to vote on the possible acquisition of land on Mill Road. The board is waiting to hear from the owner on whether or not the town's offer of \$75,000 is acceptable.

## From our readers

### Pantry says "thank you"

This letter of thanks goes out to all the generous people who contributed money and/or non-perishable food to the 10th annual Shepherd's Pantry holiday fundraiser. The total amount collected during this year's fund raiser exceeded expectations once again. With a monthly expenditure of around \$6,000 used to purchase food that is either running low or out of completely, monetary donations are necessary to keep the pantry running smoothly. And in order to never turn away a needy individual looking for help, the pantry volunteers need to receive both monetary and non-perishable food donations all year long. According to Blanche Pepin, the pantry's administrator, volunteers handed out over 217,233 items of food to over 6,084 families during this past year with an average of over 117 families who come each week between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Saturdays.

A BIG thank you for this year's success goes to the much needed and appreciated newspaper articles from The Standard-Times, The Fairhaven/Acushnet Advocate and the Fairhaven Neighborhood News. Also, a BIG thank you to Stop & Shop, Market Basket and Price Rite Supermarkets who all came through once again with their generous donations to our yearly venture.

Also, the long list of donations from the area's businesses, churches, schools and non-profit groups and organizations will not be forgotten for their generosity towards the area's needy. Also, to the Acushnet Lions Club for delivering "Toys for Tots" and the "Turkey Trot" annual Thanksgiving morning 5K run organizers and donors who made this year's fund raiser special with their contributions.

Also, this year's success was largely initiated by both Fairhaven Stop & Shop manager Paula Fernandes and assistant manager Norine Albert who took it upon themselves to ask

their compassionate customers to purchase non-perishable food for the pantry during the holiday season. And the response was phenomenal whereby hundreds of boxes and bags of food were eventually delivered to the pantry to help fill their shelves. Also another big thank you to the Stop & Shop Bakery Department workers, located in Fairhaven, who gave outdated bread and pastries on Friday afternoons to be given out the next morning to the needy who frequent the pantry.

And finally, the food bins located at the Millicent Library and Stop & Shop Supermarket, both located in Fairhaven, where generous people have dropped off thousands of pounds of non-perishable food this past year, will continue. If you have any questions about the pantry located at the Long Plain United Methodist Church at 1215 Main St. in Acushnet, please call 508-763-9289.

*Gerry Payette, Holiday fund raiser coordinator*

### Eighth graders pay, teachers don't

The administrators at Hastings Middle School have booked a date in the spring for eligible 8th grade students to attend a dinner cruise aboard the Spirit of Boston. The first notice of the trip announced the cost to students of \$60.00, and the notification of several fundraising opportunities to allow students to earn money towards their admission.

I oppose this trip for several reasons for which the assistant principal could not give me satisfactory reasons to change my mind. Two years ago, when I inquired as to what students do if they don't attend the cruise, without hesitation I was told that, "Every student goes — well except those who are not eligible (due to their grades or behavior)."

As I continued to question her, it was clear that there wasn't an alternative "planned" for students who didn't want to attend for any

reason, financial or otherwise. When details and sign-up for the trip finally came later in the year, there was not even a choice of whether to attend or not. I concluded it was probably because they "needed" students to go since the deposit was nonrefundable.

This year, I asked the teachers whether they pay the same \$60.00 fee as the students. I didn't receive a single reply from them. I did receive a response from the principal, Mr. Miller, stating, "Your continual queries into our teachers' personal matters borders on harassment. Please cease and desist."

Since when is a "single" e-mail harassment? They know our kids are paying, why shouldn't we know if the teachers are. After inquiring to the superintendent, I was informed that, "The Odyssey Cruise Company offers complimentary tickets to the adults that attend."

Mr. Miller expressed to me in his e-mail, "Your negative attitude towards this dinner cruise will not prevent it from happening."

I'm not trying to prevent it from happening. I just want the administrators to be honest and up front with parents. Tell us that while we have to pay \$60.00 for our child to attend the cruise, the teachers are attending for free. Make it clear to everyone from the beginning, as Mr. Miller told me, "No child has, or will be turned away because of financial hardship." The fundraising is not required.

Administrators know how many families receive free and reduced meals. They shouldn't have to feel humiliated because of a ridiculously costly, nonessential field trip. And make it clear that this trip is a CHOICE, and not a mandatory outing. Provide students who choose not to attend a fair day of education.

I don't believe this is a reasonable "school" field trip. I would have no issues with it if it was scheduled on a weekend or evening.

*Michelle Furtado, Fairhaven*

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# Marion man missing after duck hunting on West Island

By Beth David

Editor

A well known local cross country runner is missing after he went duck hunting on West Island on 12/31/13. Dana Dourdeville of Marion, 19, left his home at approximately 2 p.m. with his kayak to go duck hunting. When he did not return when expected, his mother went looking for him and found his vehicle parked in the town beach parking lot on West Island at about 7 p.m.

Fairhaven police, fire, harbor-master, state police, New Bedford police marine unit and the US Coast Guard immediately launched a full scale air, sea and land search. Officials utilized thermal imaging and night vision technology.

The kayak was found around 11 p.m. about 3 miles offshore between West Island and Falmouth. Inside were a pair of gloves.

Officials searched all day on New Year's day and on January 2, but the search was suspended due to the weather when the snowstorm hit.

The Coast Guard suspended its search efforts on January 1, but local officials have continue to search.

On Wednesday, 1/8, the ninth day after Mr. Dourdeville's disappearance, the Southeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council Underwater Recovery Unit and Dive Team launched two boat searches from

## 2 duck hunters killed, 1 saved when skiff overturns in Westport

*From Press Release Materials*

Two men were killed and another suffered hypothermia when their boat capsized while they were duck hunting in the Westport River on Tuesday, 1/7. A resident noticed the capsized boat just before 8 a.m. and immediately notified the Westport Harbor Master.

After determining that a car in the area belonged to someone who had gone duck hunting with two companions, a search of the river and surrounding areas immediately commenced, and was conducted by Westport Police and Fire, Mass. Environmental Police, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Mass. State Police Dive Team, the State Police Air Wing and State Police Detectives assigned to the district attorney's office.

A Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter rescue crew and a Coast Guard Station

Hoppy's Landing on West Island in Fairhaven.

Friends and family members have been searching on their own since the incident, with a large-scale search organized by Bill Tilden, Mr. Dourdeville's coach, on Sunday, 1/5.

More than 200 people showed up to search the shore, marshes and woods on West Island.

Mr. Tilden said he organized the search because "It just needed to be done, with the family's blessing."

Mr. Dourdeville's mother and father, and other family members were also present, but declined to speak to the press on record.

Friends and searchers came from all over the region and were all ages. Volunteers donated hot coffee.

Mr. Tilden said he was hoping to find any sign of Mr. Dourdeville.

"I've been here for our days, I'll take anything right now," said Mr. Tilden.

Police officials and the Sheriff department's canine units were also on hand. The dogs had searched the area before the volunteers arrived.

Fairhaven police spokesperson Sgt. Kevin Kobza said the dogs had not been called in sooner because it was too cold for them. They had been scheduled to search on Monday, but officials decided to get them in before the volunteers arrived.

Eric Martin said he is a firefighter

Menemsha, Mass., 47-foot Motor Life Boat rescue crew were launched.

Two men who were on the boat were found deceased a short time later at the town's Cherry and Webb beach. A third man was rescued from the river by the USCG Helicopter crew. The helicopter immediately transported this lone surviving victim to Rhode Island Hospital for Hypothermia-type symptoms.

The two deceased victims' identities are Steven James, 53, of Marshfield, and Robert Becher, 55, of Cromwell, CT. The surviving victim's identity is Gregg Angell, 51, of Westport. Mr. Angell remains hospitalized, but is expected to survive.

District Attorney Sam Sutter asserted that without the rapid communication and collaboration amongst local, state and federal agencies, it is unknown whether the third victim's life would have been



Bill Tilden, who coached Dana Dourdeville when he was in High School at ORR, addresses a group of volunteers gathered to search for Mr. Dourdeville on Sunday, 1/5, on West Island, where he was presumed missing while duck hunting. Photo by Beth David.

in Fall River, so he felt he had to show up to help;

"It's amazing how many people showed up," said Mr. Martin. "It blows my mind, even people who don't know him."

Shaelyn Allaire and Brianne Bindas, both 18, said they knew of Mr. Dourdeville because he ran cross country and have seen him run.

They said they were hoping to find any hints that would help to find him.

Tess Washburn and Erin Souza, both 20 and both from Mattapoisett, said they heard about the search from Facebook and were "hoping to find anything."

The search found no sign of Mr. Dourdeville, who is a student at Brown University in the class of 2015.

saved. He praised the members of all the agencies involved for acting quickly and working together to save a life despite the difficult circumstances and brutally cold conditions.

"It's tragic that this case resulted in two lives lost, and it is nothing short of miraculous that one hunter was saved," said Lt. Bryan Swintek, the Coast Guard Sector Southeastern New England public affairs officer. "It took teamwork between the Coast Guard rescue crews and our interagency partners to get him to safety."

At the time of the rescue, the air temperature was eight degrees, water temperature 35 degrees with 30-knot winds. The visibility was 10 miles.

To see a video of the rescue visit <http://www.dvidshub.net/video/319266/coast-guard-rescues-hunter-after-skiff-overturns#.Us4BzyiYUUZ>

## Support the Food Pantry

This bin is in the Walnut Street lobby of the Millicent Library in Fairhaven. Another bin is at Stop & Shop. All food goes to the Shepherd's Pantry, 1215 Main Street, Acushnet (508-763-9289). The pantry has seen a sharp increase in families seeking food due to the worsening economy.

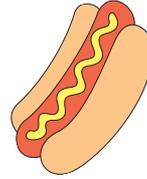


The Pantry spends more than \$5,500 each month to keep the shelves stocked. It serves more than 120 families each week.

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# After fatal boating mishaps, USCG urges safety on the water

*Press Release*

The Coast Guard urges all boaters and outdoor enthusiasts to be prepared on the water as record-setting winter weather continues.

With air temperatures in the single digits and water temperatures at or below freezing, the risks of being in the water are dangerously increased and hypothermia can quickly set in.

The Coast Guard has been involved in two fatal boating cases since the new year:

- On Jan.1, the Coast Guard and numerous local and state agencies searched for a missing kayaker who was reported overdue near Fairhaven, Mass. Rescue crews searched more than 320 square miles during a 17-hour search with no sign of the missing kayaker. The search was suspended.
- On Tuesday, the Coast Guard and numerous local and state agencies searched for three hunters after their skiff was found overturned near Westport, Mass. A Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod, Mass., helicopter crew located two of the hunters, who were recovered by the harbormaster. The two men were pronounced deceased by local EMS. The helicopter crew located and safely hoisted the third hunter, and transferred him to Rhode Island Hospital with

symptoms of hypothermia.

"[Tuesday's] events show that the recent severe cold we've been experiencing can transform a near-shore recreational activity into a life-or-death situation in just minutes," said Cmdr. Dave Husted, operations officer, Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod. "It's imperative that everyone engaged in water-borne activities take proactive steps to ensure their safety and the safety of others, especially in the winter months."

In an effort to increase the safety of people on the water this season, the USCG recommends the following:

**Stay informed.** Be sure to check the local weather prior to departing the dock. Weather can change very rapidly and boaters should keep a watchful eye on the forecasted conditions. The public should monitor the National Weather Service, local television and radio reports. Boaters can monitor weather patterns, fog and developing storms on channels 21 & 83 on VHF-FM marine-band radio; small craft advisories are also available on channel 16.

**Always wear a life jacket.** Since there is little time to reach for stowed vests when accidents occur, wearing one at all times reduces your risk of drowning. Federal law requires you to have a personal flotation device on board for each passenger.

**Protect yourself against hypothermia.** Invest in a dry suit or other Coast Guard-approved full-body floatation survival gear. As soon as a person's core body temperature drops below 95 degrees, hypothermia sets in and occurs 25 times faster in cold water than in cold air. A person in the water not wearing a life jacket can lose body heat from efforts to remain afloat. Once the shivering stops, the body is no longer able to heat itself, and the person can lose consciousness and drown.

**File a float plan.** A float plan is simply letting family and friends know where you are going and your expected time of return. File a float plan with someone who is not getting underway with you and stick to the plan. If you change plans, contact the person. A float plan assists responders in the search of an overdue boater who may be in distress. More information about float plans, and an example of one can be found at [www.floatplancentral.org/](http://www.floatplancentral.org/).

**Never boat under the influence.** It is illegal to operate a boat while under the influence of alcohol or drugs in every state. There are stringent penalties for violating BUI/BWI laws, which can include large fines, suspension or revocation of boat operator privileges and jail terms. •••

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*Press Release*

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Lawyer research team to receive this honor. Michelle was first selected in 2012.

We are honored that Michelle has once again been recognized for her achievements. She strives each day to pass along her knowledge to and for the benefit of her clients and does so in the most caring of ways. Congratulations, Michelle!

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