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## Flashlight Egg Hunt draws nearly 100



Adults and children alike scour the grounds behind the Fairhaven Recreation Center on Friday, 4/11, for the 12th annual Flashlight Egg Hunt. Niney-seven youngsters signed up to participate. The evening included a chance to visit with the Easter Bunny, egg decorating contest, and craft table to make an Easter Bunny face. h. *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.

Geesh, I'm just full of mea culpas this week.

I guess I am old fashioned. Apparently my dictionaries and reference books are, too: they do not have "mic" as an abbreviation (see page 18). Guess I'd better buy new ones. (BTW: Wikipedia does not count, it is written by the public.)

I got my what-for from our own Heidi Winnett (not sure if I should take her off the masthead or not) for my comments last week about the word "mic." Ugh...I still hate the look of it, heaven help me. But, okay, okay...it's coming into the wider world as an accepted use for "mike," the old fashioned way to abbreviate "microphone."

I still hate it. I am not alone in my dissent, and I set the policy for this little free sheet. So, as I said last week, if you insist, I will use it. But left to my own devices, I will not. The Associated Press may have caved, but I shall go down with my trusty old notebook and pen clutched in my frigid hands fighting for no change, no change, no change....

Moving on...whether he actually uttered or wrote the sentence or not, Sigmund Freud is largely credited with saying, "sometimes a cigar is just a cigar."

The thing is, people love to read more into stuff than just taking anything at face value. I don't know if that was true before Freud, or if he is largely responsible for it. I doubt that it was Freud. I think it's human nature to think there's something more going on, and we each want to be the one who nails it, the one who figures it out, the one who knows the truth.

But y'know, folks, sometimes a cigar is just a cigar. Sometimes a person just goofs, through no great devious contrivance or machination, just a mistake. And that's what happened in last week's issue with our cover and our photos inside on the election story.

The headline read that the incumbents won, and the photos are not of the winners. No picture of Selectboard member Charlie Murphy, who, after a contested election, won another term to the Selectboard; the "big board," so to speak. Instead, we had his challenger on the cover.

Honestly, my dear readers, most of you know me by now. If I had a beef with Charlie Murphy, you ALL would know about it, and he would have the privilege of finding out about it when he read about it in this space.

The slight was un-intentional. It was a combination of things that conspired against me to create this latest goof.

First and foremost, without meaning to slight the photojournalists out there, the words are the most important thing to me. The pictures are important, too, but it's the words that come first. I'm a writer first, not



Beth David, Publisher

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a photographer. Words are my tools, words are my passion, words are what I DO. I try with the pictures, but, they aren't my strong point. I admit it.

When I got the call about how I must be mad at



Charles Murphy, with his wife Carrie, enters the banquet room at town hall on Monday, 4/7, after winning re-election to the Fairhaven Selectboard. Photo by Beth David.

Charlie, I immediately turned to the article and started pointing out how I quoted him and used his best quotes.

The caller directed my attention to the photos. Ahem. Right...Oh sh...t. Damn! What did I do?

The explanation is simple and complicated at once: I had not taken the proper time to go through the photos before deadline night. I just picked the ones that I thought told the better story and would reproduce well in black & white, while racing against the clock. The one of Charlie didn't look quite right, it was all washed out from the flash. The other was, well, it actually was okay and I should've used it. But when I went through them that night, my tired eyes didn't see it that way.

So, I ended up using the photos of the people who lost.

These things happen and I know the damage done.

I am just happy that I'm the kind of person who is pretty well known for not doing sneaky, petty stuff like that. I'm not sure, however, if it's better to be seen as incompetent instead of as conniving — an odd choice to be sure, but well, I'll let my readers decide.

And Mr. Murphy, if I ever am mad at you, I promise you'll find out along with everyboday else — right here in this space, with no minced words and no silly games.

Well, there's other stuff in here of course. I'm sure you can find it. Until next week then...see ya,

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# Selectboard returns tax title property; supports oyster growing

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard followed its re-organization tradition on Monday, 4/14, the first meeting after the election, despite rumors to the contrary and a split vote. Tradition has it that members rotate into the chairperson position, with the member in his third year taking the reins. This year, a question at one of the debates and an answer by the challenger that he would not stick with the tradition, sent rumblings through town that board member Bob Espindola would not be nominated for the chair to take his expected place, as he is in his third year.

Charles Murphy, the newly re-elected former Chair, opened the meeting, chaired the meeting during acceptance of the minutes and Executive Secretary Jeff Osuch's report, then moved into the re-organization of the board.

Saying, "I'm a traditionalist," Mr. Murphy made it clear that he would vote for Mr. Espindola. Mr. Murphy said that when someone goes "through the ranks," he deserves his chance at being the chair. He said whether or not he will be good at it is something they will find out.

He then asked for a nomination for chair, but no one spoke, so he nominated Mr. Espindola. When it became clear that Geoffrey Haworth was not going to second the motion, Mr. Espindola was in the unenviable position of seconding the motion himself.

The vote was two to one, with Mr. Haworth voting "no."

The musical chair portion of the program ensued (with the change of name plates coming a bit later), and Mr. Espindola took his seat in the middle of the table. A group of his supporters clapped, and the room lost most of its residents.

Before turning the chair over to Mr. Espindola, Mr. Murphy presented a large facsimile of a check that represented the number of hours that volunteers at the Council On Aging/Senior Center contribute to the town. If the town had to pay for those hours, it would have cost \$159,640.

In another matter, the board agreed to return to Tracy McCree and Pamela Pinault two pieces of property on Monondach Avenue that the town had taken for back taxes. Ms. Pinault

explained to the board that she had been ill and that the tenants had not forwarded the email, which was in her daughter's name as trustee of the property.

Ms. Pinault said that she thought she had an agreement with the town to hold off until she sold the property.

She said she did not realize the property had been taken until recently.

She agreed to pay \$22,040.05, which includes legal fees to have the property returned to her name.

In another appointment for a tax title property no one showed up to talk about 770 Sconticut Neck Road rear.

Neighbors Debbie Saladino and Joseph Rezendes presented a petition signed by neighbors of the Chapter 61A property on Charity Stevens Lane that is being sold. The property has received a tax credit for agricultural use. Now that it is being sold, the town has the right of first refusal. The board has discussed the property at other meetings, but had not made a decision.

Mr. Espindola said that if the town is going to buy a property, it needs to have a purpose for it.

"I don't see it as something we'd be moving to purchase," said Mr. Espindola.

Mr. Murphy said it would be hard for the town to come up with the \$325,000 necessary to buy it. Mr. Haworth also indicated that he would not support buying the property.

Ms. Saladino and Mr. Rezendes said they were worried about drainage issues that developing the property would cause, as the area is already very wet. They said they were worried that because the property is large enough, that the four houses rumored to be built would be constructed without any town oversight.

The board assured the neighbors that the development would have to go before the Planning Board. If wetlands are involved, it will also



In one of his last tasks as chairperson of the Fairhaven Selectboard, Charles K. Murphy, Sr., presents a volunteer check facsimile, drawn on the "Bank of Big Hearts," representing the hours that volunteers give to the Council On Aging. The \$159,640 is the amount the town would have to pay in salaries without the volunteers. Selectboard members, L-R: Geoffrey Haworth, Mr. Murphy, Bob Espindola. Photo by Beth David.

have to be approved by the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Murphy also told the petitioners that it was important that they made their concerns known. Not only would it help with the Planning Board, but it would alert any potential developers as well.

"I encourage you to go to meetings and be vocal," said Mr. Murphy.

Since the matter was before the board and all three members made it clear that they would not support the town buying the property, they voted not to exercise the town's right, freeing the owners to pursue a sales deal.

With a bit of a wink and a nod, the board forwarded to the Board of Public Works a request by two people to use Cushman Park at the same time this summer. Both Susan Grace and Juliet Loranger are requesting to hold "Yoga in the Park" from 8 to 9 a.m. Ms. Loranger sent a picture of herself using the park last year, however, at the time, she was working for Ms. Grace, who has held the event for several years. Pointing out that there are other parks in town and that Cushman is pretty big, it was Mr. Haworth, the former BPW member, who suggested that the board hand off the issue. The vote was unanimous.

The board also agreed to send a letter of support for a plan to grow oysters in one acre of water in Little Bay off Edgewater Street.

John Kachmar, Southeast Mass. Director at the Nature Conservancy (NC), told the board that \$100,000 project would be funded by \$50,000 from NC and a \$50,000 grant that the

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Easter Egg Hunt

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Sat., 4/19, at 9 a.m. sharp at Livesey Park** located behind the Oxford School in North Fairhaven.

Wooden eggs, hidden throughout the park, will be returnable for prizes. Participants are separated by age category, and parents are able to assist younger children. Please bring a bag or basket to collect the eggs. We expect a visit from the Easter Bunny so also bring your camera. **The event is free, and everyone is welcome.**

## Holy Week Events

Please join us at First Congregational Church of Fairhaven 34 Center Street, in Fairhaven, 508-993-3368, for these Holy Week events. Accessible.

**Maundy Thursday Service of Tenebrae: Thurs., 4/17, 7:00 p.m.** Remember how Jesus met with friends on the night before he died and celebrated Communion with them. Contemplate Jesus' passion and journey to the cross.

**Good Friday Meditation Time: Friday, 4/18, Noon – 3:00 p.m.** Open sanctuary for anyone who wishes to meditate and pray

**Easter Sunday Service: Sunday, 4/20, 10:00 a.m.** Celebrate the resurrection in song, prayer and scripture.

## Earth Day Events

Earth Day is 4/22. See page 10 for information on local events.

## Art Exhibit Recept.

The public is invited to the opening reception of **"The Art of Fairhaven: Past, Present and Future,"** on **April 19th from 2-6pm.** There will be an informative lecture by Al Bernac, Town of Fairhaven Art Curator at 2 p.m., followed by an entertaining lecture by Chris Richards, Town Historian at 3 p.m. Awards will be presented at 4:30 pm. The artwork will be on display through the month of May. Accessible.

For more information visit [www.artoncenter.org/](http://www.artoncenter.org/) or call 774-206-1709, or email [info@artoncenter.org](mailto:info@artoncenter.org)

The "Art of Fairhaven" program is supported in part by a grant from the Fairhaven Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

## Wrestling F-R

**On April 18th, House Of Bricks Pro Wrestling will present One Night Only LIVE at VFW Post 2892** Fairhaven located at 109 Middle St, in Fairhaven, MA. **Tickets will be \$10 at the door and proceeds will benefit the Kyle Pendergast Memorial Fund.** Kyle Pendergast was a frequent sight at many professional wrestling events in the area. Recently, Kyle passed away and the owner of HoB, Brickhouse Baker, decided that after many years of Kyle and his family supporting professional wrestling, that we as a company and friends to the Pendergast Family, would get together and help raise money to help offset the difficulties that come with losing a loved one.

On April 18th, many familiar faces will put on a great show and it will be all for a great cause that is near and dear to our hearts. We here at HoB hope that EVERYONE can come out and accomplish two goals: Entertain the fans with a great night of professional wrestling action; and help raise money for a wonderful fan who will be extremely missed.

## Chinese for Kids

Interest in the Chinese Language? Beginner Chinese-Mandarin class for kids grades K-3. Learn Chinese language, writing and culture. Class size limited. 10-week courses will be held on Sundays 11 a.m.-12 Noon beginning April 27th. \$125 for 10-week session. Start date and time subject to change. For more information please email: [usasouthcoast@aol.com](mailto:usasouthcoast@aol.com)

## Classmates sought

### Class of 1964

The Fairhaven High School Class of 1964 is celebrating its 50th Reunion Saturday, June 28 at the Waypoint Event Center in New Bedford.

The Reunion Committee cannot locate the following classmates: Gordon Bennett, Lucille (Dubois) Rouke, Geraldine Dumont, Franz Eberhard, Charles Faria, Edward Ferland, James Howell, Charles Kozuch, Fred Lloyd, Joann McKinney, and Joseph Ponte,

If anyone knows the whereabouts of any of the above-mentioned names, they are asked to please contact: John Wojcik at 781-659-2820; or Doreen (Brown) Crawford at 508-992-9720.

## Class of 1959

The Fairhaven High School **Class of 1959** is looking for classmates. We look forward to seeing our classmates at our 55th High School Reunion on Saturday, June 28th, at the Century House in Acushnet. However, we need your help in finding our "Missing Classmates." If you have any information on the following friends, please contact Liz Radcliffe Field at [wdfield@comcast.net](mailto:wdfield@comcast.net) or call 508-758-4643. Hope to hear from you and thanks so much!

Chris Bachman, Robert Beaulieu, Mary Ann Martin Besse, Robert Blackburn, Donna Campbell Borzotta, Richard Correia, Lorine Durfee Hagar, Martin Jorgensen, Carlton Norcutt, Thomas Peters, W. Scott Phillips, Inars Pienups, Jovina Vasconcellas Pina, Elizabeth Meads Servais, and Albert Talbot.

## Cherry Blossom Fest

Sponsored by the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society and the Fairhaven Colonial Club, the second annual Japanese Cherry Blossom Friendship Festival will be held on **Sunday, 4/27, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Cooke Memorial Park, Fairhaven** (corner of Cherry & Pilgrim Streets) includes: bento picnic box lunch (bring a blanket), names written in Japanese (free), origami (paper-folding) instructions, tea and dessert, bonsai & kimono displays, entertainment, tours of Fairhaven Colonial Club and Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Museum.

**Tickets (limited number), for box lunch and museum tour: \$20/adult, \$10/child (under 12). Other events in the park are free.**

To reserve tickets: call Gerry at 508-995-1219, or e-mail: [Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org](mailto:Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org)

## Seed Exchange

The Fairhaven Seed Exchange at The Millicent Library has begun. The Seed Exchange is free and open to the public, sponsored by The Fairhaven Sustainability Committee. Anyone interested in participating can bring in seeds to the library and choose different ones from the collection. The display will be located in the front of the library under the stained glass window to the right.

For more information please contact [ann.richard@gmail.com](mailto:ann.richard@gmail.com).

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## FEMA Maps mtg

The City of New Bedford and the Towns of Acushnet, Dartmouth and Fairhaven are encouraging residents and property owners to attend an informational session regarding the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) new Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) on **April 22nd from 4:00- 8:00PM at the Fort Taber Community Center.**

View the maps at: [www.msc.fema.gov](http://www.msc.fema.gov). Useful information is also available through the DCR Flood Hazard Management Program (FHMP), the State Coordinating Office for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). [www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema/hazard-mitigation/floodplain-mgmt/](http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema/hazard-mitigation/floodplain-mgmt/)

For more information, please contact Colleen Bailey, Flood Hazard Mapping Coordinator, MA DCR Flood Hazard Management Program at (617) 626-1446 or [A.Colleen.Bailey@state.ma.us](mailto:A.Colleen.Bailey@state.ma.us). For translation services, please contact the City of New Bedford Office of Community Services at (508) 961-3136.

## School Vacation

Many organizations are sponsoring special events next week for school vacation week, including

- **FREE: The New Bedford Whaling Museum 18 Johnny Cake Hill,** starts off the week with Right Whale Day on Monday, 4/21. **FREE. April Vacation Week activities that take place in Jacobs Family Gallery, Cook Memorial Theater or on the Museum Plaza are FREE.** Visit [www.whalingmuseum.org](http://www.whalingmuseum.org) or call 508-997-0046.
- **Artworks for You!** has a variety of art classes for adults and children. Visit [www.artworksforyou.org](http://www.artworksforyou.org) for class listings, costs and locations
- **The Oceanarium, 184 Union Street, celebrates Plankton Week.** Lets not forget Earth Day! **On Tuesday, April 22, activities will include seed-planting** and special presentations on Science on a Sphere®. Open every day during school vacation. Admission is \$8.50-adults, \$7.00-seniors and students with I.D., \$6.50-children between 3 and 17 years of age. Children under 3 and members are free. Visit [oceanexplorium.org](http://oceanexplorium.org) or call 508.994.5400 for information.

## Dock-U-Mentary

The Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series continues this month on **Friday, April 18th we present Dirty Energy. Both films will be shown at 7 p.m.** 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.**

On Earthday, 2010, the Deepwater Horizon offshore drilling rig sank creating the worst oil spill in history. **DIRTY ENERGY** (2013) brings to light the personal stories of the Louisiana fishermen and local residents directly impacted by the worst environmental disaster in U.S. history.

Call the visitor center, 508-996-4095, or visit [www.nps.gov/nebe](http://www.nps.gov/nebe)

## Charles Morgan, the man

Join us at the Rotch-Jones-Duff House, 396 County St., New Bedford, in a **personal perspective of Charles W. Morgan, the man behind the ship, on Wed., 4/23, at 7 p.m. Accessible. Admission is \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members.**

The name Charles W. Morgan brings to mind the last surviving New Bedford whaleship, and, behind it or off to one side, a blurred image of a prosperous and representative merchant of the time. In fact Morgan, who married William Rotch Jr.'s niece, Sarah Rodman, and spent many afternoons and evenings in these rooms, was a very human and complicated man.

Drawing on Morgan's private journals from 1849-1861, and ancillary research, Elizabeth T. Gray, Jr. (Morgan's great-great-great-great-granddaughter), will introduce us to Morgan the man, who cared about whaling and textiles and ironworks and politics and flowers and melons and, above all, his family.

For more information, please call 508-997-1401 or visit the Museum's website at [www.rjdmuseum.org](http://www.rjdmuseum.org).

## Charles Morgan, the ship

What was life like for the whalemens aboard the whaleship Charles W. Morgan? Find out on **Wed., 4/23, as New Bedford Whaling National**

**Historical Park** holds its Welcome Home, Charles W. Morgan event. This New Bedford-built whaleship will make an historic visit back to its homeport this summer, and this event gives people of all ages the opportunity to explore what it meant to be a 19th century whaleman on this vessel. **The events take place between 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM, and all events are free of charge.**

The visitor center, 33 William St., is wheelchair-accessible, and is **free of charge.** For more information, call the visitor center at 508-996-4095, go to [www.nps.gov/nebe](http://www.nps.gov/nebe), or visit the park's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/NBWNHP>

## Scholarship Dance

The Andrew Thomas McCann Scholarship Fund supports South-coast youths in the memory and spirit of Andrew Thomas McCann. He was the Captain of the football and baseball teams at GNB Voc-Tech.

Andrew was the passenger in a car and on his way to school when a texting and driving accident took his life in January of 2012

**The Annual Andrew Thomas McCann Scholarship Fund Dance is Saturday April 19th, at the Fisherman's Club in New Bedford. Tickets, \$20. Prizes, music, dancing. 100% goes towards supporting South-coast youths and sports programs.**

For more information please visit the Andrew Thomas McCann Scholarship Fund on Facebook. Or call 508-728-2881 for tickets or to donate.

## New Museum Recept

New beginnings, **April 25 from 6-9 p.m., 608 Pleasant St.,** New Bedford. Hosted by Norman & Irene Buck and Allan & Priscilla Ditchfield, Dhaired by Joyce LeBlanc. Opening remarks by Mayor Jon Mitchell. Hors D'oeuvres, Live Jazz Music, and Silent Auction. Complimentary champagne toast at 7

All proceeds will support NBAM/ArtWorks! efforts in creating innovative exhibitions, programming, and sparking community engagement.

**Ticket levels: Member \$45/ Non-Member \$55; Spring Angel \$250; Silver Sponsor \$500; Gold Sponsor \$1,000.00. To order: <http://www.newbedfordartmuseum.org/newbeginnings.html>.** For info, call 508-961-3072, Lindsay or Alicia.

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## Boston Marathon

In the first race after the bombings, the Boston Marathon expects a bigger field than ever. Visit <http://www.baa.org/races/boston-marathon/event-information/spectator-information.aspx> for information for spectators including a spectator guide with information on the route, where to view the race and security policies for spectators along the route and at the finish line.

Visit <http://www.baa.org/> for other information.

## Pie & Cake Sale

The Friends of the Elderly of Mattapoissett is holding its Annual Easter Pie & Cake Sale on the Saturday before Easter, **April 19, 8 a.m. to 12 noon** at the Banner Store across the driveway from the Post Office. Delicious home made pies, cakes, and other sweet mischief are available. Again this year is the sale of the cutest yarn pups you have ever seen. Also be sure to take a chance, or two, on our Easter dinner basket.

The drawing for this year's raffle of an Easter dinner basket will take place at 12 noon, just at the end of the sale. Winner does not need to be present to win.

This fund-raiser benefits the FoE to enable them to support the Mattapoissett Council on Aging and the senior citizens.

## DA's Bus. Seminar

Bristol County District Attorney Sam Sutter's office will hold a small and medium sized business seminar aimed at preventing losses and promoting growth, focusing on preventing employee theft, business owners' responsibilities, shoplifting, armed robbery, financial crimes and cyber-security. The seminar, will be held on **April 25, beginning 8 a.m. with a buffet breakfast, at UMassD, Claire T. Carney Library** on the main campus. Park in Lot 14. The seminar will last approximately three hours.

Register online at [www.BristolDA.com](http://www.BristolDA.com). For more information, please contact Justin Gomes, from the Bristol County District Attorney's Office at (508) 961-1806, or send an email to [Justin.R.Gomes@state.ma.us](mailto:Justin.R.Gomes@state.ma.us). Space is limited so registration will first come, first serve.

## Spring Concert

The Sippican Choral Society and the Sippican Chamber Choir will present their Annual Spring concert on **Friday and Saturday April 25 & 26 at 8 p.m., at St. Gabriel's Church 124 Front Street, Marion MA.**

Directed by Brian Rodericks, the concert is titled "Music of the Mountains", and features folk songs and hymns of the Appalachians. **Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children.** They will be available at the Book Stall, Marion; The Symphony Music Shop, Dartmouth; and Euro Ship/Phoenix in Fairhaven. Tickets will also be available at the door. Please visit our website [www.sippicanchoral.org](http://www.sippicanchoral.org).

## Spring Fling Dance

Sociable Singles will sponsor a Spring Fling Dance on **Friday, 4/25, at Reservation Golf Club 10 Reservation Road Mattapoissett MA 7:30PM - 11:30PM** Music by the DJ "Music on Wheels" Light Refreshments, Cash Bar, Raffles & Door Prize **\$10.00 members, \$12.00 non members** Business Casual Attire. Singles & Couples welcome. Visit [www.sociablesingles.org](http://www.sociablesingles.org), 877-387-8039, [sociablesingles8@verizon.net](mailto:sociablesingles8@verizon.net)

## Psychic Fair

On **Sunday, April 27, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** the Acushnet Police Association will hold their 6th Annual Psychic Fair Fundraiser at the Senior Center building, 59½ South Main Street, Acushnet. Readers and mediums from both Collective Souls and Ill Suns will be joining this year's event along with offerings of aura photography and lunch (cacoila, hot dogs and more). Call 508-998-0280 for more information.

## COA Art Class

Inspirational Art for Everyone. The Acushnet Council on Aging and Senior Center, 59 1/2 So. Main St., Acushnet, will offer a new art class, beginning in mid-April, on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This oil painting workshop will be lead by artist Cindy Ricard of New Bedford. \$10/class, supplies are included. This

program is open to the community, there are no residency requirements. For more information or to register please call Cindy Ricard at 508-998-5355 or 508-991-6168.

## Adventure Days

**April Vacation Week Adventure Days:** Mass Audubon Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary is offering an exciting vacation week opportunity for children in grades K-5 that encourages and activates a child's sense of curiosity and love of nature.

Each day starts with a discovery map, charting the course for the day's program topic. We'll start exploring each topic indoors with some learning games and activities, then venture outside for more investigation, field trip fun and ecological exploration.

**Each day starts at 8am and ends at 4pm.** Participants must wear and bring suitable clothing and footwear for outdoor activity and a sack lunch. Morning and afternoon snacks are provided in the program cost. Field trip transportation is provided by Mass Audubon, or you may choose to drop your child off and pick them up at our off-site location for that day.

**Monday 4/21:** Coastal Ecology of Gooseberry Island

**Tuesday 4/22:** Pine Forests of Great Neck

**Wednesday 4/23:** Farm Animals at Allens Neck

**Thursday 4/24:** Binoculars and Birds at Allens Pond

**Friday 4/25** Vernal Pools and Wetlands at Stone Barn Farm

**Cost is \$40/day per child for Mass Audubon Members; \$50/day per child for non-members. There is a 10% sibling discount.**

Registration is required. Register online or call 508-636-2437

## Tiara Run Regist.

Register for the 8th Annual Women's Fund **Tiara 5K on Mother's Day, Sun., 5/11, hosted by Oxford Creamery. Kids Fun Run at 9 a.m., 5K at 9:30.** A fun, healthy way to celebrate the women in our lives, while raising money to support the important efforts of the Women's Fund in their mission to advance the educational attainment and economic security of women and girls. **Register at [www.womensfundtiara5k.com](http://www.womensfundtiara5k.com)**



## ENTERTAINMENT:

Fri., 4/18, Whiskey Affair, 8–Mid.  
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## Recipe of the Week

### Roasted Rack of Lamb

- 1/2 cup fresh bread crumbs
- 2 tbs minced garlic
- 2 tbs chopped fresh rosemary
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 (7 bone) rack of lamb, trimmed and frenched
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

Preheat oven to 450°. Move oven rack to the center position.

In a large bowl, combine bread crumbs, garlic, rosemary, 1 tsp salt and 1/4 tsp pepper. Toss in 2 tbs olive oil to moisten mixture. Set aside.

Season the rack all over with S&P. Heat 2 tbs olive oil in a large heavy oven proof skillet over high heat. Sear rack of lamb for 1 to 2 mins on all sides. Set aside for a few minutes. Brush rack of lamb with the mustard. Roll in the bread crumb mixture until evenly coated. Cover the ends of the bones with foil to prevent charring.

Arrange the rack bone side down in the skillet. Roast the lamb in preheated oven for 12 to 18 minutes, depending on the degree of doneness you want. With a meat thermometer, take a reading in the center of the meat after 10 to 12 minutes and remove the meat, or let it cook longer, to your taste. Let it rest for 5 to 7 minutes, loosely covered, before carving between the ribs.

*From allrecipes.com*

## Earth Day Event Highlights Environment

### Press Release

Learn how a green and environmentally friendly home and yard will benefit you and your family, as well as Buzzards Bay, at the Earth Day for Buzzards Bay Expo next weekend in Fairhaven.

Sponsored by the Buzzards Bay Action Committee (BBAC), the Earth Day Expo will feature a wide variety of eco-friendly options for a lifestyle with low impact on the environment, especially Buzzards Bay. A number of exhibitors will present their products and ideas to help residents learn how to reduce their water bills, keep lawns and yards healthy and attractive, and cut back on the use of potentially harmful chemicals inside the home and out.

**The Expo will be held on Saturday, April 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Avenue, (Route 6), in Fairhaven. Activities begin with a 10:15 a.m. bird walk on the bike trail behind the Center led by Gina Purtell of MassAudubon's Allen's Pond Wildlife Sanctuary in Westport, so bring binoculars.**

One presentation that is sure to capture the interest of kids and adults alike is All About Turtles, by Don Lewis, who raises terrapin turtles, and may bring one or two with him. The Buzzards Bay Coalition is also planning a family-friendly walk outside, Exploring Life Along the Trail. Other

presentations are scheduled all day on subjects such as beekeeping, geocaching, and building a nutrient-rich compost pile. Residents of the area can have their utility use examined, find out how to fix energy leaks and even get an estimate on a solar system for your home. You can order rain barrels and bring home a seedling tree to plant. There will be lots of displays and projects for kids all day, as well as food and drinks by How On Earth.

The BBAC is a consortium of municipal officials from the twelve towns surrounding Buzzards Bay. Its mission is to preserve and protect Buzzards Bay.

For more information, contact Merilee Kelly at 508 998-0202 or your BBAC delegate at your town hall.

## About Earth Day

The first Earth Day on April 22, 1970, activated 20 million Americans from all walks of life and is widely credited with launching the modern environmental movement.

The passage of the landmark Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act and many other groundbreaking environmental laws soon followed. More than 1 billion people now participate in Earth Day activities each year, making it the largest civic observance in the world.

Visit <http://www.earthday.org/> or <http://www.epa.gov/earthday/>

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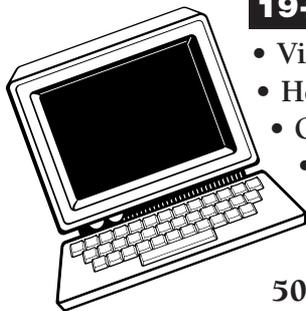
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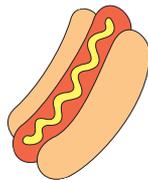
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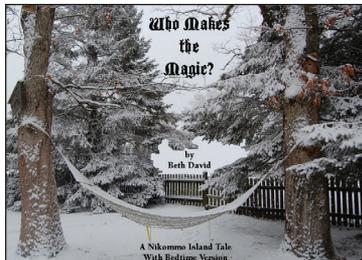
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# Flashlight Egg Hunt delights young'uns and their adults alike

By Beth David  
Editor

As soon as it got dark on April 11, the field behind the Fairhaven Recreation Center filled up with children and their adults scurrying around with their flashlights trying to locate their treasure. Ninety-seven children registered to participate in the 12th annual Flashlight Egg Hunt.

Participants searched for numbered eggs that had candy inside, and also received a chocolate bunny, a chance to sit with the Easter Bunny and to make an Easter Bunny face with a paper plate, cotton and magic markers at the craft table.

An egg decorating contest also gave children in three age categories to win larger prizes.

This year, Kyle and Colin Boucher, added a decoration of their own: a decoration in memory of Martin Richard, who was killed in the Boston Marathon bombing last year. The

Cross that says "Boston Strong," also has a smiling egg with a halo, a firefighter's hat, soccer ball, police badge, a flag, a flower and a pair of running shoes.

Decorated eggs in the contest included the Muppets in 3D, Saturn, and some creative decorations.

Thomas Ferreira said he chose to make saturn in the solar system because it is his favorite planet.

"It's my favorite because of the rings," he said.

He won first place in his 5-7 age group for his efforts.

Paris Lees broke her egg open, mashed up the yolk to make a face and used the top for a hat again, creating an Easter chick deviled egg.

She topped off the face with a piece of carrot for a nose and a dab of olive for the eyes. She said she got the idea on the internet. She won third place in her age group for her efforts.

*Winners of the egg decorating contest.*

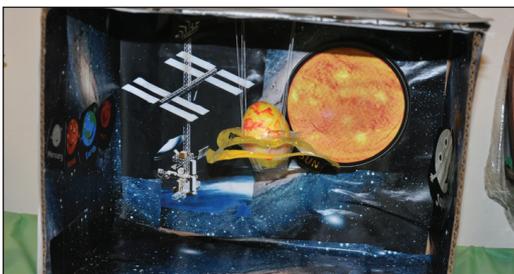


Quincy Stroud adjusts his egg to look just right on the table to be judged for the Easter egg decorating contest at the Fairhaven Recreation Center on Friday, 4/11. Photo by Beth David

**Ages 1-4:** 1st, MJ Picerno; 2nd, Anastasia Barselou; 3rd Dexter Perreira. **Ages 5-7:** 1st, Thomas Ferreira; 2nd, Jacqueline Tynan; 3rd, Colin Boucher. **Ages 8-10:** 1st, Chad Estes; 2nd, Olivia Baldo; 3rd, Paris Lees



ABOVE LEFT: Alijah Fragoza looks up with a big smile while searching for eggs behind the Fairhaven Recreation Center on Friday, 4/11. MIDDLE: Katie and Cassidy Costa make a good team checking for numbers on the eggs outside. RIGHT: Kaydence Vanesse Shockro shows off the Easter Bunny face she made at the crafts table.



BOTTOM LEFT/TOP: Thomas Ferreira won first place for this depiction of Saturn in our solar system. BOTTOM LEFT: Chad Estes took first place in his age category for this depiction of the Muppets in 3d. MIDDLE: Kyle and Colin Boucher made this cross in memory of Martin Richard, the 8-year-old who was killed last year in the Boston Marathon bombings.

LEFT: Paris Lees shows the Easter chick deviled egg that got her third place in the egg decorating contest.

Photos by Beth David.  
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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.

## Southcoast softball opens for season



LEFT: Roland's Tire pitcher Amelia Montgomery makes a pitch during a game against the Fairhaven Police team on opening day on Saturday, 4/12, at Hastings Middle School in Fairhaven. RIGHT: The first base player for the Fairhaven Police team catches the ball after a her teammate caught a pop fly in a double play against Roland's Tire. Fairhaven Police won, but we couldn't track down the final score by press time. You can find the league playing most weekends at HMS through June. Visit <http://www.southcoastsoftball.com/> for teams and schedules. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

## Third annual West Island 5K coming up fast

*From Press Release Materials*

The West Island 5K was started three years ago by a few concerned runners who learned that the Fairhaven High School cross country program was in danger of being eliminated.

The first year (2012) the group raised \$12,800 for the program and Crispin Demers Memorial Scholarship Fund. In year two, the race raised \$14,000. They are on track for another record setting year.

This year we are proud to announce two Platinum Sponsors, Colonial South Coast and Brahmin Handbag Outlet. They each donated \$1,000. Their generous donations will definitely help us achieve our 2014 sponsorship goal of \$10,000 (2012: \$5,000; 2013: \$8,900). We also continue to see more and more registered participants (2012: 660; 2013: 857). We think this will be the year we hit 1,000!

The beautiful USA Track and Field Certified course travels a mostly flat and fast loop throughout scenic West Island with a fast downhill start and a challenging uphill finish. Each mile will be marked and timed. A water station will be fully stocked at the 1.5-mile point. T-shirts to first 600, prize

money, awards in various categories.

New additions to this year's event: Enhanced online registration and chip timing by RaceWire; technical 5K race shirts; and a Pre-Race Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 26, 5-8pm, at the West Island Improvement Association, 41 Causeway Rd. Besides a great spaghetti dinner, there will be a 50/50 raffle and some great raffle prizes. Tickets will be \$10 per person.

Awards are in several categories and age groups.

Register, donate, and get information on parking and other details at [www.westisland5k.org](http://www.westisland5k.org)

This year the girls FHS CC team finished 2nd at the South Coast Conference (SCC) meet and Bay Gammons was recognized again as the Standard-Times Girls' Runner of the Year (a repeat from last year). The funds allowed the team to travel to Martha's Vineyard for the Martha's Vineyard Invitational and to enjoy their Awards Banquet at the Pasta House. Additionally, we recognized each of the seven graduating seniors with a \$500 scholarship.

We're really proud to have started the Crispin Demers Memorial Scholarship Fund. Crispin was an FHS CC runner and returned to coach the

team. Crispin passed away in the summer of 2012 after a battle with cancer and is survived by his wife and twins (a boy and girl). The scholarship fund will be used to provide the twins the opportunity for a post-secondary education.

"We have been overwhelmed by the community response to this event," said race organizer Lyle Drew. "Over the past three years, the generosity of our sponsors has allowed us to provide the community a first-class event for people of all ages and ability levels. Most importantly, we have been able to pay forward the opportunities we enjoyed by supporting the Fairhaven High School Cross Country program and starting the Crispin Demers Memorial Scholarship Fund."

This year's West Island 5K Run/Walk and Kids Mile, will be held on Sunday, April 27. Kids Mile Start: 10:00am. 5K Run/Walk Start: 11:00am

Registration: \$5.00 for the Kids Mile; \$15.00 for 5K runners/walkers in grades K-12; \$25 for 5K runners/walkers (adults) through race day

See more at: <http://westisland5k.org/5k-runwalk/#sthash.U1JN3O2C.dpuf>

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## Special Activities

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# Acushnet signs on three new police officers; Rawcliffe is in

By Michael Smith

## Neighb News Correspondent

In its first meeting after elections in Acushnet, the Selectboard reorganized with the resignation of Leslie Dakin and the swearing in of new board member Gary Rawcliffe.

Mr. Rawcliffe was sworn in prior to the meeting by town clerk Pamela Labonte. Mr. Dakin did not seek reelection this year.

After being sworn in, Mr. Rawcliffe gave a brief statement to the board and the public, "It's good to be here. I'm looking forward to getting going and I just hope I can live up to your expectations. Thank you."

The board reorganized, selecting Kevin Gaspar as the new Chair of the Selectboard. Board member David Wojnar nominated Mr. Gaspar and newly appointed board member Mr. Rawcliffe seconded the motion.

The lone appointment for the new board was the appointment of Ryan Hemphill, Nathan Melo, and Kristen Tavares as Acushnet's newest part-time police officers. Police Chief Michael Alves introduced the latest additions to the town's police force, all residents of Acushnet.

Given a chance to make a statement to the board, Mr. Hemphill, who moved to Acushnet four years ago with his wife and young daughter, said, "I appreciate this opportunity, and I am very eager to raise my daughter in this community."

Mr. Melo, a life-long resident of Acushnet, avowed to the Selectboard, "I would like to protect and serve this community and make an impact on this community."

Ms. Tavares, a current part-time police officer in Mattapoisett, told the board, "I also appreciate this opportunity. I do enjoy working in Matta-

poisett but I am a life-long resident of Acushnet and I like to serve this community."

In one single item for old business, the board tackled the unpleasant task of approving the current invoices of snow removal of the harsh winter. The town, in clearing snow, with salting and sanding roads and parking lots for public safety, has spent to date over \$165,669.28 for this past winter season.

The board reviewed and approved the latest invoices.

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In new business, Town Administrator Alan Coutinho took the board through each of the sixteen articles of the annual town warrant along with twenty-one articles of the special town warrant, that will be presented at the special town meeting set for May 12 at 7 p.m. at the Ford Middle School auditorium.

All articles were in draft form and would have to be approved by April 24 by town counsel before going forward to be voted on at town meeting.

However, Mr. Gaspar said the Special Article Five on Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) funding, "warrants more discussion to make sure we're in the same boat if we're going to allocate money toward this."

He added that the \$14 million for OPEB would be a burden on

taxpayers.

"You have to look at both sides of the equation," he said. "There's much more to be looked at in terms of debt."

He asked the board to table the article for more discussion with the Finance Committee on cost saving.

Mr. Rawcliffe, after reviewing the material, said he was "scared" on funding it and was willing to table it. The board unanimously approved to table the article.

Mr. Wojnar advocated for the relocation of the Acushnet Russell Memorial Library to the former Marie S. Howard School, which served as the town's Community Center until last year; part of the funding for the project is on Article 10 of the annual town warrant.

In pointing out the historical aspects of the school building, Mr. Wojnar said that the Howard School is "addressing an immediate need" as the library is deteriorating. The Community Preservation Committee would also aid in funding the project.

Mr. Gaspar said it was a "good plan," though it still has to be approved at the town meeting.

Mr. Rawcliffe suggested the library wait on moving.

"I don't want to put the cart before the horse," he said, indicating he wanted to make sure everything was in place, including the building of the new police station.

During the campaign, Mr. Rawcliffe suggested that the library could occupy the old police station instead of the Community Center.

In need of part-time employees due to recent resignations, the town's Fire/EMS department is requesting to hire four qualified individuals. The board unanimously approved the request.



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# Letters from our readers

## Editorial was insulting

I don't know where you get off insulting me and my customers. I am trying to promote business and create something fun for the summer and thanks to your editorial, those efforts have been undermined by your condescending tactics.

You had a personal issue about this ever since I placed that paid ad, when you said "I won't print MIC it sounds stupid."

My ad contains an abbreviation commonly used in the recording industry. Ben Zimmer mentions in a New York Times article published July 29, 2010 that since 1961, "The Singers Glossary of Show Business Jargon" has used "mic" as an acceptable abbreviation for microphone. I don't find a 43-year-old term to be "suddenly jarringly ubiquitous."

I would follow the lead of the industry experts any day. Being that this is the 21st century, and not "the old days" that you refer to, do a Google search for MIC and see for yourself that it is acceptable to use "mic" as an abbreviation for microphone, instead of the masculine "mike" you insist on. Merriam-Webster, Wikipedia, and even the Associated Press recognize it.

I was not aware that your paper so carefully scrutinizes advertisements that pay for space in your publication. I am amazed that you are so worked up over this that you committed a third of your editorial to defend your old fashioned opinionated ways. Just because you don't like it does not make it right.

My customers are just as upset as I am about the insulting language in your editorial. Calling them "the bar denizens of your bar think they are all scholars" is an insult to some nice folks who are regular readers. What gives you the right to insult them, they did nothing to you except read your paper and support those who advertise with you. In my opinion they are owed an apology for your insensitive behavior.

Going forward, we will have to re-examine where we are spending our advertising money, and wonder if we should pay someone who will run our ads as we desire, or continue to pay a publication that will change any terms they don't like, or run editorials that condemns us for using an appropriate term or word and

undermines our business.

*Heidi Winnett, Fairhaven*

*Editor's Note: We did not refuse to run the word "mic," we ran it because it was in a paid ad. We said in our editorial that we would not run it in free listings because the editor is an old-fashioned fart who apparently doesn't handle change very well. My sincere apologies to the bar denizens, among whom I proudly count myself. And for the record, the A/P only changed its style book last year, with much protesting from editors, many of whom will continue to use "mike."*

## Murphy says "thank you"

I am writing to say thank you to the voters of this town for re-electing me with 70% of the vote. Running for election is an awesome experience whether you are a newcomer or someone running for re-election. You put your name out there and undertake a very public process of review by the voters. Your confidence in me is humbling, and I will continue to represent you faithfully.

We are at a critical stage in this town, where we must come together to face our future challenges. Although I will need everyone's help, I will work to bring people together and continue to stand on principle for what is right for our town. Fairhaven is a unique community that is an asset to our region and I am proud to be a leader in our town.

Thank you again for the mandate you have provided and your faith in me.

*Charles K. Murphy, Sr.,  
Fairhaven Selectboard*

## Civic duty is to vote

The numbers from our recent local elections were alarming. Fairhaven had only 19% of voters turning up to the polls. The numbers in Acushnet were a mere 8.7%. This trend is not new and it is not just local. This is happening in local, state and federal elections all across our country.

It's hard to find anybody who won't complain about our government on all levels. Yet, do we take the time to stay informed and get out and vote? Our culture is suffering from a lack of involvement and lack of participation on many levels, which is a threat to this country from within.

Brave men and women have sacrificed life and limb for more than 200 years to preserve our form of

government because they felt it was, or is, their duty. We owe it to them to do our duty.

What is our duty as citizens and civilians? To stay engaged and informed on what is going on in our government and try and make educated decisions about whom we vote for.

Thomas Jefferson told us that "Whenever the people are well-informed, they can be trusted with their own government."

Furthermore, Jefferson warned us that an uninformed electorate would destroy the freedoms of our republic: "If a nation expects to be ignorant and free...it expects what never was and never will be."

It is time for us to wake up to what is going on around us. We need to encourage our children, friends and family to get informed, get involved and vote to help to preserve this great nation.

*Jeffrey Wotton, Fairhaven*

## School Dept. is intrusive

I am a mother of three. I have nothing personally against any administrator or school committee member of the Fairhaven Public School Department. I do hold personal anguish with the system they represent and uphold.

I don't expect anyone who has not followed the progression of Common Core into the school system to understand my point of view on the subject. What's needed, is for all parents and guardians to be aware of what's happening within their own children's education, and ask questions when things don't seem within reason.

I am opposed to computer-administered standardized testing. The topic of data-mining is openly presented in detail on the DoE's website. To me, it's frightening that a government organization will have the opportunity to learn the things they will be able to learn when children take these tests.

I don't feel there's any need for children, most especially in elementary or middle schools to take computer-administered tests. The results can be sent to innumerable places and be used for innumerable purposes.

I resent when authorities within the school system, including the

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principal, superintendent, school committee chairperson, and associates at the DESE don't answer my inquiries honestly, or when they twist semantics in order to confuse me. Some of you have had similar experiences.

I have sincere concerns about the quality of and the direction in which our children are being led. Ask a teacher, check your child's homework. Watch the changes that are happening from your oldest child's experience to your youngest. Compare experiences with your relatives and neighbors.

Things are changing quickly. And unfortunately for those who ask questions, answers are hard to get. Don't get caught off guard like the frog in the pot of warm water.

*Michelle Furtado, Fairhaven*

### People have forgotten God

Many of us older folks who grew up in the Greater New Bedford area have the benefit or influence of a parochial education. As such, we have a foundational teaching that puts us in touch or at least makes us aware of the details behind specific holidays on the calendar. I know this Holy Name attendee fits this mold — especially as it relates to this coming Easter.

Sadly, a large majority of our younger generation seems to have fallen away from pursuing an

upbringing that features the ways and things of God. Family Life radio recently broadcasted statistics which indicate that 80% of the children in the USA do not attend church. One particular interview featured a nineteen-year-old who said he only knew of Jesus Christ in the context of people swearing.

For countless folks, Easter is a day dedicated to the likes of painted eggs, candy, bunnies, or the celebration of pagan rituals. From a man's perspective, including mine for over 50 years, the Cross makes little or no sense whatsoever. Where is the miracle and what is the cause for celebration as it relates to a brutalized "religious" figure from the distant past?

God certainly does not need me to defend Him or any of His special occasions, but I'm inspired to share a personal testimony of why the true meaning of Easter is critical for people to know and understand.

A little over sixteen years ago, I had the opportunity to stand in front of the Pacific Ocean while on vacation. The blend of vast water, beautiful sand, towering mountains, and painted sky literally brought me to my knees. The majestic view had the effect of setting my inner eye on the awesomeness of God; more specifically, it made me realize the magnitude and significance of what Jesus had done for me on the Cross

over 2,000 years ago. Imagine... He so loved me that my sins and salvation were on His mind when he sacrificed Himself on those rugged beams!

Just as the Bible predicts, from that time to now, the shade cover of my previous view has lifted steadily. I have come to know more intimately this God who overcame sin, the grave, and death. Jesus Christ is alive indeed and His Spirit lives in me. It's His perspective, not mine, that truly matters to me now. I believe His Biblical Word reveals His nature and will for man's conduct called truth. In fact, Jesus said He was the way, the truth, and the life and that no one could come to the Father except through Him (John 14:6).

By faith, I hold that Jesus Christ died for me personally. He physically rose from the dead (unlike anyone ever) to live again and to live specifically and spiritually in me. What ownership of dynamic faith, hope, and joy that brings! The lover of my soul pursued me to the ends of this country to bless me with His gracious gift of an eternal relationship; a personal encounter far more than amazing!

So friends, stand right where you are and delight in your opportunity to receive His godly perspective. Life is something designed to hold great abundance. After all, He is risen for that very purpose! Happy Easter!

*Steven J. Bouley, Fairhaven*



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### Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petitions:

#### CONTINUED HEARING:

1. **Petitioner: Old South Wharf Realty LLC**, RE: 24 Water Street, Plat 7, Lot 1, Book 9109 and Page 268; 198-22: Short 4' of the required 5' setback for an Accessory Structure.

#### NEW HEARINGS:

- Petitioner: Randy Jalette**, RE: 33 Adams Street, Plat 10, Lot 108, Book 10878 and Page 133; 198-18: Short 5' of the required 10' side setback and 3% over the maximum allowed building coverage of 30% in a RA District.
- Petitioner: Michael E. & Sheryl A. Coppa**, RE: 24 Point Street, Plat 28B Lot 203, Book 10228 and Page 228; 198-18: Short 9' on the north side and 10' on the south side of the required 20' side setback and 1% over the maximum allowed lot coverage of 15% in a RR District.
- Petitioner: Raymond Lague**, RE: 11 Babbitt Street, Plat 31B, Lots 251-253 & 258-260, Book 6508 and Page 238; 198-16: Livestock Raising under 5 acres requires a Special Permit.
- Petitioner: Mike & Hillary Rotondo**, RE: 61 Gelleto Road, Plat 31A, Lot 4, Book 8371 and Page 302; 198-16: Livestock Raising under 5 acres requires a Special Permit, and 198-23 B4: Special Permit required for a Home Occupation in the Building Trade.  
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### Board of Health

Wed., 4/23, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Board of Public Works

Tues., 4/22, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 4/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Finance Committee

Thurs., 4/17, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Thurs., 4/24, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

### Government Study Comm.

#### GSC: Public Hearing

4/17, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 4/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 4/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

Wed., 4/30, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

### TOWN MEETING

Sat., 5/3, Hastings MS, 9 a.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Planning Board

Thurs., 4/24, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

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

### TOWN MEETING

Mon., 5/12, Ford Middle Sch, 7 p.m.

### TIDE TABLE

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

	April 2014	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	17	1013	2234	0323*	1531*
Friday	18	1100	2323	0408*	1616*
Saturday	19	1151	----	0452*	1702*
Sunday	20	0017	1250	0539*	1754*
Monday	21	0117	1351	0638	1901
Tuesday	22	0217	1450	0752	2022
Wednesday	23	0316	1551	0905	2142
Thursday	24	0420	1656	1017	2329
Friday	25	0526	1757	1137	----
Saturday	26	0622	1847	0038*	1230*
Sunday	27	0709	1931	0129*	1310*
Monday	28	0754	2015	0220*	1346*
Tuesday	29	0839	2100	0309*	1423
Wednesday	30	0925	2145	0339*	1500

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organization applied for from the Mass. Environmental Trust.

Fairhaven Shellfish Warden Timothy Cox and Harbormaster David Darmofal both spoke in favor of the project.

Mr. Cox said that "spat collectors" showed the areas that would be best suited to growing oysters. He emphasized that in addition to providing oysters that could be harvested by town permit holders, the algae and plankton eaters purify the water.

"The whole bay will flourish with the oyster population," said Mr. Darmofal.

He told the board that the area would be at least 150 feet from the beach. Mr. Cox added that the area is chest deep at low tide so it will not interfere with kayakers. The area will be marked with buoys, but the oysters will hang below the surface.

The state requires that the area be opened to harvesting for at least one day every three years. It takes approximately three years for oysters to reach harvestable size. The length of the harvest time will depend on the number of oysters available.

The board agreed to send the letter

and will hold a public hearing before the final area is chosen.

With only two weeks left before town meeting, the board still did not vote to recommend the Town Administrator article proposed by the Government Study Committee. Mr. Haworth said he wanted to include a residency requirement. The board will ask the GSC to attend a meeting to discuss it.

The board's meeting with the police chief about the Regional Mutual Aid Agreement was postponed to give town counsel a chance to review it.

The board also decided to forward to neighbors a letter that outlines two different options for removing a chicane on Oliver Street. The board will meet with neighbors again to discuss the options.

In other business, the board:

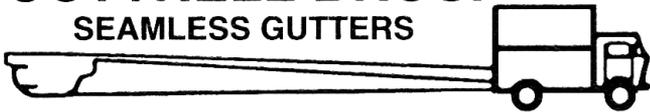
- Set 4/25 as the date for residents to submit a letter indicating their interest in filling the School Committee seat left vacant by the sudden death of David Gonsalves on March 31. The seat will be filled at a joint meeting of the Selectboard and School Committee.

- Accepted an invitation and also announced the Cherry Blossom Festival on April 27 at Cooke Memorial Park beginning at 11 a.m.
- Approved June 28 as the date of this year's Homecoming Day street fair, to be held in front of Town Hall.
- Approved the use of Livesey Park on June 29 for the Fifth Annual Fire Muster.
- Accepted \$77,982 in state money for road repair.
- Approved Sunday entertainment hours from 1-7 p.m., at Earl's Marina/Down The Hatch, noting that the establishment had made a great effort to control noise for neighbors.

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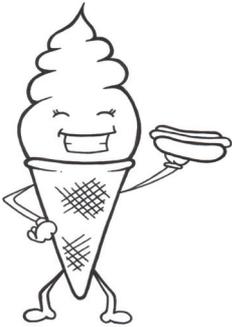
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