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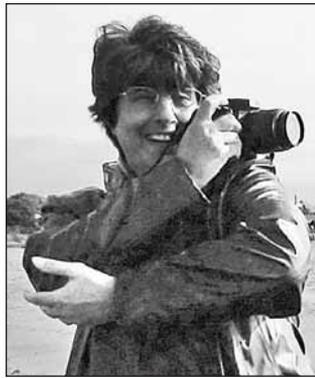
The Never Forgotten Soldiers Memorial Club marches in the Fairhaven Memorial Day Parade on Monday, 5/27. The parade has been held annually since the very first "Decoration Day" in 1868. See page 12 for story. *Photo by Beth.* See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews to see more photos of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase.

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Okay, this week it's not my fault. I have a cold, really.

Geesh...I just can't seem to get a handle on this deadline thing. I've only been doing deadlines since 1978. Alas...

Anyway, I had all kinds of profundity to go on and on about in reference to my Poison Penpal, but I'll hold that until next week. Suffice it to say that I am actively trying to find out who the little bugger is. See page three for the envelopes from some of my advertisers who received the nasty little missive (see 5/9/13 issue).

The plan is to expose him (or her) in these pages. I need your help, though. Recognize the handwriting? Guess what I found out: Handwriting comparison is recognized as definitive in the courts. So, give me some names. I'll get some samples, and we'll compare.

Closing in, Mr. Homophobe...closing in.

Have lots of interesting stuff in this week's issue. See pages 12 & 13 for Memorial Day events we covered. I love parades, really I do. Although Memorial Day is a somber occasion, it is also a happy occasion, a time to be grateful to those who sacrificed so we can be happy. It's complicated, I guess, but then again, we humans are complicated creatures.

Be sure to visit us on Facebook (www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews) to see more pictures of the parade and dedication of the Felix Witkowicz Garden of Contemplation.

Finally got to that Acushnet Town Meeting story. Hope it was worth waiting for. We'll be posting some pictures of that on Facebook, too.

We have some letters to the editor (see page 18), mostly about the wind turbines being too loud. We'll be getting around to doing a story on that, too.

The Board of Health heard from neighbors about another noisy business and...well, see page 4 for that.

Did I mention that I love parades? One of the things I truly love now is that so many people comment about the paper (okay, I like that they say *good* things about it). I know I've said this before, but I think it bears repeating: the first year I had this paper, I ran up and down the parade route explaining who I was and handing out a bunch of business cards. No one had heard of my little free sheet. Now, so many people know who I am because of my paper. It is so much fun and a clear sign that my hard work is making a difference.

Basically, I'm just a writer y'know. And writers want one thing: to be read (okay, we want lots of money, too, but...)

Anyway, this weekend I have to say that I lost count of how many of our readers commented on my Poison Penpal's letter and indicated their support...for ME, not him (or her). I truly appreciate it. The best revenge is still living well.

It really is.

Until next week then..

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

AARRGHH!! When you get a boat you're supposed to get better at directions. Geesh. In our story about the wayward Chiropractor Gary Alves we meant to say the USCG was searching the SOUTHERN shore of West Island. Also in our Selectboard story we made a mistake identifying a speaker. It was Mr. Taylor, not Jones.

We apologize for any confusion our errors may have caused.

Do you recognize this handwriting?

By Beth David

Editor

Did you know that handwriting analysis for comparison is accepted in Mass. courts as definitive evidence? Boy Howdy!!! Are we having fun today!

Our Poison Penpal hand-wrote the envelopes that were sent to some of our advertisers telling them they would suffer a loss of business if they continued to advertise with us.

Some of our advertisers sent the envelopes to us so we could compare

handwriting. If we get some good leads we will hire a handwriting analyst to compare.

So, we are asking our readers for their help. Please let us know if you recognize this handwriting.

It looks as though the person tried to mix it up a little and make it look like different people wrote the envelopes, but I think even the untrained eye can see the telltale signs that they have all been done by the same hand.

A special "thank-you" to the

advertisers who gave us permission to use their full names and addresses in this article. We did not publish any envelopes without permission.

Anonymous tips are welcome. You may call (508-979-5593), email (NeighbNews@comcast.net), or snail-mail (see page 2), put a note in the door, on the windshield.... tell a friend to tell us. All sources will be protected.

Once we have a few names to work with, we will gather handwriting samples and have a certified handwriting analyst compare them.

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BOH will meet with Shipyard, DEP & neighbors

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Middle Street residents described for the Fairhaven Board of Health on 5/22 the almost Kafkaesque-sounding nature of their experience living alongside the Fairhaven Shipyard, using words like “nightmare,” “bizarre,” “escape,” and “madness.”

Beth Luey of 31 Middle Street added Reidar’s on Water Street as a further source of trepidation, saying the area no longer feels safe with the business parking cars and machinery, and workers flash welding and using diesel-powered saws right on the sidewalk.

“It looks like a third-world industrial zone,” said Ms. Luey. “It’s just bizarre.”

Ms. Luey and her neighbors are concerned about chemical particulates and fumes that they say are emitted from the shipyard and enter their homes and coat their properties. She pointed out that the Fairhaven Shipyard has already been cited by the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection for the particulates and, although it was inadequate, she said the shipyard did respond to communication from the Environmental Protection Agency.

Soil testing for fear of heavy metal contamination is a step that Ms. Luey would like to pursue with the DEP, and she said long-time neighbors and health professionals who have treated residents in her neighborhood talked of “unusual incidents of cancers and pulmonary illnesses.”

Noise is a major factor, and Fay Bartling of 12 Middle Street says she has to leave her home on Fridays “because the din is so terrible.” She said while working in her yard last weekend she had to wear earplugs because of the noise.

The noise is “stacked,” she said. “Sound upon sound upon sound.”

Enforcement is another issue, said Ms. Luey, because, of the several groups with authority to enforce regulations, two on the local level are “not comfortable enforcing these regulations.”

The DEP, the Fairhaven BOH, the Building Department, and the Police and Fire Departments all have the authority, but Building and Police do not want the responsibility, she contended.

Garth Rowe of 16 Middle Street said he cannot open the windows in the back of his house because of the particulates; and he can’t hear himself think due to the noise.

“This mantra that the shipyard has always been here is crap. The neighborhood has been here longer than the shipyard,” said Mr. Rowe.

He said the escalating level of industrial work “...doesn’t belong in a residential neighborhood. It’s excessive.”

Marcia Fernandes, owner of the Sea Witch on Main Street asked Board Member Barbara Acksen if her friendly relationship with Gail Isaksen, an owner of the Fairhaven Shipyard, would in any way conflict with her duties on the BOH.

“Is this a conflict for you?” Ms. Fernandes asked. “It’s bound to be uncomfortable, you know?”

Health Agent Pat Fowle said she

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personally has not been “held back by anyone” regarding her role investigating the matter.

“No one is asking, ‘don’t ask that’ or ‘don’t do that,’” said Ms. Fowle.

Dr. Acksen simply stated, “I think people do have concerns.”

Chairperson Peter DeTerra said he will schedule a joint meeting with the DEP and Middle Street residents. Ms. Fowle encouraged everyone, including residents who may be tenants of Ms. Isaksen’s and may feel too intimidated making complaints, to call her office with any issues.

Complaints can be anonymous.

“They all add up,” said Ms. Fowle. “They all matter to the DEP.”

Dr. Acksen also urged residents to file complaints with the BOH.

“We can’t do anything without the actual data,” she said.

Mr. DeTerra recused himself because he conducts some business with the shipyard. No one repre-

senting the Fairhaven Shipyard attended the meeting.

There was a happy ending to the latest chicken-keeping story, although the same might not be said for Don and Dotty Ryan when they got home after Mr. Ryan vetoed his wife’s objection to the compromise of reducing the number of their neighbor’s chickens, not eliminating all of them.

Judith Paradise gets to keep six of her dozen chickens after assuring the board that she has gotten rid of the several turkeys that Mr. Ryan said made an awful stench last summer. Ms. Paradise concurred with Mr. Ryan about the stink, saying when she returned from vacation the smell was hideous.

She also sent five roosters back to Martha’s Vineyard from whence they came.

“Chickens are dirty birds,” said Mr. Ryan. “I don’t care what anyone says.”

Ms. Ryan pleaded with the board, “I don’t think all of a sudden (after 51 years) our lives should be turned upside-down because of the smell of chickens.”

A letter from Animal Control Officer Cat Mindlin stated that she found everything at the Paradise property in order, the chickens were healthy, they had fresh water and food, and the coop was clean and roomy. (Hopefully roomy enough for Mr. Ryan to sleep in later that night.)

“Can we work together?” Mr. DeTerra said to the Ryans after someone made the suggestion of a reduction in the number of chickens. “Can we work to help each other out?”

“No,” said Mr. Ryan.

“My main complaint is the chickens,” said Ms. Ryan. “I don’t want them there.”

After some wheeling and dealing, Mr. DeTerra asked the Ryans, “Would six chickens be all right?”

“Yes,” said Mr. Ryan.

“No!” said Ms. Ryan.

“Dotty...”

“Well, it’s both our house!” said Ms. Ryan.

The vote for six chickens was unanimous.

“If there’s a seventh chicken I’ll be back,” said Ms. Ryan.

The turkeys remain on Ms. Paradise’s property, but in a place where they won’t be bothering anybody anytime soon — the freezer.



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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Mothers' Club Scholarships

The Fairhaven Mothers' Club awarded two \$1,000 scholarships: Hanna Christ of Fairhaven High School and Kaya Flanagan of Bishop Stang High School.

Congratulations to both of you.

First Congregational Scholarships

The First Congregational Church of Fairhaven wishes to congratulate the following students who were awarded scholarships from the John and May Dampman Fund: Kristin Nascimento, Kendall Chandler, Alex Kuechler, Rachel Morton, and Andrew Bueno.

We are proud of their achievements and wish them the best luck and support as they continue their educational pursuits post high school.

Calling All Artists

Fairhavenites are invited to exhibit up to 10 of their original works at the art and photography exhibit at the Fairhaven Homecoming Fair on June 29 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. For applications, contact Co-Chairs Barbara Acksen, 508-993-0317, or Cheryl Brownell, 508-207-6610; or download applications from FairhavenHomecoming.wordpress.com

Deadline for submitting applications is **Monday, June 10**. Judging will be between 10 & 11 a.m. the day of the fair. Henry Ferreira, chair of the Print Department at Rhode Island School of Design and Suzy Scherson, new faculty member at UMassD Department of Fine Arts, are this year's judges.

Save the date

Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple" will be performed in Fairhaven **June 7 & 8 at 7 PM and June 9 at 2 PM in Fairhaven Town Hall Theater**. Admission: Suggested \$5 donation to Dana Farber

Save the date, details will follow.

Rogers Logo Wear

Rogers School will be closing in June! If you were a student or teacher at Rogers School, and would love to

own a piece of Rogers logo wear or an ornament, we have them available for sale: \$15 for the shirts and the ornaments. We have adult size shirts in Small, Large, and XLarge. Please contact Shelley Alger, 508-992-0346.

12 & Under Tennis

The Fairhaven Tennis Association is offering tennis lessons for juniors who are Twelve and Under. We encourage parents from communities on the South Coast to register their child. Our courts have blended lines for 10 and Under and for 8 and Under Players which allows them to play on a smaller court. We also use a compressed tennis ball which is the same size as a regular tennis ball but slower. Our emphasis is on developing skills and having fun. For our Twelve and Under we use a full size court and regular tennis balls.

You can register your child by visiting www.fairhaventennis.org and downloading the registration form. For additional info call 508-280-3150.

FBA Meeting

The next meeting/program of the Fairhaven Business Association will be on **Tuesday, 6/4 at 5:30 p.m. at the Carousel Family Fun Center**, 4 David Drown Blvd., Fairhaven.

Guest speaker is Bill Vernon, Mass. State Director for the National Federation of Independent Businesses. There are presently three pressing bills proposed for the new year, two in the House and one in the Senate, proposing to increase the minimum wage. Come learn what it means to your business and your bottom line.

FBA meeting will take place immediately following the presentation.

Feel free to share your promotional items on our information swap tables. New members welcome. Visit www.FairhavenBusiness.blogspot.com

Waynestock 2013

Nine Hours of Continuous Music for a Great Cause

It isn't often that you can literally save a life by enjoying a day of great music. SE Mas. is pulling out all the stops with Waynestock 2013 on **Sun., 6/9 from 1-10PM**. Experience three rooms of non-stop music at the Seaport Inn and Marina, 110 Middle Street in Fairhaven, MA. Waynestock

features some of the best music the area has to offer as well as a magician, DJ, raffle, and both live and silent auctions. A \$15.00 donation gets you an all-access pass!

The proceeds support The Wayne Ferreira Benefit Fund. Ferreira, a talented musician and painter, has been living with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis since 2001. The disease has progressed to the point where he is unable to work or build the financial reserve required for his post double-lung transplant surgical recovery. Without these funds he will be rejected as a candidate for the transplant and be denied his only hope of recovery.

Those who can't make it to the party in person can still be there in spirit. Support the cause by donating to "The Wayne Ferreira Benefit Fund" or volunteering the day of the event. Visit www.wayneferreirabenefit.com/Home.html to purchase tickets or to donate. Tickets are also available on the day of the event, June 9, at Symphony Music Shop and Baker Books in Dartmouth, Seaport Inn and Top Music in Fairhaven, Pen & Pendulum and Mahoney's Building Supply in Mattapoisett, and The Music Center in New Bedford.

Cruise Nights

Free cruise nights at Emma Jean's, 115 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven, **every Thursday through Sept. 26, from 5-9 p.m.** (except 7/4 & 7/18). Check out antique and classic cars, listen to music that was new when the cars were new. No charge for cars, no charge for participants. A great family event.

Spring Carnival

The last Spring Carnival at the Rogers School Playground located at 100 Pleasant Street, Fairhaven, will be held on June 8 (rain date June 9th), from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Open to the Public. Carnival Games and Prizes; Concession Food (ie hot dogs, cotton candy, sno cones, popcorn); moon bounce; dj karaoke; large blow-up obstacle course and slide; face painting; flush tank with "special guest flushes."

Proceeds to benefit the students of the new merged Wood School.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Open Water Challenge

Calling all kayaks, canoes, row boats, dories, gigs and whaleboats

The Buzzards Bay Rowing Club will host its sixth annual "Buzzards Bay Open Water Challenge" (formerly known as Row for the Bay) on **Sat., 6/1 at 10:00 AM** in support of the Seamen's Bethel in New Bedford.

Registration for the three-mile race, which will **begin and end at beautiful Fort Taber Park in New Bedford, begins at 8:30 AM**, the day of the race. To pre-register, visit the BBRC web site at www.buzzardsbayrowing.org or call 508-961-5955. The entry fee is \$20.00 per person and includes water, juice, fruit and refreshments for rowers at the end of the race. T-shirts will be given to the first 50 registered rowers. Awards will be presented to winners in various categories of craft including kayaks, sculls, coxed boats and rowboats

Fort Tabor Park is an historic New Bedford landmark. The perfect place for a family outing, the park includes a small museum and snack bar. For those who wish to take in the beautiful vistas of the bay, the Park offers an extensive beach area, and walking and biking paths along the oceanfront.

Come on down and join the fun.

For info, registration form and directions, visit www.buzzardsbayrowing.org or call (508) 961-5955.

Downtown Shuttle

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, Southeastern Regional Transit Authority, and the City of New Bedford have brought back the national park's low-cost shuttle system, the NB LINE. The shuttle debuted last year, and visitors enjoyed seeing the city's many sites without having to navigate through traffic to locate their destinations.

The NB LINE will run on weekends through June 22, then seven days a week through Labor Day. From September 2 through Columbus Day it will run on weekends. The hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **A one day pass only costs \$1.00 for adults and is free for children and students with ID.**

The shuttle system will have three routes starting from the National Park

Visitor Center. The Downtown Route, running every 20 minutes, connects the waterfront to museums, parking garages, local businesses, and other visitor destinations in the downtown area. Buttonwood and Fort Taber Routes, running every 70 minutes, connect other primary visitor destinations of the city such as Buttonwood Park Zoo, Fort Taber Park, antique shops, and beaches to the historic downtown.

For shuttle routes and times visit <http://www.nps.gov/nebe/planyourvisit/nb-line.htm>

Free to Military

To show our appreciation for those who serve in the U.S. Military, and those who have served and whom we recall with gratitude on Memorial Day, the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park reminds military families that the National Park Service offers an annual pass offering free entrance to all 401 national parks for active duty military members and their dependents.

Active duty members of the U.S. Military and their dependents may pick up their pass at the park visitor center at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. They must show a current, valid military identification card to obtain their pass. More information is available at www.nps.gov/findapark/passes.htm.

Walking Tour App

A new GPS-enabled walking tour application exploring New Bedford's shoreside industries is now available for Apple and Android devices.

Free downloads are available on the park's website, Apple's App Store, and Google Play. Search keywords "New Bedford Shoreside Industries."

NB Folk Festival

The 2013 New Bedford Folk Festival, formerly called New Bedford Summerfest, will feature the best in contemporary, traditional and Celtic folk music from **Saturday 7/6 through Sunday 7/7, 2013**, between 11:00 AM and 9:00 PM. The festival is located in the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center and the Whaling National Historical Park in New Bedford, Massachusetts. The New Bedford Folk Festival called "one of the most

exciting and smartly programmed festivals in the Northeast" and "New England's most enjoyable folk festival," is an affordable destination for families seeking a fun-filled weekend.

Features nearly 50 musical acts, the New Bedford Folk Festival presents the best in folk and acoustic music on seven stages in and around the National Park that range from the 1200 seat Zeiterion Performing Arts Center to the intimacy of the "Meet the Performer" area.

A Weekend Pass purchased in advance online is \$20. Special advance weekend passes at \$15 available only by purchasing in person at the New Bedford Whaling Museum and the Zeiterion. Prices during festival weekend are \$20 a day/\$25. Children under 12 are free.

Weekend passes can be purchased at <http://www.newbedfordfolkfestival.com/ourstore.html>, like us on Facebook.

Port Stories, Songs

In September 2013, the Working Waterfront Festival will mark its tenth anniversary. To celebrate, we are presenting Portholes, a series of free, monthly programs designed to engage local residents and members of the commercial fishing industry in conversations about critical issues facing the working waterfront. The Portholes Project is partially funded through a grant from Mass Humanities. Each month's programming centers around a theme. Programming during the month of May explores the Cultural Mosaic of the Working Port.

On **Thursday, May 30th at 7:00 p.m.**, we will present *Cultures of the Port in Song and Story*. The event is open to the public and presented free of charge at the New Bedford Art Museum (608 Pleasant Street) in conjunction with their exhibit, *New Bedford Harbor in a New Light*. **FREE.**

The Port of New Bedford is dominated by fishing families who emigrated from Portugal and Norway. Retired fishermen Reidar Bendiksen and Manny Vinagre will talk about fishing in the old country.

Ana Vinagre (Portuguese fado singer) and Luana Josvold (Norwegian accordion) will share songs and tunes from their homelands.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Bike Rides

On June 8th the Westport River Watershed Alliance is sponsoring a bike tour of the Westport River watershed to show off the natural beauty of the area and to impart some knowledge about it. There will be two courses: a 46-mile ride and a 23-mile ride.

The long ride has several steep hills and is not an easy. The shorter 23 mile course will be a little less hilly but is still challenging. Children 12 and under, ride for free when accompanied by an adult.

The ride will begin and end at the Buzzards Bay Brewery. **It's \$60 for non-members and \$50 for members** the day of the ride and all of the bucolic Westport scenery along with the beer, is free. Save \$10 by registering early.

Sat., 6/8, Buzzards Bay Brewery, 98 Horseneck Road, Westport, Start 7 to 9, (estimate 3.5 hours to complete the 46 mile course at an average 15 mph and less than two hours for the short course)

Register on line at: www.westportwatershed.org/shop/events

Golf Scramble

The Fairhaven Acushnet Little League is holding its 2nd Annual Golf Scramble/Dinner at **Allendale Country Club on Saturday June 1st at 12:30. Fee is \$125** which includes 18 holes with cart, Titleist hat, goody bag, and a Surf and Turf dinner following @ 6 PM. "Dinner only" option is available for \$37.50. Information is available by visting our Facebook page, visting our website at fairhavenacushnetll.com, or by contacting Eric Tveit at 508-965-5900 or tveit1@comcast.net.

Barn Swallows

Do you own a barn or know of one you can visit? Are you interested in birds? The Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary needs you! Mass Audubon's landmark State of the Birds report indicates a significant decline in bird species associated with agricultural landscapes, including barn and cliff swallows. We need more information about where these master aerialists are nesting and how they are doing. Become a citizen scientist in Mass Audubon's "Big Barn

Study" by visiting a barn or bridge near you, and watching for swallows.

If you would like to join the study or if you own a barn and would be willing to allow a study participant to briefly observe swallows on your property, please email us at allenspond@massaudubon.org. Learn more about the study, and how to participate, at www.massaudubon.org/bigbarnstudy

Film Entries Sought

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The videos can be in any style: documentary or narrative, serious or funny, or even a simple record of the Bay's beauty. Each video must be shot on a cell phone on the Bay or in its watershed and be less than one minute in length.

Every Thursday until mid-September, contestants can email their entries to the Festival or upload them on the Festival's website and Facebook Page. The contest will close to new entries each Monday, when voting will begin. Each Thursday, the Festival will announce the winner and the start of a new contest.

Contestants must email their entries to summer@buzzbayff.com or upload them through the Festival's website at buzzardsbayfilmfestival.org or the Festival's Facebook page.

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- 3/4 c. milk
- 2 c. Fresh strawberries, hulled, and cut into quarters
- 1/2 c. Water

Preheat oven to 350. Pour the melted butter into a 1 1/2 quart glass baking dish.

In a large bowl combine the flour, 1/4 c. sugar, and milk, then pour over the butter.

In a separate bowl, combine the strawberries, remaining 1/2 c. sugar and water; spoon evenly over the flour-milk layer.

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Little League weekly update

MINOR LEAGUE DIVISION

DeTerra Exc. 5, Fairhaven Exc. 1

Niko Tavares and Ryan Hartman each pitched 2 innings holding Fairhaven Excavating to only 1 hit while striking out 11. Alex Macaroco had double and 3 RBI's and Nate Gamache had a double and 2 RBI's. Hugo Surpanault, Matt Murray, Jack Boucher, Alex Macaroco, and Cameron Hodziewich each scored a run to help secure DeTerra's 5th straight win. Aiden Dean had the one hit for Fairhaven. Brady Becotte and Aiden Dean and did an excellent job on the mound for Fairhaven each recording 6 strikeouts.

Ocean's Fleet 7, PJ Keating 12

Ocean's Fleet scored 7 runs led by leadoff hitter Mason Tolman (2 Runs & 2 BBs), Jadin DeSousa (2 BBs & 1 RS) and singles by Devaughn Goncalves-Barrett (2 Runs), Tim Lawrence and Nathan Rebeiro who registered his 1st hit of the season as well as an RBI groundout.

Ocean's Fleet 7, Ray & Mikes 9

Ray & Mike's was led on the mound by Seth Moniz 6 K's, and offensively with singles by Seth, Owen Benoit, Jack Roy, Westin Chase and doubles by Jack Cunha & Gabe Monroe while Caden Letendre registered a single & a double. For Ocean's Fleet Mason Tolman, Scott Joseph Jr. & Kyle St. Jean (1st of the season) each singled, while Timmy Lawrence had 2. Making his 1st appearance on the mound Evan Souza showed he's ready to pitch again pitching the final inning for Ocean's.

Ocean's Fleet 10, Fhvn Lumber 16

Lots of runs were scored Thursday Night and the Lumber made the most of it with 3 players scoring 3 times each (Isiah Bunlinson, Tyler Mohon & Nate Carroll) and with Josh Parker,

Collin Johnson, Hunter Medeiros & Tyler Tasopolus each getting hits. Ocean's Fleet was tied going into the 3rd thanks to hits by Mason Tolman (double), Devaughn Goncalves-Barrett, Tim Lawrence and Scott Joseph Jr.

MAJOR LEAGUE DIVISION

Roland's Tire 3, Superior Logo 0

Jarod Laroque threw a 2-hitter striking out 13 and hit a single. Flynn Bourgault (Double) and Brady Becotte also had hits for Roland's. Superior's Ryan Robichaud pitched 3.1 innings of perfect relief with 8 Ks and had a single. Sven Tveit struck out 5 in 1.2 innings and had the other hit.

Acush. Lions Club 7, Century Hse 6

The Lions played good defense and had good pitching by Andrew Chase and Sam Horsfall, they each had a hit. The Lions' offense was led by Zach Soucy (2 for 3), Evan Ferro (2 for 3), Ryan Deslauriers and Jake Bentley each had a hit as well.

Knox Electric 4, Elf's Landscaping 4

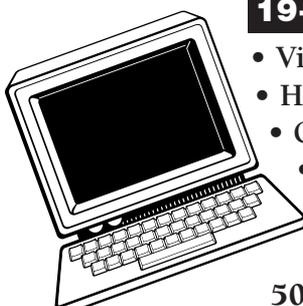
After 7 complete innings Elf's and Knox ended a hard fought battle in a tie. Troy Lopes pitched a great game while the Elf's entire defense played well behind him. Elf's offense was led by Jonathan Paquette with a 3 run home run blast. Noah Camacho had a game tying home run in the 6th.

Acush. Police 2, Elf's Landscaping 5

Elf's stayed solid with great pitching from Logan Berube and Elf's defense came up huge again with solid play all around especially from Seth Cruz (center field) and Troy Lopes (catching). Offense was led with 2 hits from Ryan Lariviere, Logan Berube, and Teddy Ryan. Troy Lopes also pitched in with a key hit. Ben Tyson pitched well for Police. Seth Allaire had a big hit early for police to tie the game up before Elf's took control.

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Memorial Day weekend events remember those who sacrificed

By Beth David
Editor

After a rainy Saturday and unsettled Sunday, the sun shone brightly in a clear sky on Monday for Memorial Day events.

Fairhaven's parade along Main Street saw a healthy crowd of spectators of all ages waving flags to honor those who have served the nation in military service.

Starting at the corner of South and Main Streets, the parade traveled along Main Street to Riverside Cemetery for a service that included the reading of General Logan's Orders, which created Memorial Day, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, a reading of the town honor rolls, and musical selections by the Fairhaven High School Band and First Congregational Church choir.

The FHS band paused at the high school and played the national anthem as the big, 30x50-foot flag was raised.

According to the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, the Memorial Day Parade has been held annually in Fairhaven since the very first "Decoration Day" on May 30, 1868.

On Monday, 5/27, American Legion Post 166 Commander Gerry Stabell told those gathered that Memorial Day is a "traditional as well as somber day of remembrance for all Americans."

He said America's heroes must never be forgotten.

"As Americans, we must tend the flames of freedom by honoring those who died to keep it alive," said Cmdr. Stabell.

He told the crowd that America's wars had altered many lives when "our fallen heroes put on the uniform of our country to stand between freedom and acts of tyranny. They took up the sword of justice in defense of our liberties, and to preserve peace and the America way of life as we know it."

Under a brilliant sky in comfortably warm weather beneath the cover of the old trees at Riverside Cemetery in front of the Civil War monument, Cmdr. Stabell said "Their willingness to risk life and limb in the defense of the freedoms we all cherish deserves our undying gratitude."

More than 1,301,451 Americans were killed in action, said Cmdr. Stabell, and many others suffered serious wounds, were taken and as prisoners of war, and were missing in action.

"For those of us who are gathered here today, let us be ever mindful of the American heroes we honor today, for they are the ones who paid the price for the freedom we enjoy," said Cmdr. Stabell. "We must cherish the thought that their sacrifice was not in vain, nor will it ever be forgotten."

Also at the ceremony, the Fairhaven Village Militia fired their muskets and small cannon; Selectboard chairperson Charles Murphy read the Fairhaven Honor Roll, and Fairhaven High School Senior Class President Jackson Oliva read Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Opening and closing prayers were by Pastor Paul O'Neil of the United Methodist Church.

Flag raising & lowering in honor of William Gallagher

The Memorial Day events in Fairhaven began at sunrise, with the flag raising in honor of William Gallagher at Fort Phoenix. Sgt. Gallagher served in World War II and earned the Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Croix de Guerre with Palm and Forreger, European African Middle Eastern Europe Theater Campaign Ribbon and American Theater Campaign Ribbon.

After completing his service with the US Army, he worked for the US Postal Service as a letter carrier until his retirement in 1973.



The annual raising and lowering of the flag at Fort Phoenix on Memorial Day, 5/27, was held in honor of Sgt. William Gallagher who served in WWII. ABOVE: A Boy Scout hands the flag to Sgt. Gallagher's grandson, Sgt. Kevin Kobza of the Fairhaven Police Department. BELOW: Sgt. Kobza gives his mother, Carol (Gallagher) Kobza a kiss, as he hands the flag to her. BOTTOM, L-R: Scott Fernandes of the Boy Scouts, Carol (Gallagher) Kobza, Sgt. Kevin Kobza, Scout leader Pauline Parker. Photos courtesy of Ted Silva.



LEFT: Members of the Fairhaven Village Militia fire their muskets at the Memorial Day ceremony at Riverside Cemetery on Monday, 5/27. Photo by Beth David. RIGHT: The Militia fires the small cannon. Photo by Heidi Winnett.

Felix Witkowicz memorial garden for those with PTSD

By Beth David
Editor

Felix Witkowicz's children agree that their father told his war stories over and over and over. Eventually, they realized that it meant he probably suffered from PTSD — Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

He especially kept retelling, or reliving, two incidents: one when he was unable to retrieve a fallen comrade, and one about a comrade who slipped from his grasp on the beach in Normandy. The man on the beach, Private Isbell, was found, and his name is on a monument at Omaha Beach today.

The other man was not found, and "It was the soul of this second man that lingered with Felix to his death," his daughter Janice Ragazzo told those gathered on Sunday, 5/26.

At Ft. Taber Military Museum in New Bedford, family, friends, veterans and military personnel held a ceremony in honor of Mr. Witkowicz and dedicated the "Garden of Contemplation," donated in his memory. A recipient of the Bronze Star and the French Legion of Honor Medal, Corporal Felix S. Witkowicz stormed Omaha Beach on D-Day and later fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He died last October.

A bench facing the Atlantic Ocean has also been placed in his name on the museum grounds.

Ms. Ragazzo recalled several of her father's stories, and marveled, "how could this meek, humble, charitable man who taught us never to hurt so much as a butterfly, be the same person that recounted the horrors he experienced on that infamous D-Day landing."

Getting emotional at times, and with her mother, brother, sister, and children in attendance, Ms. Ragazzo recalled a man whose legacy is to remember those who fought and died.

"This isn't the story about Felix S. Witkowicz," said Ms. Ragazzo. "In my eyes he was the messenger, a symbol of all the men in our country's armed forces who suffer. He became the voice for those who died. Those young men in their 20's and 30's, who served but didn't return home with an opportunity of starting a family and being able to enjoy a long life. Felix's mind and heart wouldn't allow him to leave these soldiers behind on the battlefield and neither should we. It's because of him I remember."

The garden is one way to remember those who died and those who continue to suffer, she said.

"To understand this Garden you must understand a soldier... He is not

just a number on a causality list. He is unique, he must be remembered and heard."

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ABOVE: Janice Ragazzo speaks about her father, WWII Veteran Felix S. Witkowicz at a ceremony on Sunday, 5/26, at Fort Taber Military Museum in New Bedford. BELOW: Janice's sister, Maryann Polchlopek, listens to the proceedings. Photos by Beth David.



Mary Witkowicz (seated) is surrounded by her children and grandchildren at an event honoring her late husband, WWII veteran Felix S. Witkowicz on Sunday, 5/26, at Fort Taber Military Museum in new Bedford. RIGHT: Ann and Raymond Mazarchyk during the ceremony in front of the museum. Mr. Mazarchyk and Mr. Witkowicz were good friends and attended meetings at the Polish American Veterans Club. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews to see more photos of this and other events.

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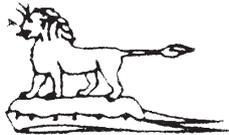
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Acushnet Town Meeting okays library, approves village district

By Beth David
Editor

The Girl Scouts showed up in force at Acushnet's Town Meeting on 5/20 to advocate for their precious community center. Placed on the warrant as Article 1 so the girls could get home early enough on a school night, the funding for the Library/Community Center project passed by a huge margin. The matter must now go before voters in a general election.

The article passed the last town meeting and was placed on the ballot in the April 1 election. It lost by 36 votes.

Voters need to approve borrowing for the \$6,382,000 project before 6/31/13 in order to take advantage of a \$3.2 million state grant. Another \$365,000 has been donated for the project, bringing the total for Acushnet taxpayers to about 46% of the cost.

No one spoke against the project at Town Meeting, and organizers said the girls and their parents spear-headed the effort to get enough signatures to put the article on the warrant because they did not want to lose their meeting space. They collected 684 signatures in four days; 100 signatures are required.

The center has the only space big enough for multiple troops and levels to meet at the same time.



Debbie Rock of Fairhaven said their troops are growing because of the ability to meet in the same place; siblings are able to be at different levels.

Community Center volunteers have said it will close when its lease is up if the project does not pass.

Supporters said the project did not pass for a variety of reasons, including that people felt the margin of the town meeting vote last time was so significant they did not feel it was important to get out and vote. Others said they had a difficult time understanding how the ballot question was worded.

At town meeting, the room was packed and people were still signing in when the meeting started.

Roland Gailitis told members that "dictators control through ignorance" and urged people not to take free knowledge from people.

Leann Corrie, who grew up in Acushnet and now uses a wheelchair, said she has to use the New Bedford library because the Russell Memorial Library is not wheelchair accessible.

After the big victory, Girl Scout Kailon Morrissette said she was "pretty happy," about the vote.

"It's a great program," she said. "It's helped me a lot."

"I'm really excited," said Kaylee Macedo, noting that the next step is



Girl Scouts turn to face town meeting members about to vote on the Library/Community Center project. Without passage of the project, the Girl Scouts will have to find another place to meet. The measure passed at town meeting and will now have to go before Acushnet voters in a townwide election. BELOW: Roland Gailitis, speaking in favor of the Library project, told Town Meeting that "dictators control through ignorance." Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com

to hold signs and make sure people get out and vote.

"When we go the vote, I was in tears," said Kalli Arruda. "I'm really excited."

All three girls said they are ready to work for the next step: getting people to the polls. The question will be on a separate ballot in the June 25 senate seat special election.

In other business, town meeting approved approximately \$27.3 million in spending for FY14 in the annual TM and about \$450,035 in the STM, not including the library project.

Nicholas Gomes questioned why the golf course needed to spend \$97,285 for two lawn mowers

Ed Isaac from the Golf Committee explained that the mowers were specialized for the golf course and that the two being replaced were 7 days old and "used five days a week."

Excess funds will revert to the contingency fund.

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**I just want to say:
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Leo Rousseau
Former Acushnet Selectman

ACUSH: cont'd from previous page

Board of Public Works member Norm Fredette got a few laughs when he explained Article 14, asking for \$9,800 for a new propane generator for the public works garage.

He said the one they have now is from 1946 and "parts are pretty hard to come by."

The article passed with no opposition.

Mr. Fredette questioned Article 4 of the annual TM which authorized the selectboard to enter into a contract for road work. Mr. Fredette asked why the selectboard was taking power from the BPW.

Selectboard member David Wojnar explained that it was by charter that the selectboard enters into contracts.

"But we'll still have a say in it," asked Mr. Fredette. "Because the BPW should decide," which roads to do.

The article passed as written.

Article 11, which passed with opposition, garnered a bit of discussion. The CPC sponsored article appropriated \$60,000 to move the Severance home to the Acushnet Sawmill Property on Mill Road.

Mr. Wojnar said the City of New Bedford has agreed to pay for the foundation, and the Buzzards Bay Coalition will use the building on the

property, probably as a visitors center.

The Severance property can then be sold, with the money used to help offset some of the costs of the library project.

In another measure that would possibly increase the value of that property, Article 13 also passed by the required 2/3 vote. The measure will create a "Residential Village District."

The new district would allow the Severance property to be divided into two lots.

Town Planner Henry Young said the designation would simply codify what is already in place.

"What we're proposing, is zoning that reflects what's on the ground right now," said Mr. Young, adding that there are already smaller lots in that area. He said any nonconforming uses would be "grandfathered."

Town Meeting also passed an article to amend bylaws so the town can become compliant with the Green Communities Act. In conjunction with the so-called "Stretch Energy Code" that will require stricter building codes to promote more efficient buildings, the town could become a "Green Community," opening up more

grant money to the town.

Mr. Young said Acushnet's bylaws were already mostly in compliance with the Stretch Code, which was proposed in Article 16.

"This is not a stretch for us," said Mr. Young.

Mr. Wojnar said passage of the article would allow the town to "take advantage of what the state has to offer," in the way of energy efficient "retrofits." He said Town Hall is one of the buildings that could benefit.

"It's good for the environment and it's good for our bottom line," said Mr. Wojnar.

The measure passed with some opposition.

- In other business Town Meeting
- Voted to place a temporary moratorium on medical marijuana treatment centers to give the town time to receive guidance from the state on how to regulate the clinics.
 - Approved \$33,000 for firefighter personal protection equipment
 - Approved \$51,000 to replace two defibrillators for EMS
 - Approved \$15,000 for a used vehicle for the EMA
 - Approved \$3,000 from free cash for a networking printer for the Assessors office.

Acushnet Town Meeting quotable quotes

We're all gonna be on our best behavior. This is a legal proceeding
[Town Moderator Bob Franics]

This is not a stretch for us
[Henry Young about adopting the Stretch Code]

It's good for the environment and it's good for our bottom line. [David Wojnar about aforementioned Stretch Code]

Dictators control through ignorance [Roland Gailitis]

You think it's hot out there, you should be up here. [Mr. Francis after TM members shouted out the word "renovating" as he struggled with it while reading a CPC article]

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Letters from our readers

Turbines too big, too close, too loud

The results are in. The Fairhaven Industrial Wind Turbines have been found out of compliance with state noise regulations. The MA DEP and the developers, Fairhaven Wind, have been quick to try to minimize the findings.

Take a look at the numbers.

The turbines have been on most days and nights for just over a year. The DEP tested only 9 nights out of 365.

On 4 out of those 9 nights, the turbines were found to produce sound levels 10 decibels above ambient. Almost half.

The most significant number remains the over 400 complaints made by the people who live in the 701 homes within 3000 feet of these two turbines. These are the same people who waited patiently for over a year while these compliance tests were performed.

And now that the data is in, the owners of Fairhaven Wind and the MA DEP are quick to say that the turbines are only a little bit out of compliance.

Isn't that like being a little bit pregnant? I don't think it works that way!

I understand why Gordon Deane, Jim Sweeney and Sumul Shah want to minimize these findings. Fairhaven Wind makes money when the turbines are on.

But why is the MA DEP minimizing their own findings? Just who does the Department of Environmental Protection protect? I bet if we asked the folks who live near the turbines if they are feeling protected they would tell us, no, not so much.

The MA DEP has found what anyone who lives near these turbines knows already. These industrial turbines are too big, too loud, and too close to too many people. They need to be shut down. Period. And the fact that the MA DEP knew this in November and didn't tell the citizens of this town until May is pretty shocking. And even then they told the developers first.

Louise Barteau, Fairhaven

Fairhaven Turbines Need To Be Shut Down

As a Fairhaven resident, I can truthfully say this is the first time that I agree with former Fairhaven Select

Board Chairman Brian K. Bowcock. Mr. Bowcock was asked what he would do if the two Fairhaven wind turbines were not in compliance with the Massachusetts state ten-decibel limit on noise levels. He stated (*Advocate, March 14, 2013*), "I will shut them down. That would be immediate. That's not a debatable issue."

This is a compelling statement coming from a Fairhaven former selectman who was instrumental in bringing the turbines to town.

Well, at the May 21 Fairhaven Board Of Health Meeting the DEP Deputy Commissioner Martin Suuberg stated that the turbines were in fact in violation of noise levels. (Violation dates were 11/9, 3/20, 4/2 and 4/12). All three developers were in attendance: Sumul Shah, Gordon Deane and James Sweeney, and in my opinion looking very worried. As well they should be.

The town voted to accept these turbines after these developers assured us there would be no ill effects. This obviously is not the case especially after hearing the many heartfelt testimonials from the residents negatively impacted.

Emotions ran high as residents spoke of how their children were negatively affected. Now there is legitimate testing evidence to validate what has been going on. The turbines are too noisy.

Developer Gordon Deane stated he would agree to work with the town and DEP to "see what might be done in a cost-effective manner." So this has nothing to do with being "green" and caring about the folks in Fairhaven. It is what we knew all along about the developers. These turbines were going to make them a lot of money at the expense of our residents.

Ironically, on one of developer Gordon Deane's slides during his presentation, he states, "The turbine does not have a built-in noise reduction mode." Exactly. And that is why there is no other remedy. The turbines need to be shut down. Dr. Bowcock, you got that right.

Joyce Pottel, Fairhaven

WTs are Catastrophic Fiasco

Massachusetts has a renewable energy goal of 2000 Megawatts of renewable energy by the year 2020. The method is commercial wind power. The state issued wind turbine model by-laws to assist towns in

establishing reasonable standards.

The cities' and towns' wind turbines have become a catastrophic fiasco. The turbines' noise and shadow flicker cause sleeplessness, nuisances, headaches along with property devaluations.

Fairhaven, Falmouth, Kingston and Scituate have their communities fractured over the placement of the 400-foot structures.

Environmentalists insist the turbines cut back of fossil fuel illnesses, but at what cost? The residential home owners who abut the turbines are having their health, quality of life and property taken away from them in the trade-off.

Massachusetts is facing a major crisis to reach the mandated renewable energy goal. Many communities have slowed or stopped projects. Massachusetts has failed a comprehensive energy plan of action that includes the health and welfare of our citizens.

The communities want the turbines shut down. The resolution looks like the best plan is the Falmouth plan 7-7-24. The turbines are shut down from 7 PM until 7 AM every day all week. At least people can get some sleep.

Frank Haggerty, Mattapoisett

Readers support Neighb News & owner

Dear Beth,

We look forward to Thursday when the *Fairhaven Neighborhood News* arrives. Your honest and thorough reporting is appreciated. Just the facts and the truth can be found in FNN and that is hard to find these days.

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SMCU Holds 91st Annual Meeting

Press Release

Southern Mass Credit Union (SMCU) recently held its 91st Annual Meeting at its main office located at 123 Alden Road, Fairhaven, MA.

David S. Darmofal, Chairman of the SMCU Board of Directors, opened the meeting by welcoming members and thanking them for their continued support of the credit union over the past year. He stressed that SMCU is very strong, well-capitalized, continues to grow, and members deposits are safe, secure and insured. He also noted that in 2013 SMCU is celebrating its 91st year of providing continuous service to our membership.

He then opened the business portion of the meeting where the following individuals were unanimously re-elected to SMCUs Board of Directors for three-year terms: Richard Ellis, Mary Ellen Silva, Paul Sylvia and Robert Wallace.

Daniel E. Waltz, President and CEO, addressed the attending membership, thanked them for their loyalty and support throughout the past years, and presented a summary of SMCUs 2012 operating year highlighting the credit union's assets, share deposit and loan growth, strong capital position, as well as, membership growth.

Mr. Waltz stated that SMCU had a very successful year and ended 2012 with total assets of \$190,020,458, total loans of \$104,539,181, total share deposits of \$169,614,924 and total equity of \$19,330,756. Total members at year-end 2012 were 10,213, representing a membership growth rate of 3.08% from 2011. In addition Mr. Waltz reviewed the community projects and events the credit union sponsored and participated in during 2012.

During the meeting two Excellence Awards were presented to two employees who exemplify the credit union's mission of providing excellent service to its membership. One of these awards is a result of nominations from members throughout the year for exceptional service they have received from SMCU employees and the other is a result of nominations from fellow employees. Mr. Darmofal and Mr. Waltz presented these awards to Susan Beck, Assistant Head Teller, who received the Excellence in Member Service Award and to Cindy Blais, Member Services Rep, who received the Excellence in Employee Service Award.

Following the Annual Membership Meeting, the Board of Directors met to reorganize and elected the following officers for the 2013-2014 year: David S. Darmofal, Chairman; Robert Ferretti, 1st Vice Chairman; Mary Ellen Silva, 2nd Vice Chairman; Alfred Peccini, 3rd Vice Chairman and Assistant Clerk/Treasurer, and Richard E. Ellis, Clerk/Treasurer



Caption, Daniel E. Waltz President/CEO (center) presents Excellence in Member Service award to Sue Beck and Excellence in Employee award to Cindy Blais (r). Submitted photo.

Other members of the Board of Directors are Pamela Bourgault, John S. Mitchell, Charles K. Murphy, Sr., Mark Sylvia, Paul Sylvia, Sandra Tynan and Robert Wallace.

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The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following application. **Special Permit**, the applicant, **Mill Bridge Holdings, LLC**, is requesting to add approximately 55 parking spaces and landscaping to their parking lot on the East side of their building adjacent to Mill Road.

The location is 200 Mill Road. Map-36, between, Lot 11A.

A copy of the application is on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082.

*Wayne Hayward, Chairman of the
Planning Board*

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Odd Couple to be performed at town hall

Press Release

Neil Simon's wildly popular play "The Odd Couple" will be performed by a local troupe, with Fairhaven actors Cameron Durant and John Kalife in the lead roles on June 7 & 8: at 7 p.m.; and on June 9 at 2 p.m., in the Fairhaven Town Hall Theater (2nd floor), 40 Center Street Fairhaven. Admission: Suggested \$5 donation to Dana Farber.

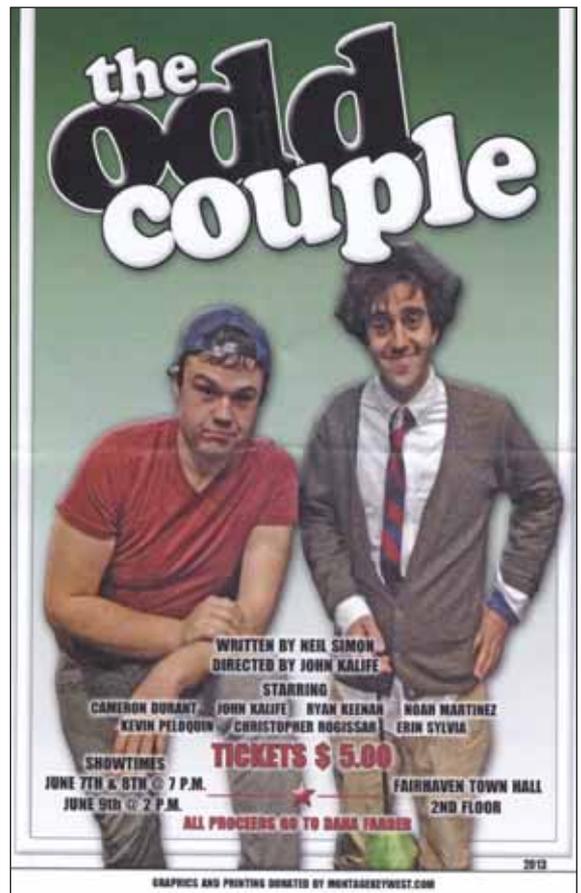
Produced by "The Deadbeats," a diverse group of early 20 somethings who enjoy the escape and challenge of acting! The Deadbeats' goal is to have fun.

The group performed "Glengarry Glen Ross" and "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" at Providence College. The group later performed "12 Angry Men" and "The Indian Wants The Bronx" at the Perishable Theater in Providence.

This Odd Couple production stars Cameron Durant, John Kalife, Ryan Keenan, Noah Martinez, Kevin Peloquin, Christopher Rogissart and Erin Sylvia. John Kalife will direct. The Deadbeats humbly accept \$5 donations to Dana Farber.

Neil Simon's three-act comedy "The Odd Couple" opened March 10, 1965 at the Plymouth Theater in New York City. The play was directed by Mike Nichols and starred Walter Matthau and Art Carney.

"The Odd Couple" received Tony Awards for Walter Matthau (Best Actor), Neil Simon (Best Author), and Mike Nichols (Best Director). "The Odd Couple" was also nominated for



Best Play. The play was adapted into a hit movie starring Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon in 1968. The AFI's "100 Years, 100 Laughs" ranked "The Odd Couple" as the 17th funniest film in history.

A popular comedy sitcom based on the play ran from 1970-1975, starring Jack Klugman and Tony Randall. Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick starred in the most recent 2005 Broadway revival.

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I have never been able to think of the day as one of mourning; I have never quite been able to feel that half-masted flags were appropriate on Decoration Day. I have rather felt that the flag should be at the peak, because those whose dying we commemorate rejoiced in seeing it where their valor placed it. We honor them in a joyous, thankful, triumphant commemoration of what they did.

Benjamin Harrison

Fairhaven Meetings

Bikeway Committee
Thurs. 5/23, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Board of Appeals
Tues., 6/4, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission
Mon., 6/3, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

DEP Sound Study mtg w/Board of Health & Select

Mon., 6/10, Town hall, 12 noon

Historical Commission
Wed. 6/5, Academy Bldg., 7 p.m.

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

School Building Comm.
Tues., 6/4, Town Hall, 7 a.m.

School Committee
Wed., 6/12, FHS Media Ctr, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard
Mon., 6/3, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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

Thurs., 6/6, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Mon., 6/10, Town hall, 12 noon

Trust Commission
Fri., 5/31, Town Hall, 3 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Health
Tues., 6/4, Parting Ways, 5 p.m.

Board of Public Works
Wed., 6/5, Parting Ways, 6 p.m.

Conservation Comm
Wed., 6/12, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Finance Committee
Wed., 6/5, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Historical Commission
Tues., 6/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Commission
Thurs., 6/13, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

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Wednesday	5	0627 1850 0031 ----	
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Friday	7	0756 2014 0133 1255	

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Girl Scouts in the news

Fairhaven Girl Scout raises dough for troop



Girl Scouts of Eastern Mass. is proud to announce that Fairhaven Girl Scout Keira Hart-Bonville of Daisy Troop 65427 sold 503 boxes of Girl Scout cookies this year. The Girl Scout Cookie program allows girls to set goals, learn money management, and develop marketing skills. The activity of selling cookies is directly related to the organization's purpose of helping all Girl Scouts realize their full potential and become strong, confident and resourceful citizens. Girl Scout troops use funds from the cookie activity to fund a service project or to plan an exciting trip. With the proceeds they earned from selling cookie, Keira's troop saw Pippi Longstocking at the Wheelock Family Theatre. She is pictured with her favorite cookie Lemonades. *Submitted photo.*

Fairhaven Girl Scout raises dough for troop



The Fairhaven Animal Shelter had a great visit from Junior Girl Scout Troop #85088 Fairhaven. They brought lots of donations for part of a three-part journey badge for community service! "I can't wait to see what these amazing kids will do to for our future!" said Fairhaven Animal Control Officer Cat Mindlin. L-R: Micayla Daniels-Pacheco, Sabrina Arruda, Olivia Boldo, and Carrie Arruda. Girls not pictured, but who took part in collecting donations for the animal shelter are: Mia Mello, Dakota Lawrence, Hallie Thatcher, Paige Stone, Emme Almeida. *Submitted photo.*

Dan Surprenant elected Vice President of MassNAEL

Press Release

We are proud to announce that Attorney Dan Surprenant has been elected Vice President of the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (MassNAELA). MassNAELA is the largest chapter in the United States and the premier organization for Elder Law attorneys in Massachusetts.

Members of MassNAELA are attorneys who are experienced and trained in working with the legal problems of aging Americans and individuals of all ages with disabilities

in Massachusetts.

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MassNAELA provides regular educational events for attorneys and advocates for seniors through their Public Policy Committee and Litigation Initiative. See MassNAELA.com.

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