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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Okay, finally, I wrote the story about my trip to Lebanon to see the big trees. It's only been about a year.

I could've gone on and on and on, too, but...I'll save it for the book.

Now, remember, this is our last issue before our summer break. That means you have to hang onto this copy for a couple of extra weeks. We've got all the Homecoming weekend stuff in here and the vendor list and map (pages 23, 25, 26). We've also got all the July 4th stuff in here (page 10).

Our next issue will be on July 5, so that weekend's stuff will be in that issue. But I did want to give you all an early heads-up on the Bicentennial parade for that weekend. See page 3 for that. It's going to be a doozy! Bicentennial Committee member Larry Roy went hog-wild getting all kinds of bands and famous acts for the extra long parade. He's hoping to get 100,000 people there, to top the 75,000 who showed up at the sesquicentennial in 1962. So, read all about it on page 3 and plan to be there.

We've got some meeting coverage for you this week of course. See page 4 for Appeals, page 18 for School Committee and page 12 for a story on geocaching in Acushnet.

Gary Souza is back with more interesting tidbits from Liberia. See page 19 for that.

We tried to get in as many of the events and happenings from now until July 5 that we could fit.

I know it's not the most convenient thing to skip two consecutive papers, but, I swear, it takes a whole week to finish up, so by the time I'm done, I'm on deadline for the next. I really need two weeks off to get a week off, really.

In any case, be sure to thumb through each page of this baby, take special note of who are advertisers are, and be sure to tell them you saw their ads in the Neighb News.

See you on July 5!



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS

In our story about Acushnet Town Meeting last week, we spelled a name wrong it was Dennis Ducharme (not Deschamps) who spoke on the anti-litter bylaw. We are sorry for any confusion this may have caused.

Support the food pantry

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



The Pantry spends more than \$6,000 each month to keep the shelves stocked. It serves more than 100 families each week.

Tax deductible donations may be sent to Shepherd's Pantry, PO Box 760, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Visit www.shepherdspantry.org

Make plans now: Bicentennial Parade will be a big one

**Sunday, July 8, at 1 p.m.
From Livesey Park to KMart**

By Beth David
Editor

Clowns and Clydesdales, famous marching bands and you! That's what Fairhaven's Bicentennial Parade will have to offer, along with a long list of local and not-so-local musicians, groups, performers, and organizations that want to celebrate Fairhaven's 200th birthday.

The big parade has been two years in the making, according to the parade committee's Larry Roy who contacted most of the marching groups, secured most of the sponsors, and is still hard at work.

Several special "big draws" are already the buzz around town, especially the confirmation of the Philadelphia Mummies. The world famous string marching band, established in 1926, will perform for 35 minutes at the conclusion of the parade.

Mr. Roy has been hard at work with publicity and hopes to have more than 100,000 people show up for the show. The sesquicentennial in 1962 had

75,000 spectators, and Mr. Roy thinks the bicentennial should beat that.

"For the 200th, you've got to have something special, big," said Mr. Roy. "You can't just have a regular parade to the high school."

The parade will begin at Livesey Park, travel along Main Street to Center, to Green, to Washington, and up the hill to KMart Plaza. Groups will start assembling at 10 a.m., the parade will step off at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 8.

Long time "Voice of the New England Patriots" and Fairhaven High School alumnus Gil Santos will serve as the Grand Marshall.

The parade will also feature floats, and groups are still being encouraged to participate. So far, the parade has nine floats confirmed, 12 marching bands, and 32 other participants including school groups, the famous Hallamore Clydesdale Horses, the 54th Mass. Regiment, Mounted Artillery of New England (Civil War), reenactment groups, ethnic groups (including Wampanoag), school groups, local cultural organizations (i.e., Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship

Society, Friendly Sons of St. Patrick), lots of military, police, and fire color guards, and many more.

In addition to the marching bands the Hills-Mills Comedy Clown Band will perform with their special brand of entertainment.

There is still time to join the parade, and everyone is encouraged to get outside and watch. Mr. Roy especially encourages people to follow the parade to the KMart Plaza to hear the Mummies perform. They will be the last group marching in the parade.

Sponsors are still needed for some of the groups, and volunteers are needed to help with a host of tasks.

"It's getting to the end," said Mr. Roy. "It's mind boggling."

The parade committee will meet this Sat., 6/16 at 9 a.m. at Town Hall.

To get your group in the parade or sponsor a group, call Mr. Roy at 508-317-1800 or attend the meeting. For more information on Fairhaven's other Bicentennial events, call the Office of Tourism at 508-979-4085 or visit <http://fairhavenevents.blogspot.com/> or www.fairhaven200.org



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Appeals continues wind hearing...again

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

The hearing challenging the building permit for the Arsene Street wind turbines brought by Windwise member Donna McKenna, who is also a school committee member, was continued yet again, because of a lack of a quorum at the 6/5 Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.

"I'm entitled to a hearing. Time is of the essence. This has been continued repeatedly. This needs to be addressed," Windwise Attorney Ann Ponichtera-DeNardis told the board. "My client is being denied her due process rights."

"You're not being denied, it's just taking a little longer," responded Vice-Chairperson Joseph Borelli.

The absence of Chairperson Peter DeTerra and the abstentions of Mr. Borelli and Board Member Daryl Manchester left the board without a quorum and unable to vote on the matter. Mr. Borelli recused himself because, as a resident who lives in the vicinity of the two turbines, he has a vested interest in the matter. Mr. Manchester said he recused himself because, as the clerk magistrate of Wareham District Court, he occasionally encounters Ms. DeNardis. Mr. Manchester stated that voting on ZBA matters involving Ms. DeNardis would constitute a violation of the Code of Ethics.

"This is absurd," said one member of the public.

"I will not wait another month," said Ms. DeNardis. "This should be expedited. This has gone on and on and on."

As the board considered holding the continued hearing on 6/20, Town Counsel Thomas Crotty told the board that he would be unable to attend on that date.

"I'm objecting to Mr. Crotty being here anyways," said Ms. DeNardis.

Mr. Borelli told Ms. DeNardis, according to the State Ethics Commission, there was no finding of a conflict of interest in Mr. Crotty's representation of both the Town and the ZBA. As a result, the Selectboard would not grant the ZBA permission to seek outside counsel.

"I haven't been presented with a copy of that decision," responded Ms. DeNardis, just before Building Commissioner Wayne Fostin handed her a copy of a letter signed by Selectboard member Brian Bowcock, addressed

to Mr. Crotty.

Ms. DeNardis read the letter and told the board it did not directly address the conflict of interest she originally questioned at the 4/3 ZBA meeting. She said the conflict of interest she wanted addressed was Mr. Crotty's representation of both the ZBA and Mr. Fostin at the 4/3 meeting, not just Mr. Crotty's representation of both the Town and the ZBA.

"Clearly he was advising both sides at the same time," Ms. DeNardis stated. "This (letter) has absolutely nothing to do with what I was addressing."

She insisted it remained a "significant conflict of interest."

Board Member Francis Cox spoke out, and loudly told Ms. DeNardis that the ZBA asked the Selectboard for outside counsel, but the request was denied.

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[Attorney Ann Ponichtera-DeNardis]

"The Town's not gonna pay for it!" said Mr. Cox. "Mr. Crotty has represented this board in the past...Mr. Crotty has a right to be here...We [the ZBA] have to listen to his opinion!"

Ms. DeNardis insisted that it was still a conflict of interest, since Mr. Fostin's actions were being questioned in the issuing of the building permit, and Ms. McKenna's intent was to request the ZBA to revoke the building permit.

The hearing was continued until Thursday, 6/14.

Drama also ensued after several abutters turned out to question and oppose a request for a special permit by petitioner Michael Bobola of 11 Maple Avenue.

Claiming financial hardship, Mr. Bobola and his wife, Amanda Bobola, are seeking a special permit that would allow them to restore the one large lot owned by the couple back to

its original two separate lots.

Attorney Phillip Beauregard explained to the board that the Bobolas purchased the property next-door to their house, with an existing freestanding four-car garage. He said the Bobolas inadvertently had the two lots merged into one lot for zoning purposes, under poor legal advice. Mr. Beauregard said now, facing financial hardship, the only way the Bobolas could sell their house, which he said has "lost a tremendous amount of value," was to separate the lot back into two separate lots.

Veronica Booth of 8 Maple Avenue lives diagonally from the Bobolas and said there have been many owners of the property with the garage. She said it has repeatedly been a concern in the neighborhood that the garage would be converted into a residential home, which neighbors oppose.

Ms. Booth said one previous owner, Michael Almeida, once attempted to convert the property into a buildable lot, and after neighbors showed opposition and the special permit was denied, Mr. Almeida painted the garage orange, lime green, and neon pink to spite neighbors.

Ms. Booth then mentioned a utility truck that had been parked in front of the property for some time, to which Ms. Bobola responded, "We moved that!" Mr. Bobola immediately shushed his wife, and whispered sternly across the room at her, "Stop it."

Ms. Booth said she would like to support the Bobolas, and she appreciated that when they bought the garage they painted it white and it now looked nicer.

"But we (the neighbors) don't want to have to decide in two days whether it should be sold in two deeds," said Ms. Booth, and then asked the board to continue the hearing at a later date.

Neighbors claimed that they only received notice two days before the hearing, and that the post card spoke of converting the lot with the garage into a buildable lot, which Mr. Beauregard denied was the intent of the Bobolas.

Mr. Beauregard proposed a condition be placed on the special permit that would prohibit the construction of a residence.

The Bobolas rent out the four stalls

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Fr. Day Road Race

The 38th annual Father's Day Road Race in Fairhaven will be held this Sunday, 6/17 at 9 a.m. Register online at www.jbrace.com, or pick up a registration form at Days Sports, 86 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven. Registration ends 4 p.m. on Saturday, 6/16. Absolutely no post entries. \$20 per runner, half price for 13 & under, 70+.

WI Breakfast Buffet

First of the Season!

Sun., 6/17, West Island Community Center, 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven, 8-11 a.m.

By the West Island Improvement Association. \$6 adults, \$3 children under 12. Tickets are available at the door. Accessible.

Next date: July 1.

FHS 1962 reunion

The Fairhaven High School class of 1962 will be holding their 50 Year Reunion during Homecoming Weekend on **Saturday, June 30, 2012 at the Inner Bay Cafe and Grill at 1339 Cove Road in New Bedford from 6:00-10:00 PM.** The welcome reception and cocktail party will include unlimited hors d'ouvres, cash bar and a complimentary wine tasting.

The Reunion Committee also requests the help of our classmates in locating the following students: Theresa Coelho, Beverly Ferreira, Philip Graves, Everett Lloyd, Jr., Robert McKay, Carol Duarte, John Gardner, Grace Gallagher, Paul Martin and Anne Ulewicz.

For further information, please contact: Bethany (Hawes) Sykes: bethanyhsykes@gmail.com

The Class of 1962 will host the **All Class Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, July 1st.** See page 23 for details.

Fairhaven Idol 2012

In celebration of Fairhaven's Bicentennial, organizers are planning the first Fairhaven Idol Competition, which will showcase the singing talent of local residents.

Aspiring singers will have a chance to **audition on June 19 at the Seaport Inn, starting at 6:00 p.m.** Selected finalists will compete in front of a live audience and a panel of judges on June 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the

ballroom of the Seaport Inn.

For more information on what to take with you to the audition,, please email fhvnicol@comcast.net.

Contestants will not only be judged on their singing ability, but stage performance and charisma.

Each of the first place winners will be offered a performance slot at the Fairhaven Homecoming Fair on June 30, the Bicentennial Family Fun Day on July 14, as well as other appearances associated with the town's 200th birthday celebration.

The **June 21 competition will be open to the public for \$5 admission,** which will help fund prizes for the winners.

Antique car & driver needed

The Bicentennial Parade committee is looking for someone with a 1956 or 1957 Chevy convertible to drive the Grand Marshall in the parade route on July 8. Please call Martha Crowley at 508-992-4744.

For a full list of events visit www.Fairhaven200.blogspot.com or the office of tourism website, <http://fairhavenevents.blogspot.com/>

Tennis

Ten & Under

The Fairhaven Tennis Association is offering tennis lesson for juniors who are Ten and Under. We encourage parents from communities on the South Coast to register their child. Our courts have blended lines that are 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 and allows our younger players to get to the ball. Our emphasis is on developing skills and having fun.

You can register your on line at www.fairhaventennis.org by downloading the registration form. For more information call 508-280-3150.

Golden Agers

The Fairhaven Golden Agers Club will hold an open house on **Wednesday, 6/27 in the Oxford Terrace Community Room, 275 Main St., Fairhaven,** from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Accessible. All ages, 18+ are welcome to the Open House. Do come by to see how to spend a pleasant Wednesday afternoon.

On Open House day, membership is not required to take part in club activities, including: Bingo, 25 cents/card; 10 different games including dogs (\$1/ball) and a chance to win \$5 if you're a dog winner.

Raffle of household items (tickets 4 for \$1), food, refreshments, coffee, cake and door prizes (free).

Call Dot for more information, 508-991-5936.

Decorate with Flags

On July 8th, Fairhaven will host one of the largest parades this Town has seen in 50 years as Fairhaven Celebrates its 200th Birthday.

In anticipation of some of the upcoming events Fairhaven wants to start getting decorated for the celebration. Prior to Fairhaven's Homecoming weekend which starts on Friday June 29th, Fairhaven will be decorated with hundreds of flags throughout the Town and especially on the Bicentennial Parade route. 12"x18" stick flags will be placed in all the public areas and the Bicentennial Committee is asking property owners to do the same with free flags being distributed to interested residents who will place them along their properties frontage. Please notify John Medeiros at his cell: 508-990-0000 or by e-mail at JohnJ.Medeiros@yahoo.com if you are interested in acquiring some of the flags for display at no charge.

To learn more about all of the upcoming Bicentennial events go to www.Fairhaven200.org

Charter Comm Mtg

The Fairhaven Charter Commission Petition Drive will hold an open meeting on **Saturday, June 16, at 9 a.m. at the Fairhaven Town Hall.** Come join us to learn more, or to find out how you can help. All are welcome! The petition drive will only determine whether the voters decide if they agree there is a need to review town government and develop a formal charter for Fairhaven. For more info e-mail us at fairhavenchartercommission@gmail.com.

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STILL AROUND TOWN

Farmers Market

Our 5th year of the market starts on **Sunday, June 17th**. The Fairhaven Farmers Market is held on the lawn of Fairhaven High School from 1-4pm. Join us for Opening Day and celebrate local farmers, food and fun.

In this Bicentennial Year in Fairhaven we continue to support local produce, the environment and our community.

Sponsored by The Fairhaven Sustainability Committee. For more information: ann.richard@gmail.com or 508-991-8315.

Foxwoods Trip

Day trip, Tuesday, June 26. Leaves Fairhaven Senior Center/Rec Ctr parking lot at 8 a.m., returns at 6 p.m., includes 10 a.m.–4 p.m. at casino. \$20 per person. Players choice, 1 free full buffet coupon or \$15 food, or Keno coupon. Motorcoach transportation by Conway Tours. Call Cecelia Arruda, 508-999-4755.

Used Book Sale

Books wanted

Fourth Annual Used Book Sale at Unitarian Memorial Church of Fair-

haven auditorium (entrance on Green St.) in center of Fairhaven. Large and varied selection. Fundraiser for the church. Low prices. Friday evening June 22, 6-7 Early Bird Dealers' Preview: \$5 admission. Open to the Public beginning **Saturday June 23, 9-1 and Sat. June 30, 9-1-free admission**. Also, **bring in your used books to contribute to the sale now up to Thurs. June 21**. All types of books, CDs and DVDs. NO encyclopedias or textbooks. Call church office for info 508-992-7081.

Fitness in the Park

At Cushman Park, Green Street, Fairhaven.

Yoga: Tuesday, June 26, 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Certified yoga instructor Juliet Loranger leads an hour of yoga to start your day. Bring a mat. Held each Tuesday through August 28. Weather permitting. **Free**. For more info call 508-287-2482.

Summer Fitness Bootcamp Thursday, June 28, 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

Certified fitness instructor and personal trainer Jeff Costa leads an hour of interval training, core strengthening and flexibility drills. Bring a mat and set of weights. Held

each Thursday through August 30. Weather permitting. **Free**. For more info call 508-287-2482 or visit Fitness in Cushman Park's Facebook page.

Lobster Roll Dine-Out

Thursday, 6/28, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Our Lady's Haven, 71 Center St., Fairhaven

Lobster roll dinner includes chowder, lobster roll, French fries, coleslaw, dessert and beverage; **\$14**. **Tickets must be purchased in advance**. Proceeds benefit the residents of Our Lady's Haven. For information, call 508-999-4561.

Hall of Fame

See page 10 for details.

Bicentennial Parade

See page 3 for details.

Homecoming

See page 23 for events the weekend of **June 29-July 1**.

July 4 Week

See page 10 & 23 for events the weekend of **July 1-7**

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Dock-U-Mentary

The Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series continues **Friday, June 15th at 7 PM** with *Wild Caught: The Life and Struggles of an American Fishing Town* a feature-length documentary that explores the lives of small-scale commercial fishermen living in Snead's Ferry, North Carolina. Film makers Matt and Cornelia Barr will lead a post film discussion. In the theater of the Corson Maritime Learning Center, located at 33 William Street, New Bedford. Free.

For over 300 years the fishermen have made a precarious living catching shrimp, clams and fin-fish; now, the forces of globalization, imports, rising fuel prices and explosive coastal growth are threatening this hard-fought and deeply ingrained way of life. They don't do it for the money — they fish because they have to, because they love the freedom. They are some of the last true independent spirits left in America,

and their struggles to keep afloat in Snead's Ferry is symbolic of what is going on around the country, and around the planet.

For info, call the visitor center at 508-996-4095, go to www.nps.gov, or visit the park's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/NBWNHP>

Southcoast Pride

Join the LGBT community celebrate diversity at SouthCoast Equality's annual pride event on Saturday, June 23, from 1-7 p.m., at Custom House Square in New Bedford. Vendors, entertainment.

SouthCoast Equality is a Project of the Community Foundation of SouthEastern Massachusetts, Inc. (www.cfsema.org) founded for the purpose of empowering all LGBT people in Greater New Bedford to participate proudly in their communities. Through our Pride Celebrations and other Civic Engagements, we aim to demonstrate

the value of the LGBT Community to the Community at Large.

Visit www.southcoastequality.org/

Fort Taber Events

The following events will take place at Ft. Taber/Ft. Rodman, 1000C South Rodney French Boulevard, New Bedford.

June 24: King Phillips War

July 14 & 15: Roman living history

July 22: Revolutionary War.

All events start at 9:00 am. Visit

For more info visit www.forttaber.org/index.shtml or call 508-994-3938

Class of 1950

The New Bedford Vocational Technical High School is planning a class reunion in October 2012 for the class of 1950. This class has never had a reunion and organizers are looking for classmates.

Please contact Rhea Teves-Cate at 508-996-4842 if you or someone you know graduated from NB Voke in 1950.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Sawmill ceremony

Join officials at the Acushnet Sawmills property, **54 Mill Road in Acushnet on Monday 6/18, at 1 p.m.** for a ceremony at the former Acushnet Saw Mills, where a \$1.2M wetland and riverbank restoration project is beginning under the management of the Buzzards Bay Coalition and funded through the New Bedford Harbor Trustee Council. In approximately two years, the scenic area is expected to be open to the public for environmental education and outdoor recreation and will anchor a developing regional trail system along the Acushnet River.

The event is open to the public and will include remarks from state environmental officials, representatives of key federal agencies and elected officials. Visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org

Spaghetti Supper

Sponsored by the Aponeganest Men's and Family Club at Smith Neck Friends Meeting on **Sat. June 16**, 594 Smith Neck Road at the corner of Rock-O-Dundee Road, Dartmouth. The dinner will include salad, garlic bread and desert. **Tickets are \$10.00.** Proceeds go toward an all volunteer effort to restore the wild quail population in the South Coast area. The members are purchasing a surrogate as part of wild life management. The baby birds will remain in their home and are protected from predators and the elements. Birds become imprinted to the surrounding area and hopefully will remain in the area and flourish. The birds are being raised not for hunting but to bring them back for everyone to enjoy again.

For tickets please call Charles Frost at 508-996-8323.

Explore Penikese

The Buzzards Bay Coalition is offering an exciting opportunity to explore one of the most pristine places in Buzzards Bay during its Bay Adventure to Penikese Island. The trip, which departs **from Woods Hole, runs from 9am-3pm on Sunday 6/17**, and includes boat transportation to and from the island.

Once on island, planned activities include an oyster farming demonstra-

tion by Cuttyhunk Oyster Farms, a tour of Penikese Island School, and coastal exploration activities with Bay Coalition education staff. This trip is also scheduled to coordinate with the conclusion of Richard Wheeler's Paddle around Buzzards Bay. (Details at www.savebuzzardsbay.org/wheelerpaddle)

The trip is **\$60 for members of the Buzzards Bay Coalition, \$75 for non-members, and \$40 for children** (up to age 12). Reservations are required as space is limited and can be made by contacting Rob Hancock at Hancock@savebuzzardsbay.org or 508.999.6363 x222. Visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org/bayadventure.

Author event

Novelist Meg Mitchell Moore, of Newburyport, will read from her new novel, "So Far Away" on Wednesday, June 20th at 7 pm at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St. Just released in May, Moore's second novel has earned starred reviews from book industry journals and from her peers. Her first book, "The Arrivals," also earned rave reviews.

Meg Mitchell Moore, a former journalist, is a graduate of Providence College and NYU. Her books will be available for purchase and signing, courtesy of Baker Books, after hearing reading Free. Accessible.

Bikeway Challenge

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Sunday, 6/24. Early Ride: 8:30 AM; Morning Bike Ride: 10 AM; Picnic: 11: AM-1PM; Afternoon Bike Ride 12:30 PM. For more info visit: www.mattapoissettrail.com/2012_bikeway_challenge

Participants may come at any time! Proceeds benefit the Mattapoissett Rail Trail or the bike path in your town! Turn your ride or walk into a Pledge Ride or Walk and solicit donations for the bike path project in

your town! Top fundraiser who collects over \$150.00 wins a gift certificate to local bike shop! Raise money for bike path efforts in Mattapoissett, Wareham, Marion, Fairhaven, New Bedford, Dartmouth, Westport, Fall RiverYMCA

Earth Keeper Camp

Become an Earth Keeper! UMass Dartmouth is offering kids entering grades 6, 7 and 8 the chance to enjoy learning about our planet, how to have fun with it, and how to take care of it as part of the University's Sustainability Initiative.

Suggested fee is \$80, but scholarships are available. Dates are July 16th through 20th from 9am to 4pm. Campers will enjoy team-building exercises, a week-long green project, lessons about the environment, arts and crafts based on nature, and field trips one to a beach and to a farm.

Transportation may be available if you live in New Bedford/Dartmouth area. For more information, call Cindy Macallister at 508-910-6484 or email cmacallister@umassd.edu.

Golf Tourney

Holy Family-Holy Name School will hold its "Msgr. Thomas J. Harrington Open" Golf Tournament on **Sunday, June 24 at the Lakeville Country Club** located at 44 Clear Pond Road, Lakeville, MA. Proceeds from this tournament will benefit the educational programs at the school.

The registration fee of \$110 includes golf, cart, and a sirloin barbeque dinner in the air-conditioned clubhouse. For those who do not want to play but still want to join in this event, dinner tickets are available. Chance to win a car or \$5,000 cash Hole-In-One prize, in addition to many other prizes/raffles.

For sponsorship information or to register to play, contact Theresa Hirst at Holy Family-Holy Name at 508-993-3547, thirst@hfhn.org or FAX: 508-993-8277 www.hfhn.org

Mattapoissett Race

Enjoy Independence Day by running the 42nd Mattapoissett Road Race! The 5-mile race begins at **9:00am, Wed., July 4**, The mostly shaded course winds through the

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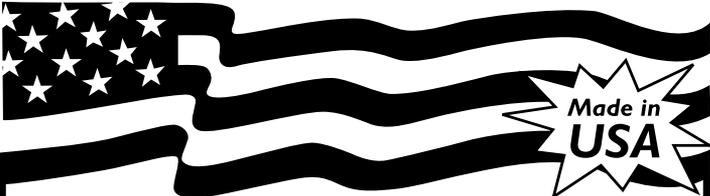
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Recipes of the Week

Star-Spangled Fruit Tart

1 tube (18 ounces) refrigerated sugar cookie dough, softened
1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon almond extract
1 cup fresh blueberries
1 cup fresh raspberries
1 cup halved fresh strawberries

Press cookie dough onto an ungreased 12-in. pizza pan. Bake at 350° for 10-15 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on a wire rack.

In a small bowl, beat the cream cheese, sugar and extract until smooth. Spread over crust. In center of tart, arrange blueberries in the shape of a star, fill center with strawberries; add a berry border, alternating blue and red. Refrigerate until serving.

Enjoy this recipe with a sweet white wine such as Moscato or a sweet Riesling.

A crispy, creamy dessert perfect for a Fourth of July celebration! With patriotic colors and a light, fluffy filling, this summery delight will be the hit of your get-together.

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A Little Bit of Sports

By Bob Hobbs

Special to the Neighb News Fairhaven High girls reach finals

Last Friday night, the Fairhaven high softball team defeated Bellingham 6-0 in the D-2 South Sectional semi-finals. The Lady Blues got an outstandingly pitched game from Courtney Girouard who also had two hits. Kayli Moniz had three hits, Kiyana Alfaiate had two RBI hits, as did Kay Mullen, along with Kelsey Perron-Sovik who had big hit.

Coach Cathy Silva's charges were very impressive on defense once again.

Sunday, the Lady Blues softball season came to a close when defeated by Abington 3-1. FHS, which layed super defense all year, gave up three unearned runs. Courtney pitched

a super game and the Blues had their chances, but could not score runs. They won SCC Championship and reached sectional finals. The best any FHS softball team has ever done.

Contratulations on a great season.

FHS Hall of Fame Banquet

The annual Hall of Fame Banquet will take place **Sunday, July 1, at the Century House. Cocktails 5-6; dinner and awards, 6.** Inductees are John Morgan, 1938; Steve Vining, 1954; Mickey Santos, 1976; Tiffany Therrien, 2001; Dave Medeiros, Coach; most memorable team, 1961 baseball team coached by Dick Norman; Cox Family. Tickets are available at the Fairhaven High School office or by calling Scott Francis at 508-979-4051, Ext. 3005; or Linda, 508-525-7330.

July 4 Week events in Fairhaven

Bicentennial Fire Muster, Sun., 7/1. Fire Parade, 11:00 a.m. beginning at KMart Plaza to Livesey Park, Glenhaven Ave.. **Muster, 1 p.m.** A muster is a fun-filled competition among local fire departments. This will be a fun, spectator event for children of all ages. Free.

Car Cruise, Wednesday, July 4. Starts at Fairhaven High School, 12 Huttleston Ave.. Gather for flag raising 8:30 a.m., Depart 9:00 a.m.

Classic and antique cars. Raising of the "Big Flag," Cruise to Fort Phoenix for the annual Independence Day Ceremony (See below.) Free. For more information call John Medeiros at 508-951-2128.

Fort Phoenix Independence Day Ceremony and Cannon Salute, Wednesday, July 4, Fort Phoenix, Fort Street., 10:15 a.m.

Brief history of Fort Phoenix, a

reading of the Declaration of Independence, musical performances and firing of the fort's five cannons. Free. Handicap parking available.

Bicentennial History Day, Thurs., 7/5, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A number of Fairhaven historical sites will be open to the public throughout the day. For complete list visit <http://fairhaven.events.blogspot.com/> or call Tourism, 508-979-4085

Summer Fitness Bootcamp, Thurs., July 5, 8-9 a.m. Cushman Park, Green St.. Certified fitness instructor and personal trainer Jeff Costa leads an hour of interval training, core strengthening and flexibility drills. Bring a mat and set of weights. Free. For more info call 508-287-2482.

Vietnam Veterans "Moving Wall" Exhibit, Thurs. July 5 through Sun. July 8, 24 hours/day, Cushman Park

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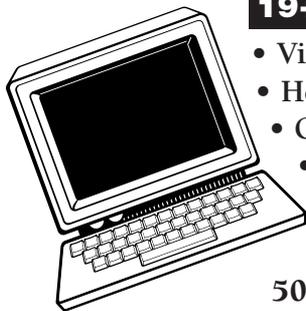
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Geocaching in Acushnet promotes use of town properties

By Diane Kozak

Neighb News Correspondent

In an effort to encourage residents to enjoy properties owned by the town, some Acushnet officials have taken innovative steps to use the popular hobby of geocaching to encourage families to visit these taxpayer owned sites. Although no formal geocaching committee has been established, the officials involved with the town's geocaching plans include Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar, Town Clerk Pam LaBonte, CPC Chairperson Kevin Dakin and Conservation Agent Merilee Kelly.

Geocaching is much like a treasure hunt. It involves participants, called geocachers, hunting for and finding containers (caches) that have been hidden by other geocachers.

Participants use a GPS (Global Positioning System) to track the given satellite coordinates of the hidden container's location as they make their way to the targeted cache. Once geocachers are in the general area of a cache, they must hunt around until they find it. The level of difficulty in finding the cache varies from place to place, some being very difficult to find even when standing right near them.

Caches are generally small plastic containers and have inside of them, at a minimum, a book for people to sign as evidence that they have found the hidden "treasure." They may also contain little mementos left behind by fellow geocachers that someone can take in exchange for one of their own personal mementos. Such items as little toys, dice and local souvenirs are examples of what someone can expect to find inside a cache.

Once the informal group decided to use geocaching to promote the

usage of town properties they held educational sessions to teach residents about the hobby. They then worked together to create caches and hide them on town owned land.

To encourage townspeople to try the hobby, the group sponsored a Geocaching Community Event on June 9th at Ford Middle School when residents could get information about the geocaches hidden in the town. They distributed information needed to locate the geocaches, maps, snack packs and informational materials. They also raffled off a GPS device at the end of the day.

"We want people to go out on conservation property. That's why we buy these properties, so people can enjoy them," Ms. Kelly said. "Our intention is to put caches on all town properties. This way people can go out and see the properties on their own without having to have a big organized event. It's just a great way to get people out on town owned land."

Mr. Dakin stated that the town intends to put caches on all historic properties within the next couple of weeks including the Long Plain Museum and the Friends Meeting House.

"Geocaching on town owned properties will become a standard plan," he said.

Before the Selectboard approved the town's involvement in geocaching Mr. Gaspar had insurance liability issues care-

fully reviewed.

"I didn't want to get involved in this and then find out the town was being sued for something. It's always better to be cautious," he said. "We were told that the town wouldn't be held liable for anything to do with the geocaches, so there was no reason not to promote them."

There are currently 12 geocaches located within Acushnet, nine of which have been hidden by town officials. Sites include; Pope Park, Hamlin Street, the Long Plain Cemetery and Nestles Lane.

To get information on geocache locations, interested people can visit www.geocaching.com, enter the zip code of the area where they would like to go and the names, coordinates and information on geocaches in the area will be listed. The website also explains how people can hide a geocache of their own. For more information call the town clerk's office at 508-998-0215. ●●●



Acushnet Town Clerk Pam LaBonte gives searching tips and information on where the geocaches that town officials stashed are located to father-son team, Robert & Jacob Docouto, while Lexi LaBonte looks on. The town gave information sheets on June 9th at Ford Middle School with the coordinates for geocaching on town owned properties. Photo by Diane Kozak.



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of the garage, and neighbors complained about the presence of campers and trailers being parked outside the building.

Mr. Bobola shushed his wife again before he spoke out explaining that one of the tenants does own a trailer and that he would see that it was stored properly.

"We just want to sell [the lot] as we purchased it several years ago," Mr. Bobola said. He stated that the garage has always been a storage facility and "that's all it's ever been used as."

"Ok, Michael, that's enough," Mr. Beauregard told him.

"You do not have the power to split lots — only grant variances," Mr. Fostin told the board.

Although the two lots still have separate deeds, the one lot was formed for zoning purposes, and since both lots are owned by the same party, separating the two would require deeming the lot with the garage a "buildable lot." Furthermore, the Bobolas now have the issue of an accessory structure, the garage, which by law cannot be located on a separate property from the dwelling.

"I think you're gonna run into a

whole bunch of other problems," Mr. Borelli told Mr. Beauregard.

"It seems I ran into a lot tonight," Mr. Beauregard replied.

The hearing was continued until 7/3 so the board could gather more information for a vote.

In another matter, Bernard Ristuccia of 24 Nelson Avenue finally received his special permit to demolish an existing house and construct a raised single family home in its place.

Mr. Ristuccia returned before the board with a new plan several times, but neighbors repeatedly voiced their disapproval of the plan to build a significantly larger house that, neighbors say, would affect the character of the neighborhood and block several abutters' views.

Mr. Ristuccia then began meeting with neighbors to consult with them on plans for a new house, and finally drafted a plan that the neighbors approved of. The original plan was for a 66-foot wide house, which was lessened to a 44-foot wide house.

Jane Brayton of 20 Nelson Avenue told the board she supported Mr. Ristuccia's plan, and she appreciated

Mr. Ristuccia's cooperation and willingness to listen to their concerns.

"He was great," said Ms. Brayton. "And we look forward to having him as our neighbor."

The board approved Mr. Ristuccia's special permit and, before leaving the meeting, Mr. Ristuccia and Ms. Brayton shook hands and gave each other a hug.

Other business included:

- Edward Ducary, resident of 474 Scoticut Neck Road, and owner of Ocean Options located in Rhode Island, was granted a special permit to use his residential address as a legal business address.
- Scott Hyman is still trying to get a variance for an after-the-fact shed he built on his property. Mr. Manchester resides in Mr. Hyman's neighborhood and recused himself from the vote, leaving only four members to vote on the matter. Mr. Borelli asked Mr. Hyman if he would like to "take a chance" with only four members voting, or continue the hearing until five members were present to vote. Mr. Hyman chose to continue and was added to the 6/14 agenda.

Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society elects officers

Press Release

The Annual Meeting of the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society took place on Thursday, May 24th at the Hampton Inn in Fairhaven. Among those attending was Junji Kitadai, Executive Committee member, who joined the event by way of Skype from Tokyo, Japan. He attends the monthly Executive Committee meetings in the same manner.

The results of the annual elections were as follows.

Board members elected for a three-year renewal term: David Gilbertson, Carolee Matsumoto, Arthur Moniz, Cheryl Moniz, Cynthia Yoken, Jill Simmons, Enrique Goytizolo, Stephen Paquette, Junji Kitadai and Mikio Kumagai.

Executive Committee members elected for a one-year term: Debbie Almeida, William DoCarmo, Joan Doyon, Aline Duval, Rev. Ann Fox, Albert Jones, Junji Kitadai, Donna Maxfield, Thomas Mello, Arthur Motta, Barbara Owen, Ayako Rooney, Gerry Rooney, Michael Silvia, Jill Simmons and Mary-Ellen Tunney

Officers for a one-year term: President, Gerry Rooney; Vice-president, William Do Carmo; Treasurer, Debbie Almeida; Secretary, Arthur Motta.

Following the business meeting those present viewed a moving video, "Thank you

from Japan." This presentation portrayed the incredible spirit of the Japanese as they committed themselves to a swift recovery from the devastating earthquake and tsunami of March 11, 2011. They conveyed their appreciation to all those from many countries who assisted them in their time of need.

Later members shared interests in things Japanese as they enjoyed light refreshment. •••



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Weekly Schedule: Session 1: June 18-22. Session 2: June 25-29 (\$140). Session 3: July 2-6 (no July 4) Session 4: July 9-13. Session 5: July 16-20 Session 6: July 23-27. Session 7: July 30-August 3 Session 8: August 6-10. Session 9: August 13-17 Session 10: August 20-24

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Lebanon: Land of the Great Cedars

By Beth David
Editor

This time, it was all about the trees. Throw in a few fun days in the ancestral village with my cousin, her three young children and a bunch of her in-laws, and the second trip to the land of my ancestors completely lived up to the hype in my own mind.

In 2010, I traveled to Lebanon for the first time and hiked in the mountains (see 12/2/10 issue on our website: www.NeighbNews.com). I only had a few days to myself that trip, and found out on my last day that my ancestral village, Ehmej, had a newly marked network of 12 hiking trails. All four of my grandparents were born in Ehmej. I know my grandfathers must have hunted those very same trails. I know my grandmothers must have walked those very same trails.

Last year, my cousin offered to let me stay with her while I was in Lebanon. I only stayed a few days, but it made the trip a whole different experience. Waking up in the ancestral village, listening to the sounds of regular life (not hotel life), the kids running around, getting them ice cream, doing errands with the family, popping in on relatives, stopping in the road to talk to people, these are things you cannot buy at any hotel. Her father-in-law could not speak a word of English, but he took me hiking and he joined me on my trek to the Shouf, the 2,000-hectare bioserve in the south. I called him "Jiddoo" (grandfather).

I also stayed at two different hotels from the previous trip. Ahiram is owned by brothers from Ehmej, so it was a natural choice. It offers strikingly beautiful views of the Mediterranean. And you can see Old Byblos lit up at night from the balcony (www.ahiramhotel.com/).

The beach is right behind the hotel, so it is virtually no walk at all to get to it. It is only a 10 minute walk to the Old Souk, the old port, and other points in Byblos, the oldest port in the world.

The food in the hotel is superb, unfortunately, because I opted to eat there more than I probably should have. After all, how can I give advice on where to eat in Byblos if I only stay in

the hotel?

But that Mediterranean steak was just too yummy.

Ahiram is a first rate hotel and prices range from \$150 to \$110 at peak season.

I also stayed at the Byblos Comfort hotel, another great little place (www.bybloscomforthotel.com/). They only give it three stars, but it was seriously okay by me. What made it special was that it felt like part of the neighborhood. It had all the amenities of any hotel you would expect here in the U.S. I paid \$70/night for a single room.

Byblos Comfort is walking distance to the Old Souk and the public beach. Along the way to old Byblos, you pass small shops, ice cream places — stores that sell the trappings of everyday life, not just tourist stuff.

Look out for the woman on the corner selling beach towels, though. She told me they were 10,000 lira (about \$6.50), then when I wanted to buy four of the same design, she decided they were 10 dollars.

"You said 10,000 lira," I told her. She said, "No, 15,000 lira," which was 10 American dollars.

So, she pointed to the others that I did not want and said they were 10,000 Lebanese lira, but the one I wanted was "special" and cost 15,000 LL.

Now, the Lebanese come from the Phoenicians, the original wheeling and dealing merchants, that's why haggling and bartering are so necessary. Alas, however, I guess I was not very good at it. My sister-in-law and others I observed were very good



ABOVE: My cousin's father-in-law, Joseph Baraket (I think....I just called him "Jiddoo") leads the way on a hike down the mountain in Ehmej, my ancestral village and home to all four of my grandparents. He is carrying a plastic grocery bag that he used to gather wild zahter (thyme) that he later dried out to use for cooking. My cousin's in-laws and my cousin Hany (remember him from last year?) took me hiking in my ancestral village. BELOW, L-R: Charbel Baraket, Jiddoo and my cousin Eileen Baraket pose near an ancient cedar at Jaj. Stone work as seen in the background is found everywhere in Lebanon, at high altitudes and at sea level. The Lebanese are great masons. BELOW RIGHT, L-R: My cousins Charbel, Maroon and Hany stand near an ancient cedar at Bcharre to try and show how wide the trunk is. Ancient cedars date back to biblical times. *Beth David photos. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com Visit www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews for more photos*

at getting deals. I was not. I watched, I learned, I imitated, I failed.

My relatives said it was because I was an American with no Lebanese native handy.

I did not buy the towels.

So, I ask you, how does that live up to the reputation of the world's greatest merchants?

Now, my friend Demetri, on the other hand, gave me great deals. He has about five storefronts in the Old Souk and the coldest beer and coldest water on the hottest of days.

The first year I went there I took a few pictures of him and had people take pictures of us. The next year, I gave him some of those photos.

"Lady," he said with wonder. "Lady, these are for me?"

He gave me awesome deals after that, not that I did it for that purpose. I just thought it would be cool since I was going back two years in a row.

But I digress.

This story is supposed to be about the Great Cedars, the "true cedars" of Lebanon, *Cedrus Libani*.

I saw them in three different reserves, and learned that Lebanon has embarked on an ambitious reforestation plan. They had planted more than 100,000 cedars in the high country as of last year. Unfortunately, climate change may ruin all their aspirations. The cedars need cold weather and two months of snow to reproduce.

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The bible is full of references to the Cedars of Lebanon, their strength and beauty. In the "Epic of Gilgamesh" the cedar forests of Lebanon are described as being "ten thousand leagues in every direction."

Now, you see barren mountainsides where the big trees have been cut down for building and burning. It is a national tragedy, but one that the Lebanese are trying to rectify.

It will take hundreds of years for the forests to regain their grandeur.

There are, however, reserves throughout the country that still have some of these great and ancient trees that Solomon used to build his "House of the Forest of Lebanon."

The Shouf Cedar Bioserve is the largest, and has 25% of the cedars in the country. I visited the cedars at Barouk in the reserve with my cousin's sister-in-law and Jiddoo. It was a long drive, a hot drive, to the south, out of our safety zone.

At first, I was disappointed. The area of the ancient cedars was cordoned off. There was a big tourist group there. A photographer was signing books (I bought two). The area was small, and when I ventured off the trail after spying a great big cedar, someone shoed me back to the trail. All in all, very un-Lebanese.

As we headed back to the car, we left the cedar grove and I realized then how dense the trees were, making it easily 15 degrees cooler under their boughs. It was a whole other world under there.

I spotted an ancient cedar on the mountain side, a classically shaped tree that was obviously at least hundreds of years old, maybe thousands. I took a picture on the highest setting for my camera with its little lens, hoping that when I got it on the computer, it would hold up to enlarging.

Then, I spotted something red moving under that big old tree.

It was a person, walking.



Although my cousin's father-in-law could not speak English, he recognized the picture of his native village on the cover of the Neighb News.

"There's a path!" I literally gasped out loud.

I told my companions that I was not ready to leave and I followed the road past the gate, up the hill and up and up. I was not sure I'd be able to see the path, in the dry, rocky soil, but I was going to try.

And there it was: a beaten down little trail

leading off to the left. I stepped off the road and followed it.

This is what I wrote in my travel journal:

"Oh my.

"Oh yeah.

"Oh cedars.

"It was a glorious little path...and was exactly what I was looking for."

My photos of that little excursion have no people in them, except where I trained my camera back down to the tourist spot.

I walked and walked. Oh, it was only about 20 minutes out and 20 minutes back, but it seemed like a world away. It was so quiet. The trail went right under that ancient cedar I saw from the parking lot, and then went on to a whole lot more.

I only stopped when I got to a point where the trail was obviously going to start heading down the mountain. There was a very large, long dead cedar right at that point. I grabbed a few twigs as mementos.

As I walked back, a little slower, I noticed again how cool it was under the trees, and I noticed the sweet scent of the cedar.

Rolling hillsides filled the landscape as far as the eye could see, with trees of a certain dense green that made them unique in my mind.

It seemed I could also make out where the reforestation efforts were by the neat rows of trees off in the distance.

My cousin Hany (remember him from last year?) took me and his nephews to the Cedars at Bcharre, which are closer to our area in the Mount Lebanon region.

That reserve is right off a busy street chock-full of vendors selling things made from cedar wood and other souvenirs. Although the paths are cordoned off, there is no one to shoo you back if you stray. People climbed on fallen trees and took twigs from the ground as souvenirs.

Although the written material said the cedars at Bcharre are some of the oldest trees in the country, no sign or a person pointed out which ones were the oldest, or how old "oldest" meant.

Bcharre also has a large dead cedar still standing with a carving of Christ on the cross made by a famous artist.

This reserve was free, but they asked for a donation of 5,000 LL and then gave a piece of paper saying you gave 5,000 LL and thanking you. The Shouf also cost 5,000 LL.



These two cedars at Jaj are classically shaped Cedars of Lebanon, also known as Great Cedars and *Cedrus Libani*. All photos by Beth David.

Curiously enough, the coolest looking tree of all at Bcharre was the one on the road.

And last, but certainly not least, I visited the Cedars at Jaj, which are closest to Ehmej.

We drove up the newly paved and widened road and parked in the new parking lot. Lebanon is trying to attract tourists.

All along I had been told that "our" cedars were the best, although few. Hometown pride, I figured. But then I saw them. No cordoned off areas, no one to tell you where you can't go. Just a patch of old trees clinging to the hillside and on top of the hill. A small church with a bell, that must be rung of course, sits at the entrance. The area has a spot to cook outside, and is, in essence, a picnic area.

It had the characteristic coolness that only those dense old trees can give, the sweet smell of cedar, and...I did not want to leave.

"Our" cedars truly are the best.

A longer version of this story will be published for Nook and Kindle soon.

Cedar related websites: www.shoufcedar.org, www.arztannourine.org, www.cedarfriends.org, www.reforest-lebanon.com

Other helpful websites: www.lebanontrail.org, www.horshehden.org, www.ehmej-eco.org, www.lebanon-tourism.gov.lb, www.beyondbeirut.com, www.tourism-lebanon.com, www.skileb.com



Although it sits right on the road surrounded by souvenir vendors, in Bcharre, this distinctively shaped ancient cedar was one of the most impressive.

SC hears how cuts distributed; bans some drinks from HMS

By Laura Fedak Pedulli

Neighb News Correspondent

Hastings Middle School Principal Wayne Miller shared with the Fairhaven School Committee at its 6/6 meeting how HMS plans to cope with fewer teachers and support personnel next year. Fairhaven Public Schools' \$17,655,049 budget for Fiscal Year 2013 falls two percent short of level funding, which forced the district to trim staff members.

According to Mr. Miller, HMS is significantly restructuring how services are delivered to the sixth grade class, which is slated to lose two teachers, as well as a health teacher who serves the middle school.

"We've decided on an elementary-type model with a twist of middle school," said Mr. Miller.

Next year, course work will expand upon grade school level material but teachers will deliver the curriculum on a semester system.

Instruction will focus more on math and English Language Arts (ELA) and less on history and science, Mr. Miller said. To that end, classroom instruction will increase from 55 minutes to 70 minutes for math and ELA, translating to 46 more hours on those subjects per year. Meanwhile, the cuts in history and science teachers correspond to 50 fewer hours of coursework in these areas.

Fewer staff also means cuts in exploratory classes, the elimination of the split lunch "which we've had forever," said Mr. Miller, and elimination of health class. The physical education course next year will include a health component, he said, with the new name: "Physical Education and Wellness."

Superintendent Robert Baldwin commended Mr. Miller for his work on the "daunting task" of restructuring HMS, and in particular the sixth grade. With the district facing staff reductions in the areas of science, health, history, special education, foreign language, guidance counseling and reading, Mr. Miller transformed "unfortunate challenges into opportunities," the superintendent said.

School Committee Chair Pam Kuechler concurred that Mr. Miller

"met the challenges well."

While SC member David Gonsalves applauded the new approach, he warned that low-performing students will have less time to recover their grades on a semester system.

Although the cuts hit the sixth grade hard, Mr. Miller emphasized that science and history will remain the same in the seventh and eighth grades.

In other business that night, Mr. Miller asked for the school committee's support of several HMS student handbook changes. While the committee raised no objections to most of the changes, including minor revisions to the dress code, the designation of the agenda book as a hall pass, and prohibition of arm wrestling in the cafeteria, one

When you have to make a call about a diet soda, it seems kind of excessive to me...I don't want to tell someone what they can or cannot bring in their lunchbox
[Brian Monroe]

proposed change raised eyebrows.

Mr. Miller's request to explicitly prohibit highly caffeinated soda and energy drinks, like Monster, Red Bull and Mountain Dew, met with some objection although the committee ultimately approved it.

Mr. Miller said some students purchase the high energy drinks from Cumberland Farms without parental knowledge. He said in cases where students bring in soda like a Diet Coke, administrators contact parents to confirm they are aware of what their child is drinking.

"When you have to make a call about a diet soda, it seems kind of excessive to me," commented Brian Monroe, adding later, "I don't want to tell someone what they can or cannot bring in their lunchbox."

It's driving me personally nuts that everyone is getting punished because people can't control their kids...We're punishing 99% [of students] because of one idiot."

"I thank you for your efforts... but I don't want to be the food police. If you don't want soda, make it prohibited," added Mr. Gonsalves.

When the committee suggested that Mr. Miller re-examine the proposed change, he said the printing company needed the revised handbook by the week's end.

At the superintendent's suggestion, the committee accepted all handbook changes, with the understanding that an amendment is possible if the highly caffeinated soda prohibition policy fails to work.

Also during the meeting, the committee heard an uplifting presentation from Music Director Bryan Young about the district's music program that is turning out talented musicians who are earning recognition in state and national competitions.

During Mr. Young's 20-year tenure, the popularity of the program has soared.

"Now we have 53 kids who want to get into band. It's a far cry from the 18 when I started," he said, adding that the string program, which he began five years ago, is 28 students strong.

The committee thanked him for his efforts over the years.

"If they can find the love of music, it will stay with them forever," Mr. Young said.

Also that evening, the committee approved several donations from previous classes at Fairhaven High School, including two stained glassed windows for the rotunda.

The school soon will boast a new 3x4' limestone sign engraved with the letters F-H-S, thanks to the Class of 1954. FHS Alum John Medeiros told the committee the piece weighs 300 pounds and costs a little over \$3,000. He said the sign was ready to be shipped that week. ●●●



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Greetings from West Africa



By Gary Souza
Special to the Neighbor News Rainy Season

LIBERIA:

The rainy season has West Africa in its firm, wet grip. The dirt

roads that connect cities, towns and villages are quickly becoming impassable through thick, deep mud. Even the paved roads in the capital, Monrovia, are often impassable due to flooding and washouts. It rains every day. Some days for only short periods of time, some days it is torrential, tropical rain all day.

If the severity of the Atlantic Hurricane season is any reflection of the severity of the storms coming off the coast of West Africa, then it may be a bad one. Wind, rain and thunder hit us every night, many buildings have had their roofs torn off, even fairly sturdy UN buildings.

We no longer sit outside in the compound in the evenings, not only because of the rain but also the thick swarms of malaria-bearing mosquitoes that flourish during the rainy season. We spend most of our time alone in our rooms, "caves" as we call them, when not working.

Those of us who have been here for at least six months received the UN Peacekeeping Medal at a medal parade this week. It was a nice touch but a week at home would have been better.

The sentencing of former President Charles Taylor to 50 years in prison for war crimes by the UN tribunal in the Hague went off without a peep from his supporters here. They had promised to have hundreds blockade UN headquarters and the US and other embassies if he was sentenced to prison. We had personnel and automatic-weapons-equipped armored cars around HQ and other key points in Monrovia but no one showed up to protest. Hard to know if the show of force scared people off or if they are finally free of the influence of this killer.

Taylor and his men were responsible for tens of thousands of deaths including women, children and old

people during the civil war. After his forces took the capital, he declared himself President. He later called an election to boost his legitimacy and ran on the intimidating slogan "He killed my ma, he killed my pa, but I will vote for him." In an election marred by fraud and coercion, he won 75% of the vote. Clearly, most people did not want to end up like "ma" and "pa."

Children are much safer now than they were during the war, but education is still unattainable for many. Despite promises of free and universal education for the masses by the government, it has not happened. Parents, and there is often only one, have to pay for school as well as for school uniforms.

Unemployment is 85%.

Many children spend their days on the streets of this bustling city, or their rural villages, because of lack of money to go to school. This is the poorest country on the poorest continent. There are swarms of small children, 7- and 8-year-olds, who spend their day playing and begging outside the National Police HQ. they know they are safe here.

There is a group of them who salute me and yell, "American" when I am coming or going. I know their future is bleak. They will never go to school and never learn to read or write. Many sell water in plastic bags for pennies. UN personnel don't trust the water but they do a bristling business with the locals. It's likely that as time goes on they will join the older boys who stand in traffic selling chewing gum to motorists.

These children are one of the reasons many of us are pessimistic about the future of this country after the UN leaves, unless the economic situation changes drastically. Surely, the UN cannot go on spending tens of millions of dollars to

maintain this peacekeeping mission when there are so many other emerging conflicts throughout the world. These tens of thousands of disaffected young men with no future will provide a fertile ground for recruitment by the militias of strongmen, just as happened during the civil war.

I have tried to take photographs of the children but they put their hands in front of their faces and run when I pull out a camera. They believe that someone can magically do them harm if they get hold of a photograph of them. Something like a West African voodoo doll.

Summer is such a beautiful time in Fairhaven, I so miss riding my motorcycle with my wife, the Memorial Day parade, the Fort, having a cold beer on the deck at the Ice Chest or outside at Down the Hatch, quahogging on the Island, clam boils and so much more, but I'll be there next summer.

Gary Souza is the retired Fairhaven Chief of Police serving with the UN Peacekeeping Mission in Liberia as a Senior Police Advisor. He can be contacted at souzag@un.org



I thought you might like to see a photo of Monrovia's main drag taken from a chopper. Over a million Africans crowded into this city of slums. The umbrellas you see are street vendors. The yellow vehicles are the ever present cabs. Less than 50 cents for a ride across town but they stuff at least 6 people into each mini car. Photo courtes of Gary Souza. This photo was taken before rainy season began.

Legal Notices/Public Hearings

FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at **6:30 P.M. on June 26, 2012**, in the Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following application. The applicant, **Rocky's Ace Hardware**, is requesting Special Permit approval, for a 2,000 s.f. addition for an exterior garden center, 320 s.f. exterior propane area and modifications to the parking lot. The location of the property is, 221 Huttleston Avenue, Map 28, Lot, 001A.

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

Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 3, 2012 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petitions:

- Petitioner: Norman Shurtleff**, Judson Drive, Plat 31A, Lot 3A, Book 9584, Page 218; 198-22 Accessory Building A1: Accessory building is 1700 square

feet over the maximum allowed 700 square feet. A Special Permit is required to have an accessory building without a principle building.

- Petitioner: Stephen A. Neron**: 2 Cowen Street, Plat 11, Lot 133, Book 9456, Page 224; 198-18: Short 19'6" of the required 20' front setback and 6% over the maximum allowed lot coverage of 30% all within a Mixed Use District.
- Petitioner: Laurie M. Pacitto**: 166 Cottonwood Street, Plat 43B, Lot 114, Certificate #22604; 198-18: Short 10' of the required 20' south side setback and 5% over the maximum allowed building coverage of 15% all within a RR District.

Very Truly, Peter DeTerra, Chairman

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS SURPLUS MATERIAL

The Town of Fairhaven Board of Public Works has declared that there is surplus material stored at the Fairhaven Landfill on Bridge Street. This material will be available to Fairhaven contractors at no charge. Contractor must supply their own equipment for removal. Date and hours of removal will be Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Material will be distributed equally to contractors who apply. Surplus pile will be designated by the Highway Superintendent prior to removal. Contractor must submit a notice of interest by June 25, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. with a copy of their liability insurance. Contractor will then be notified if approved and will have thirty days for removal of such material.

FAIRHAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FAIRHAVEN, MASS.

The Fairhaven Public Schools and the Fairhaven School Committee are announcing the disposal of various surplus school furnishings. The items consist of student chairs, kindergarten furniture, computer tables, desks and chairs. These items are located at the Oxford Elementary School, 347 Main Street, Fairhaven, Massachusetts.

**When: Saturday, June 16, 2012
9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Where: Oxford Elementary Gym

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Benjamin Franklin

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Oscar Wilde

Atria employee award



On June 6, 2012, Atria Fairhaven hosted a celebration for our employees who have provided years of service at our community. Danyl Costa a Resident Service Assistant who recently celebrated her 10-year anniversary this month, received a \$1000 check for her dedication and years of service at Atria Fairhaven. ABOVE: Danyl Costa and her children holding her \$1000 check! Photo submitted by: Wendy Carr-Cabral. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com

Atria resident turns 100



Another Centenarian at Atria! Just Amazing! On May 22, 2012, Family Members & the Atria Fairhaven Staff celebrated Anna O'Neil's 100th Birthday. Anna received a citation from the Mayor of New Bedford, along with a fabulous Red Sox Jersey sporting her number 100 from her family. Anna is a truly amazing woman and an inspiration to us all. Photo submitted by: Wendy Carr-Cabral. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com

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FAIRHAVEN CENTER STUDIO APARTMENT:

Clean, carpeted, appliances. No pets, non-smoking only. \$475/mo, utilities not included. Call 508-997-8594.

YARD SALES

KIDS OF ALL AGES: YARD SALE. RAIN OR SHINE Saturday, June 30th, 8AM, 86 Francis St., Fairhaven. Electronics, games, cards, toys.

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED: Liquor store clerk. Part time. 2-3 days/week. Apply at Premium Liquors, 355 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven.

LANDSCAPER'S HELPER Reliable, hard working person needed to mow, rake, weed, etc. Call Ron's Lawn Maintenance, 774-451-4521.

Fairhaven Meetings

Bicentennial Committee

Sat., 6/16, Town Hall, 9 a.m.

Board of Appeals

Thurs., 6/14, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Tues., 7/3, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Health

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

Board of Public Works

Tues., 6/19, Arsene St., 6:45 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 6/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Council on Aging

Mon., 6/11, Sr. Center, 9:30 a.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 6/21, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Thurs., 6/28, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 6/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 6/20, FHS Library, 6:30

Selectboard

Mon., 6/18; HURRICANE

PREPAREDNESS, West Island IA,

41 Causeway Road, 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., 6/14, 1 Bryant Lane, 7 p.m.

Fri., 6/29, Town Hall, Noon

Acushnet Meetings

Conservation Commission

Wed., 6/27, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Finance Committee

Tues., 6/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

Thurs., 6/21, Parting Ways Bldg., 6:30

Selectboard

Mon., 6/18, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

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picturesque village of Mattapoisett.
\$15 by 6/25, \$20 by 7/3, \$25 race day.

All proceeds awarded to graduating seniors from ORRHS who are involved with running. Register at www.mattapoisettroadrace.com

Summer Talk

Enjoy the first Summer Conversations on **Thursday June 28** held at the historic Aponegansett Meeting House 856 Russells Mills Road, Dartmouth. Beginning at 7 pm Martha Yager, Program Coordinator, South East New England Program American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) will speak on her recent trip "Hope in the Face of the Global Economic Tsunami: A Visit to Rural Mexico"

Speakers are sponsored by Smith

Neck Friends Meeting, the Westport Friend, and Allen's Neck Society of Friends. Donations to fund this program are appreciated. The historic building is handicap accessible. The public is invited and light refreshment is served. For further information call (508)999-3526 or visit www.snmf.org.

Garden Tour

The Mattapoisett Women's Club is hosting the Bloomin' June Garden Tour of ten gorgeous, unique gardens in our seaside community on **June 30th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, rain or shine. Some featured gardens include ones in the Bay Club and the Community Gardens.

Advance tickets may be purchased early at Periwinkle's in Fairhaven, Isabelle's Gift Shop in the Ropewalk,

Pen & Pendulum (Rte 6 Mattapoisett), and the Bookstall (Marion). Advance tickets are \$15 per person and \$17 per person on the day of the tour. For both lunch and tour, tickets are \$27 in advance and \$30 the day of the tour.

Lunch will be served from 12 to 2 p.m. at the Inn at Shipyard Park.

On the morning of June 30th, the tickets and the self-guided map of these delightful gardens are available at the Ying Dynasty Restaurant (Rte. 6 and Barstow).

Sunflower flags will designate the garden locations. Information about each garden will be provided.

Come and experience the wonders of splendid gardens in Mattapoisett with family and friends!

For more info, contact Chairpersons Ellen Flynn 508-758-1312 or Deanne Girouard 508-758-2652.

Rogers Carnival dunks 'em



The Rogers School held its second annual carnival on Saturday, 6/9. Carnival games, food, face painting and the dunking of teachers and staff were highlights. Gym teacher Mr. Munce, principal Mrs. Williams, and superintendent Dr. Baldwin all took turns getting dunked. They each sat on the tank for one hour and were continually dunked by delighted students. ABOVE: A student throws the ball to try and dunk cafeteria monitor Mr. Cripps, while dunk tank monitor Jeff Antonio looks on. RIGHT: Rogers School principal Wendy Williams sends a smile and a wave to students after she was dunked. Photos submitted by Shannon St. Pierre. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com



TIDE TABLE

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

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Police arrest one in handgun theft



Brian Feener was charged with breaking and entering in the theft of credit cards and four handguns. Two of the guns have not been recovered.

Fairhaven Police Detectives, with help from the New Bedford Police Detectives, arrested 26-year-old Brian Feener at the Elm Street Bus Station in New Bedford just after 9 am Monday

morning, 6/11. Feener, formerly of 41 Seaview Avenue, Fairhaven, was arrested for an outstanding warrant that was issued for charges stemming from a June 2nd breaking and entering that occurred in Fairhaven. He is also facing additional charges pertaining to other house breaks.

During the June 2nd break, jewelry and a purse containing credit cards and a debit card were stolen from a residence. After obtaining a list of fraudulent credit card transactions, Fairhaven Police Detectives visited local businesses where they observed video surveillance of Feener completing numerous transactions with the stolen credit cards. Feener was seen making purchases at CVS, Walmart, Staples and both Cumberland Farm Stores in Fairhaven. Feener used the stolen credit card to make over \$1000 worth of purchases. He was charged with six counts of larceny over \$250, five counts of improper use of a credit card, two counts of uttering, receiving stolen property and identity fraud.

Feener was additionally charged with another Fairhaven breaking and entering that occurred on June 6th during which four handguns were stolen. As a result of that incident, Feener was charged with breaking and entering in the daytime to commit a felony, larceny of property valued at over \$250, larceny of a firearm and four counts of carrying a firearm without a license.

Two of the four handguns have been recovered. Determining the whereabouts of the two remaining handguns is still being investigated. Anyone with further information is asked to contact Fairhaven Police Detectives at 508-979-4100. ●●●

Fairhaven Homecoming weekend offers variety of events

Fairhaven's Homecoming Fair draws tens of thousands of people to the center of town. Along with the main event on Saturday, 6/30, other events have cropped up before and after to provide a full weekend of fun stuff to do for the whole family.

Friday, 6/29: Evening of Music To kick-off Homecoming Weekend the Fairhaven High School Alumni Association will be hosting an "Evening of Music" at the high school from 6:00 - 9:00 PM. Along with the usual Open House at the "Castle on the Hill," the Alumni association invites all FHS alumni, friends, and towns people to come and enjoy musical presentations by alumni musicians, FHS students and others in the Knipe Auditorium and the Performing Arts Center.

Admission is free and light refreshments will be served. This event is produced by the FHS Alumni Board of Directors and sponsored by the Southern Mass Credit Union.

Friday, 6/29: All-Class Gathering at the VFW on Middle Street after the Evening of Music.

Saturday, 6/30: Homecoming Day Fair, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Center Street, from William to Green streets, Fairhaven. Fairhaven's largest annual event features about 175 booths of handmade crafts and delicious foods in addition to live entertainment, an art exhibit on the west lawn of the Unitarian Church, and children's activities, including the very popular fire engine rides. Free. Handicap parking available. See pages 25 & 26 for vendor information.

Saturday, 6/30: Fairhaven High School Tour, Fairhaven High School, 12 Huttleston Ave., 10:00 a.m.

Take a guided tour of Fairhaven High School, the "Castle on the Hill," which was built by millionaire Henry H. Rogers and donated to the town in 1906. The tour, guided by Bob Foster, is sponsored by the FHS Alumni

Association and lasts about 90 minutes. The tour starts inside the main entrance on the east side of the building. Donations to the Alumni Association are appreciated. This Tour will also be offered on Thursday, July 5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (many town buildings open for Open Houses as part of the Bicentennial celebration); and on Fridays, 7/13 & 7/20, 10 a.m.-noon. Email: info@fairhavenalumni.org

Saturday, 6/30: Unitarian Memorial Church Tours, 102 Green Street, Fairhaven, 10AM - 4PM. Dedicated in October 1904, this English Perpendicular Gothic style "cathedral" was designed by architect Charles Brigham and built by Henry H. Rogers in memory of his mother Mary E. Rogers. Guides are on hand to describe the architectural details. Accessible. For more information, call 508-992-7081 or visit <http://www.uufairhaven.org/>

Saturday, 6/30: Open House: Art On Center, 15 Center St., 10-5. A new art center in an old bank building, established to encourage the community from ages 12 to 112 to explore the arts. Stop by for fun, food, music and art. Email info@artoncenter.org or visit <http://ArtOnCenter.org>.

Saturday, 6/30: Museum of Fairhaven History, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturdays, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Sundays, Fairhaven Academy Building, wWest lawn of Fairhaven High School, 12 Huttleston Ave. The museum operated by the Fairhaven Historical Society is a collection of artifacts and art related to Fairhaven's history housed in a 1798 schoolhouse.

Other Open Houses on 6/30: Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House, noon-4; Old Stone Schoolhouse, 12:30-4:30. For info, visit <http://fairhaven.events.blogspot.com/> or call the Office of Tourism, 508-979-2085

Sun., July 1: FHS Homecoming Weekend Breakfast, in the high FHS

cafeteria from 9:00-10:30 am catered by Courtyard. Tickets are \$10.00 and may be purchased at Euro on Center St. **No tickets at the door.** Hosted by the Class of 1962. All welcome.

10:30 AM, FHS: Unveiling of two new stained glass windows in the Rotunda (donated by the classes of 1950 & 1957). **FREE LUNCH** at noon, in the old Tripp School (Nemasket Building) on Bridge Street. Contact Mildred Foote Renaud, 774-202-7430.

Sun., July 1: FHS Hall of Fame Banquet and induction of new members at the Century House, So. Main St., Acushnet, 5-6 cocktail hour; dinner and awards at 6. Tickets, \$25, are available at the Fairhaven High School office or by calling Scott Francis at 508-979-4051, Ext. 3005; or Linda, 508-525-7330.

Kids' Activities

Fire Engine Rides, Dunk Tank, Bouncy House, Multiple Children's Arts & Crafts and Activities all day

Entertainment

Entertainment is in front of Town Hall during Homecoming Fair on Sat. 6/30 from 10:15 a.m. to 4 p.m., singing, dancing from a variety of performers.

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Track, Green Street. An exhibit of "The Moving Wall," a half-size replica of the Washington, DC, Vietnam Veterans Memorial which has been touring the country for more than twenty-five years. Sponsored by the Fairhaven Bicentennial Committee and area veterans organizations.

Henry Huttleston Rogers Tour, Thursday, July 5, 10:00 a.m. Includes visits inside two of the Rogers buildings — the Town Hall and the Millicent Library — as well as exterior viewing of Rogers' boyhood home, the Unitarian Memorial Church, Our Lady's Haven, Rogers School and the Masonic Building.

Fort Phoenix Minuteman Tour, Thurs., July 5, 2:00 p.m. Starts at **Fort Phoenix flagpole, Fort St.** Listen to an authentically dressed colonial militiaman tell stories of the history of Fort Phoenix from the Revolutionary War through the Civil War. This tour is interesting to children as well as adults. Includes flintlock musket firing demonstration. About 75 minutes. Free.

For information on any of these events visit <http://fairhaven.events.blogspot.com/> or call 508-979-2085

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- 149 **Chelsea Fire Hot Sauce:** Homemade Wicked Hot Sauce.
- 150 **DB Designs:** ABC Photography
- 151 **Esme's Heart Pockets:** Small pouches to carry gemstone or good luck charms
- 152 **Amy's Heart of Love:** Jewelry, heart shaped millefaiere glass jewelry.
- 153 **Robert Tolken:** Jewelry/sterling silver, hammered, precious stones, mixed-media
- 154 **Haydens Boutique:** Children's hats and headbands, tutus, dresses, costumes+
- 155 **Sew Special:** Doll clothes, bedding quilts, Irish knit sweaters
- 156 **Baily Bow:** Bows and bow ties; Doll clothes, sleeping bags and pillows
- 157 **Bristol Collection:** Pocketbooks, tote bags

- 158 **Atlantic Aviator:** Handmade quilt raffle
- 160 **Images by Jack Iddon:** Artistic photographs, matted, framed. Local & India.
- 161 **High Lights:** Decorated wood ornaments, t-shirts and night shirts.
- 162 **BK Spirits:** Handwoven beaded spirit bracelets and jewelry
- 163 **Marlinspike Crafters:** Cord & rope nautical items, accessories for home & boat
- 164 **Zoom'D Blooms:** Photographs of flowers, burds, scenery, butterflies. Gift items
- betw. 164/165 Fairhaven Firecall Association:** Water, t-shirts
- 165 **The Salty Starfish:** Jewelry, hair accessories 166 & 167 Fairhaven Bicentennial Committee Commemorative coins, calendars+

“Engagement” dinner



Fairhaven Social Day clients were treated to a performance of “The Engagement Dinner,” a skit written, produced and directed by Joyce Cookinham, Social Day Coordinator. Staff and volunteers acted in the skit which revolves around a family of immigrants invited to dinner by parents of their wayward daughter’s boyfriend. The situation becomes hilarious when “Tony” and “Maria” discover how really cheap their hosts are. Pictured, left to right, Anne Silvia, C.O.A. Director; Christine Alphonse, Evelyn Richard, Suzy Ferreira, Joyce Cookinham, Sue Roderiques and Al Borges. *Submitted photo. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com*

Trail Network chooses logo

The Fairhaven Community Trail Network outreach committee has announced the winners of the Logo Contest: John Cronan of Fairhaven and runner-up Judy Audette

Stasia Powers, co-chair of the project said, “His logo really matched what we were looking for, it says ‘nature’ with the green leaf, includes “Fairhaven Blue” and will be clearly visible on a t-shirt or sign.”

Mr. Cronan’s logo will be used on promotional items for the project and on signs for the trails.

The contest also had an unexpected runner-up. Ms. Audette created a “Fairhaven” word collage in the shape of a tree that the Outreach Committee really liked. So, it was decided to award her a “runner up” status. Her design will be used in conjunction with the logo on the t-shirts.

Both winners will receive samples of all materials their designs on used on.

The committee is working to build educational nature trails behind East Fairhaven School and Wood School. The group will be raising money over the summer at multiple outreach events, including Fairhaven Homecoming, the Fairhaven Bicentennial Kids Day and an end of summer bash. For more information, “like” the group on facebook or email fairhaventrails@yahoo.com •••



John Condon won the logo contest for the Fairhaven Community Trail Network with this design. *See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com*

Police arrest three in backyard larceny attempt

Fairhaven Police Press Release

Fairhaven Police Officers responded to 14 Pilgrim Avenue just after 7:30 Monday morning, 6/11, after receiving a report of suspicious males removing property from the backyard. According to witnesses, three young men were seen removing items from the back yard after banging on the front door several times, yelling “maintenance.” They were observed loading the items into an older model pickup truck then driving away.

Officer Janis Bubluski located a truck matching the description a short time later in the vicinity of Route 6 and Main Street. When she approached the vehicle, it was occupied by 20-year-old David Brumley who immediately informed her that his two companions fled on foot. Officer Kevin Swain apprehended 20-year-old Nicholas Miller a short distance away in the vicinity of Cushman Park. Detective Jerald Bettencourt and Sergeant Michael Bouvier discovered the third party, identified as 24-year-old Gamalier Martinez hiding in a crop of elephant grass between Cushman Park and the Fairhaven Funeral Home. Martinez led

the officers on a short foot chase before being taken into custody in the vicinity of Jerry’s Auto and Cycle Service located on Middle Street.

The three men were apparently posing as maintenance workers when they approached the Pilgrim Avenue residence. When they determined the home was unoccupied, they began stealing items from the rear of the property, including a snow blower, a pool filter, a chainsaw, propane tanks, a car door and assorted scrap metal and wire valued at over \$1000.

All three suspects, who reside at 1370 Pleasant Street, New Bedford, were charged with larceny of property valued at over \$250, receiving stolen property and possession of burglarious instruments. Martinez was additionally charged with disturbing the peace, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license. Miller was additionally charged with disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace. All three were arraigned in Third District Court Monday afternoon.

The FPD strongly encourages all citizens to report suspicious activity at 508-997-7421 or by calling 911.



Clockwise from top: David Brumley, Gamalier Martinez and Nicholas Miller all of 1370 Pleasant St., New Bedford, were arrested in Fairhaven on Monday, 6/11, for allegedly stealing the items pictured in the pickup truck below. *Fairhaven Police Photos.*



Homecoming Fair vendors by booth number

Food

- 1 **Fort Phoenix Aux. #2892 VFW:** Baked goods, candy and drinks."
 2 & 3 **Short-n-Sweet:** Fudge and candy
 5 **Fairhaven Comm. Trail Network:** Trail mix
 6 **Haitian Advancement Foundation:** Haitian Food and Drinks
 7 & 8 **Italian Wizard:** Italian sausages, fried dough, super dogs, lime rickeys, slush.
 13 & 14 **Concessions Ltd.:** Corn dogs, burgers
 19 **Captain Jim's Clamcake Shack:** Clamcakes, chowder, hand-cut french fries, drinks
 38 **Greek Ladies Philoptochos:** Greek pastries, spinach, cheese pies, cookies cookbooks.
 39 & 38A **N. Fairhaven Imp. Assoc.:** Cacoila, hot dogs, drinks.
 40 & 41 **Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society:** Yakisoba fried noodles. Iced green tea.
 42 **Dorothy Co's Chocolates:** Del's Lemonade Cart, fudge
 43 **E. Fairhaven Impvt. Association:** Strawberry shortcake
 44 **Emma Jean's:** Cupcakes, fudge, cake pops, cookies, dipped twinkies, whoopee pies
 45 **George Taber Masonic Lodge:** Individually wrapped ice cream and bottled water.
 46 **Church of Good Shepherd:** Meatball sandwiches, hot/iced coffee, juice boxes, drinks
 47 **King of Cotton Candy:** Cotton candy, popcorn, hawaiian shaved ice
 47A & 48 **Thomas Livesey Club:** Lobster rolls, soft serve ice cream, fruit cups, chips.
 62 **Little Jimmy's Italian Ices:** Italian ice
 112 **Perry's Last Stand Ice Cream:** Ice Cream, soda, chips and candy
 139 **Fairhaven Mothers Club:** baked goods
 147&148 **Cakes by Lil:** Baked goods: cannolis, tarts, wild brownies, whoopee pies+

Craft & Community Booths

- 9 **Oh My Glitter:** Temporary glitter tattoos.
 10 **Harry's Specialities:** Sand art
 11 **MJ Design Ventures:** Board book and t-shirts
 12 **FHS Class of 2014:** String bracelets, necklaces, FHS bumper stickers & t-shirts
 15 **Fairhaven Village Militia:** Bubble Bounce, old fashioned toys
 16 **Bank 5: Coloring contest:** Free books & crayons
 18 **FhvN Protecting Society:** Fire Engine Rides
 20 **Sandsplasion:** Sand Art
 22 **Southern Mass Credit Union:** Game, Fish for a Prize. Free Stickers, to benefit the FIA
 23 **Krinkle Kreations:** Gift baskets, body products, handbags, jewelry, fairy wings
 24 **Nantucket Nauticals:** Whaling harpoons, pillings, plaques & nautical jewelry.
 25 **Dragonfly Handmade Soap:** Soaps, lotions and body scrubs. Gift baskets."
 26 **F&F Inc.:** Scrimshaw, ornaments, magnets
 27 **FHS Brick Park:** Memorial Brick Park Sales
 28 **FHS Alumni:** FHS letter openers, bookmarks, ornaments, postcards, paperweights
 29 **Myra Lopes:** Books
 30 **The Crafty Peddler:** Windchimes using vintage glassware, bottles, stained glass
 31 **Stephanie Wilson:** Baby quilts, yarn & ribbon wreaths, safety pin bracelets
 32 **Robby Thatcher Memorial Fund, Inc.:** T-shirts, hats, beads, huggable monkeys
 33 **Cape Cod Beach Bag Co.:** Handmade handbags, totes, beach bags, summer scarves
 34 **Seashell Crafts by Maggie:** Shell wreaths, mirrors, baskets, ornaments
 35 **Fairhaven Colonial Club:** Bicentennial cookbook, canvas bags, woodcut of Col. Club
 36 **Dolloff's Designs:** Dolls clothes, accessories
 37 **Rogers School PTO:** Rogers School memorabilia and logo clothing
 50 **Annie B's Farm:** Natural honey, honey soap, honey comb, natural wax candles.
 51 **Inspired:** Handcrafted gemstone, ceramic, and silver jewelry

- 52 **Peachy Pendants:** Accessories made from recycled Scrabble game tiles
 53 **Surf-N-Turf:** Fan coral with shells preserved flowers, shell wreaths, t-shirts, driftwood
 54 **Creative Keepsakes:** Face painting, ornaments, jewelry, dog clothes, art dolls
 55 **As the Wood Turns:** Hand turned wooded pens, perfume applicators, bracelets
 56 **Susan Boerman:** Acrylic paintings, pencil drawings, prints, bookmarks, notecards
 57 **Jewels by Jen:** Handcrafted, crocheted, beaded jewelry
 58 **Spirit Catcher:** Stone crystal jewelry, necklaces, earrings bracelets, dream catchers
 59 **FAME:** Cookbooks, bumper sticker, raffle of instrument
 60 **Hand in Hand Glass and Beads:** Stained glass and beaded jewelry
 61 **Pine Cone Creations:** Baskets, wreaths, swags, center pieces, wall angels
 63 **Roxanne's Garden Center:** Plants and cement garden ornaments
 64 **B & J Ornaments:** Wood carvings
 65 **WineChimes:** Windchimes using wine bottles
 66 **Serendipity and Sarah McMann:** Handmade jewelry and hand-made greeting cards.
 67 **Martin Bromberg:** Scrimshaw, Rhinestone Jewelry, Crosses, Christmas Tree"
 68 **Phoenix Tree Studio/Bierstadt Art Society:** Oil & watercolors, sketches, photography
 69 **Jewelry of Spring Brook Farm:** Nautical-themed jewelry.
 70 **Dennis Collins:** Jewelry, 14kt and silver in nautical motif
 71 **All Doll'd Up:** Handmade doll clothes, jewelry, and baby afghans"
 72 **FM Dyes:** Tie dye clothing, framed & dyed art
 73 **Meagan Raposo:** Paintings and drawings
 74 **Annie B & The Frog Lady:** Halos, Barettes, Head Bands, Boo Boo Bunnies, Lily Pads+
 75 **Transitions Jewelry Design:** Precious metals, crystals, glass, freshwater pearls+
 76 **Get a Grip:** Handmade one-hand salad servers, pot holders, table runners
 77 **Nazuri:** Necklaces, bracelets & earrings
 78 **Lucy Lou:** Dog leashes and collars
 79 **B J Cronin Photography:** Photography and children's photobooks.
 80 **Grandma T's Embroidery & Craft:** Jean purses, towels, teddy blankets, doll clothes+
 81 **Mystic Creations by Sarah:** Necklaces, earrings, bracelets, rings & hair notions
 82 **Black Brook Shop:** Beaded jewelry, watch bands and faces, magnets, fishing lures+
 83 **TT Totes:** Handmade totes and handbags.
 84 **Kreeters:** Silver jewelry, t-shirts
 85 **FHS Hall of Fame:** FHS Clothing, Hall of Fame Banquet tickets
 86 **Soy of Life:** Soy-based skincare products.
 87 **One Love Body Care:** Natural body care products
 88 **Claudette Bisson:** Ladies handmade hand bags
 89 **Good Tidings:** Sea glass creations, windchimes, bookmarks, jewelry, candle holders
 90 **ZuZu's Petals:** Hand-forged sterling and fine silver jewelry.
 91 **Ewenique Knits:** Knitted toys and linens; knitted clothing and accessories.
 92 **Pentastic Plus:** Hand-turned wooden pens, Bullet pen gift sets, letter openers+
 93 **Annie's Artifax:** Necklaces, pendants, rings, earrings, bracelets, bookmarks
 94 **Shirley Cadogan:** Seashell crafts
 95 **Cutting Boards by Dave:** Laminated wooden cutting boards, tic-tac-toe, cribbage, trivets
 96 **Americana Windows:** Cup plate window displays
 97 **Square Art and Angels, etc.:** Coloring books, poetry book, angel prints, notecards, art
 98 **Cottontales Ltd.:** Child and adult dresses, accessories, designer dolls, pocketbooks+
 99 & 100 **Cecelia Arruda:** Bibs, baby quilts, fleece covers, handmade earrings & pins+

- 101 **Art of the Gem:** Beaded jewelry, children's jewelry, and beaded scarves
 102 **Tranquility Soy Candles:** Soy and palm wax candles, tarts, votives. Handmade soaps
 103 **Mountain Laurel Handwork:** Antique button jewelry
 104 **The Bee's Knees:** Hand knitted hats, toys, jewelry; decorated gourds, centerpieces
 105 **Handmade Soaps Salves & Balms:** Aoaps, lip balms, shaving soaps, fragrance stones
 106 **Leap of Faith:** Handmade sterling & beaded jewelry. Beaded ornaments.
 107 **Ruth Robert:** Crocheted and hand-sewn pillows, baby items, doll clothes+
 108 **Chrissy Ann Ceramics:** Ceramic tiles, dishware, home accents. Nautical, floral themes
 109 **LisaMarie Style:** Home accessories, jewelry from upcycled & recycled materials
 110 **Melle Belle Shop:** Purses, messenger bags, diaper bags, wallets, clutches, etc.
 111 **ChiropracticUSA at Faunce Corner:** Free subluxation screenings. Free prizes
 114 **Designer Beach Glass Jewelry:** Jewelry wrapped in sterling silver & 14 ct. gold wire
 115 & 116 **A Stitch In Thyme Floral Design & Crafts:** Ceramics, Wooden Gifts, Soy Candles
 117 **Gift Eternity:** Chinese style handmade jewelry
 118 **Len Shartle, Sculptor:** Sculpture, copper and mixed media
 119 **Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity:** T-shirts, hats, tote bags
 120 **Village Gardens:** Plants, perennials, annuals & hanging baskets."
 121 **Frills:** Ladies clothing and accessories. Jewelry, handbags
 122 **Purple Haze:** Tie dyes, pants, hemp necklaces, bracelets, yo-yo balloons, slates
 123 **Bead It Crafters:** Macrame name bracelets.
 124 **Mattapoisett Lions Club:** Raffle: Red Sox, Patriots and Celtics Tickets
 125 **C-Shells:** Shell wreaths, ornaments, necklaces and night lights.
 126 **Good Ol Family Fun Day:** Buttons and free raffle for Family Fun Day giveaways
 127 **Garden Grove Pottery:** Handmade, hand painted pottery and jewelry
 128 **J&P Originals:** hand-painted shells, crocheted towels, wooden objects
 129 **Just Beaches:** Beach-lighthouse scene in oil, flower baskets and wreaths
 131 **Pine Tree Glassworks:** Stained glass items, glass jewelry, wine bottle cheese trays+
 132 **Chappy Girls:** Handmade sterling silver bracelets, breast cancer bracelets, bling
 133A **4 Elements:** Photography, soaps, body oil, bath salts, lotions, sweaters
 133 **Areti Bratsis Photographer:** Framed photography, artwork, notecards
 134 **GerryBerry Handmade Crafts:** Bags, neck pillows, bead pets, sun catchers, bags
 135 **Jackies Jungle:** Stuffed animals
 136 **B&135A S Shoppers Dream:** Wood, garden, yard & house signs Pillow cases, frames+
 136 **So Many Stitches:** Children's clothing
 137 **Zartman & Meehan:** Wire-wrapped jewelry, sun-catchers, mobiles, organic soaps+
 138 **Authors Without Borders:** Books. Young adult, fantasy, poetry, memoirs, thrillers
 140 **The Decorative Garden:** Lightweight cement bird baths, stepping stones, etc.
 141 **Candles by Janice:** Seashell candles, jewelry, bookmarks and boards
 142 **Jayelle Design:** Fabric handbags, totes, purses, wristlets
 143 **Creations By Carol/Gifts from the Sea:** Seashell mirrors, frames, hats, baskets.
 144 **Boy Scout Troop 55, First Congreg. Church:** Bird houses
 145 **Bresnahan Primitive Reproductions:** Wood-ven benches, Adirondack chairs, chests+
 146 **Nasketucket Gardens:** Hydrangeas

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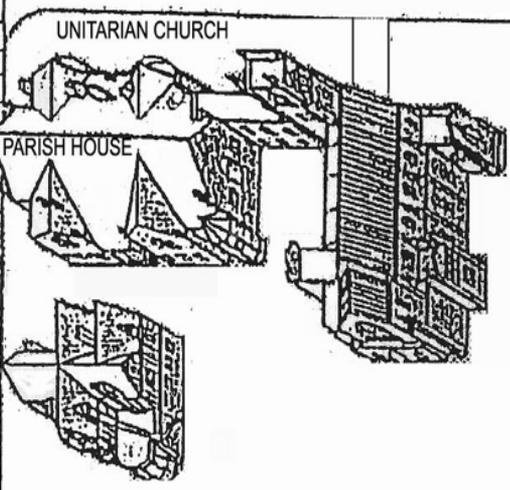
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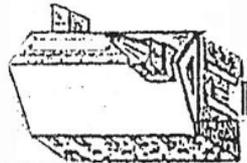
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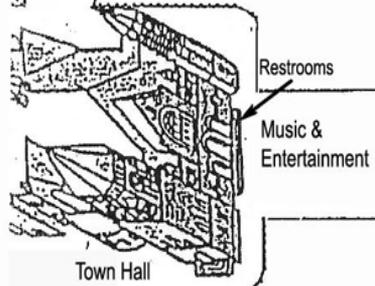
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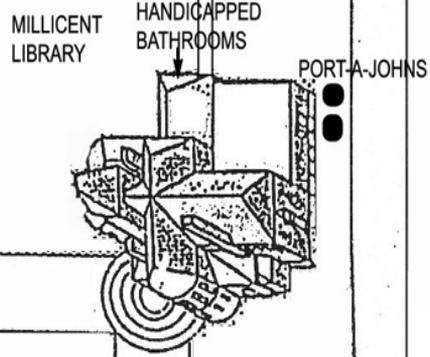
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