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Encampment shows life in 1770s



Members of the Fairhaven Village Militia fire one of the five large cannons at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven on Saturday, 9/15. The annual fall Revolutionary War Encampment shows life in the 1770s and includes information on the history of the fort and children's games. See page 12 for story and more photos. *Photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews for more photos of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase.*

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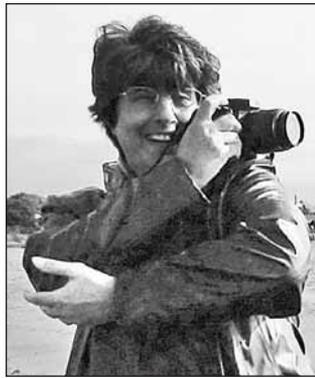


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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Well, the Windwise group is back in the news this week (see page 13). Y'know, I hate to sound like I'm picking on 'em, really, I'm not doing it on purpose, but, really guys... a little self-awareness, PLEASE. One of their big things is to consider the source of all the studies by experts. They are constantly disparaging highly qualified professionals because of their ties to the wind industry or the funding of the studies. But then they get up in a meeting and cite studies funded by oil company moguls. I mean, really... We didn't do a whole bunch of research on every study cited, just a couple because...well, you get the point.

Now, I agree that it's important to consider the source. I'm political enough to know how studies can get skewed, but you also have to consider the integrity and reputation of the individuals and organizations conducting the research. At some point a professional's reputation has to win. These people don't work their whole lives to become experts just to get bought off for a few thousand bucks. Does that mean we believe everyone with a "Dr." before his or her name? If course not. But it does mean we have to be fair.

ALL of the studies will be paid for by someone who has a vested interest in the outcome. That just makes sense. Why pay for a study if you don't care about it? So, I guess we trust the government to do it? Well, Windwise doesn't trust them either.

All I can say is, Windwise members should take their own advice.

Now, onto the world stage. It is beyond disheartening to see what's happening in the Muslim world, fueled by an insulting movie made in the US. It doesn't matter if the protests and killings were started because of the movie, or if the movie was just used afterwards to fuel the rage. The point is that a movie is being used as an excuse to get violent towards Americans. That is tragic, and it is so heartbreaking for the people killed and their families.

What's alarming to me, though, as a US citizen, is the condemnation of the movie by US citizens. This is a frightening reaction.

We should not be condemning the movie because of the repercussions politically, or otherwise. We should condemn it because it's a bad movie, and we should let the critics do that. We should vote with our pocketbooks, in other words: just don't watch the stupid movie.

The protesters seem to be missing a basic tenet of the democracy that they so desperately want: free speech. People get to make bad movies and the government can't stop them. That's free speech. People get to insult other people and, yes, even whole religions, and the government can't stop them. That's free speech. People get to be idiots, and the government can't stop them. That's freedom from government intrusion into our personal lives. Basically, living in a free democracy means you get to be an ass, and the government can't lock you up for it.

Protecting abhorrent speech is the hardest, but most essential part of a democracy.

To see the countries that have just suffered so much for democracy miss this point is disappointing. At the very least, they have taken a huge step backwards on their road to freedom. To see Americans condemn the movie and ask for it to be removed from circulation is beyond disappointing. It's frightening, because it threatens the very thing that makes us who we are.

We should be condemning one thing only in this mess: the violence.

We should be saying "Protest if you want. That is healthy. Don't blame our government for what an individual did. Our government does not control our every move. That is the essence of democracy. You fought so hard to have that very same freedom. Why do you think we suddenly should not have it?"

Until next week then...

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Delanos have annual meeting in Fairhaven this year



The Delano Kindred, all descendants of Philip Delano, who arrived in Plimoth (Plymouth, Mass.) in 1621, converged on Fairhaven this weekend to coincide with the town's Bicentennial. The Kindred holds a reunion every year, and every other year it is in New England. This year the group came to Fairhaven, where the Kindred has strong ties, including President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's mother Sara Delano Roosevelt (depicted by our own Natalie Hemingway for the weekend). Philip's son settled in what is now East Fairhaven. The Delanos have many descendants still in the area. The reunion weekend included talks, tours and a trip to Fort Phoenix on Saturday evening to see the cannons fired (see page 12). For more information on the Delano Kindred, visit www.DelanoKindred.us. *Submitted photo. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com*

Fairhaven 2012 Flu Clinics

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Botelho is new sergeant; Souza to get easement

By Mali Lim

Neighb News Correspondent

The Mass. legislature has approved Fairhaven's town meeting vote results granting a local homeowner an easement at Cushman Park, on the condition that the town transfer another parcel of land of equal size or larger to the Conservation Department, the selectboard announced at their meeting on 9/17/12. The state Senate and House of Representatives have already approved the town vote, said selectboard chair Brian Bowcock, allowing the board to officially authorize the easement for Bradford Souza.

Coincidentally, the board also voted the same evening to accept a land parcel on Washburn Street, donated by the owner with the intent that the land be used for conservation purposes. Town officials are working to see if this land donation would satisfy the requirements of the state, said Dr. Bowcock.

The board announced the promotion of Fairhaven police officer Matthew Botelho to the rank of Sergeant, as over two dozen family members and friends packed the meeting room to witness the "pinning ceremony."

It had been difficult to choose from among the excellent candidates, said Dr. Bowcock, but the decision to promote Sgt. Botelho was unanimous.

Sgt. Botelho has been a police officer since January of 2005 when he joined the Fairhaven department.

Matthew's brother, Michael Botelho, is also a sergeant, making the Botelhos the first pair of brothers to be sergeants in the Fairhaven police department at the same time.

In another matter, Director of Planning and Economic Development Bill Roth updated the selectboard on the FY13 Community Development Block Grant application, due this coming December. A series of community development strategy meetings that are required as part of the process, including four neighborhood meetings and four selectboard public hearings, have already been scheduled between now and December, he told the board.

As in the past, the focus of the grant will be primarily on house rehabilitation and infrastructure, as

that formula has been successful for Fairhaven, Mr. Roth told the board.

The strategy meetings will gather input on whether the town wants to continue with housing rehab projects and which infrastructure projects to pursue.

The town is also exploring the possibility of filing joint applications with other towns, including Middleboro, Mr. Roth said. Although the town scored the maximum number of points in last year's application, the town still ranked 14th out of 20 towns that received grant awards.

"We had a perfect application last year, but our rank keeps slipping. Other communities are regionalizing in their applications, and if we do a regional application, we get two bonus points," he explained.

Due to rules limiting towns to a

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cumulative \$1.35 million dollars in grant funding, Fairhaven can apply for up to \$1 million dollars, but can only receive up to \$480,000 because of past grant awards. However, a joint application with another town could provide administrative funding to Fairhaven if it serves as the lead community in the grant.

"Middleboro may get more money [in a joint grant], but the lead community would get the money for the administration," he explained.

The planning board is in the process of assessing potential target areas for the next round of development.

"When you look at the new census data, there are two census blocks that are over 51% low- to moderate-income, which is the minimum threshold for the grant," he said.

Selectboard member Bob Espindola and Dr. Bowcock asked if there were other projects that could be eligible for CDBG funding. Mr. Roth replied that the grants also cover social service projects and sign and

façade programs, but there hasn't been much interest in the town in the past for those types of projects.

One of the problems with the sign and façade program is that a considerable amount of design money is required up front for businesses and homeowners.

"In order to make an application, you have to have a minimum of \$100,000, and Fairhaven has been unable to get that. We can't get enough people interested to be able to apply for that program," he said. "But we've had so many streets needing work and they're such good projects, so it's been a good formula for us."

Additional business for the board included a vote to send a letter to Robert Antil notifying him of a hearing regarding his Package Store/Beer and Wine license since he is no longer in operation, and a vote to accept a donation of 100,000 bay scallop seed from Taylor Seafood.

Lisa Marie DeMello, whose son was severely injured when he was struck by a vehicle on Adams Street while walking home from Hastings Middle School on August 30, requested that the board investigate safety conditions where her son was hit, to see if

appropriate signage or warnings could be posted. The board agreed to have the police chief and other public safety officials look into the issue.

The board also appointed Eugene Robert and Maria DeOliveira to the Commission on Disability; Antoinette O'Leary to the position of Deputy Shellfish Warden; Maureen C. Best to full-time dispatcher, and Myra Lopes the position of library trustee. Dr. Bowcock briefly read a citation thanking George Gracia, the town's wiring inspector, who retired last Friday after 11 years of service.

In other business the board also:

- Approved a written request under the Freedom of Information Act for an unredacted copy of Joe Morra's resignation letter;
- Approved an all-alcohol license request from the Ice Chest Bar and Grill for the Fifth Annual Chest Fest on September 30, 2012.
- Reconvened in executive session to discuss a potentially litigious neighborhood dispute on Middle Street.



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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

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

Beyond the Bicentennial

"Beyond the Bicentennial," is a specially themed schedule for Fairhaven's Farmers' Markets beginning **Sun., Sept. 16, through October 21.** The season will conclude on November 4 at Town Hall with the first ever Community Visioning Forum, where representatives will meet with residents to harvest strategies for Fairhaven's future. Themes scheduled for the season include water quality, recycling, local food, and transportation.

1938 Hurricane

Mark the Anniversary of the 1938 Hurricane and View the Paintings of Arthur Small. On **Friday, September 21st, the 74th anniversary of the Hurricane of 1938,** visit Northeast Maritime Institute, 32 Washington St., Fairhaven, for an Open House starting at **3:00 p.m.** The film, *A Wind to Shake the World*, produced by M. L. Barron for the 50th anniversary of the Hurricane, will be shown throughout the afternoon.

At 6:30pm Fairhaven resident, Ted Lorentzen, will give an informative talk on Palmer's Island Light keeper and artist, Arthur Small. View three massive paintings of Arthur Small on display at NMI. .

In remembrance of Mabel Small, who perished in the 1938 Hurricane, Arthur Small's painting of the Clipper Ship, Stag-Hound, will be presented to the Millicent Library at the conclusion of the program. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served. Phone: 508-992-4025.

Trail Network F-R

The Fairhaven Community Trail Network will be having an "End of Summer Bash" on **Sun., Sept. 23, from 4-8pm at the Baggin's End Guest House, 2 West Street** in Fairhaven, in the Poverty Point area of town. Entertainment includes Matt Richard and Pumpkin Head Ted. The tickets are \$25. Cash bar. Proceeds

will go directly to building educational nature trails behind East Fairhaven School and Wood School. **No tickets will be available at the door.** Get tickets at Dorothy Cox Chocolates, from one of the committee members or email fairhaventrails@yahoo.com.

POW-MIA Day

Friday September 21st, see page 14, Senior Center for details

Vendors Wanted

For the Holiday Bazaar at St. Joseph's School in Fairhaven. Events to include Santa's Workshop, Chinese Auction, Yard Sale, Open Kitchen, Performance by the School Choir, Classroom Gifts and Over 20 Vendors!!! Now Accepting Vendor Registration. \$40.00 per Table (8' x 6') Call (508)996-1983 to request form. Saturday, November 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. At the School-100 Spring Street, Fairhaven

Brienzo Walk

First annual **Katie Brienzo Memorial Walk on Saturday, 9/29,** to benefit MO LIFE. Registration: \$10 per person. Join us at the Our Lady of Angels Feast Grounds, located at 7 Jesse Street, Fairhaven for the **FIRST ANNUAL KATIE BRIENZO MEMORIAL WALK!!!** The walk is approximately 1 mile so even kids and those who aren't seasoned runners can join in! Registration is only \$10 and the First 100 to register receive a free Katie Brienzo Memorial Walk T-shirt. ALL proceeds from this event benefit the consumers of M.O.L.I.F.E., Inc., Katie's favorite charity. Katie was also a consumer at M.O.L.I.F.E. and it was her home away from home. The staff there helped her not just overcome her disability, but to thrive as an independent young woman.

Still looking for sponsors. Visit <http://molifeinc.com/events.php> or call 508-992-5978 to register or for more information.

Book Discussion

Spiritual Explorers is a group at Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green Street, Fairhaven, that has met for two years on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm. On

September 25, they will continue discussion of *A Return to Love: Reflections on the Principles of A Course in Miracles* by Marianne Williamson. You do not need to have read the book by the first meeting. Discussion may go on for many weeks, giving plenty of time to read the book. All are welcome.

Spaghetti Supper

Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser on **Friday, September 28, at St. Mary's Parish, 440 Main St., Fairhaven, MA.** 4-7 PM, 50/50 Raffle, Chinese Auction Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for seniors over 65 and children under 12. Call 508-997-1092 or email pp38coco@comcast.net for tickets.

Pauline Paker needs to raise \$2500 to participate in the Susan G Komen 3-day walk against breast cancer. To donate visit www.the3day.org/goto/paulineparker2012

Beach Clean-up

On September 23rd, Volunteers of all ages are invited to join, Be the Solution to Pollution, for our Annual Intercoastal Cleanup at Fort Phoenix. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

We need folks to clean up and others to log data. Our final tallies will be added to that of other groups around the world participating in the Ocean Conservancy's 2012 Intercoastal Cleanup.

Meet at 8:45am in the parking lot close to the cannons to pick up tools, bags, gloves, data cards and instructions. Please bring a reusable bottle and we will provide the water. Wear closed toe shoes, bug spray and sunblock.

Contact: freymarylou@yahoo.com, www.bethesolutiontopollution.com, www.oceanconservancy.com

Lobster Dine-Out

Lobster Roll Dine-Out, Thursday, September 27, 2012, 4:30 to 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.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Last Chance Regatta

The Low Tide Club of New Bedford is holding its annual end-of-the-season pursuit race on **Saturday, September 22nd, 1200 hrs at racing mark DELTA.**

The race is 18–20 Nautical Miles in length & is open to any boat with a current PHRF rating. Skippers interested in entering should contact Fred Barreiros at info@lowtideyc.org

Prizes: The first Low Tide Yacht Club boat to finish wins the John B. O'Toole Trophy. Award Glasses will be given to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place.

Low Tide Yacht Club, 1000B South Rodney French Blvd., New Bedford.

Fair Housing Info

Fair Housing Roundtables, join the discussion on Fair Housing, Fair Lending, Deed Restrictions

There are two free trainings left. Open to the public.

- INew Bedford Public Library (Downtown Location) 613 Pleasant Street, New Bedford, **September 21, from 1:00-3:00pm**

- Temple Landing Community Room 285 Ash Street, New Bedford, MA, **October 9, 2012 1:00-3:00pm**

Light refreshments will be served and **registration is necessary to attend.** To register or for more info please contact Ann Seligsohn at (617) 399-0941 Ext. 104 aseligsohn@bostonfairhousing.org with your name and contact info.

Dock-U-Mentaries

The Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series continues **Friday, September 21st at 7 PM** with *Hollywood Comes to Vinalhaven*. Dock-U-Mentaries is a co-production of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and the Working Waterfront Festival. Films about the working waterfront are screened on the third Friday of each month beginning at 7:00 PM in the theater of the Corson Maritime Learning Center, located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. All programs are open to the public and presented free of charge. Accessible.

This month's feature, *Hollywood Comes to Vinalhaven*, looks at the making of *Deep Waters*, an adaptation of Ruth Moore's *Spoonhandle*, which was filmed on Vinalhaven Island off the coast of Maine in 1947.

For info, call the visitor center at 508-996-4095, go to www.nps.gov

Union Street, New Bedford, www.waterfrontleague.org

Bird Club

The Nasketucket Bird Club's first meeting of the season will be on **Thursday, September 27 at 7 pm at the Mattapoisett Public Library, 7 Barstow Street.**

This meeting is open to all who are interested in Southcoast birds, from beginners to advanced birders. We will be discussing summer sightings and planning for the fall and winter field trips. For more information contact Justin Barrett, (774) 207-8515 or jmbarrett426@gmail.com. Check our website for updates: <http://www.massbird.org/Nasketucket/index.htm>

Save the Date

Working Waterfront Fest

Welcome aboard as New Bedford, America's largest commercial fishing port, hosts the 9th Working Waterfront Festival. **The FREE event takes place September 29th and 30th on the working piers and waterfront parks of the historic Port of New Bedford.** Free parking is available at the Elm Street Garage with a free shuttle to the Festival.

The 2012 Festival theme, *Fishtales: Fact, Fiction and Narrative Tradition in Commercial Fishing Culture*, will explore enduring myths, local legends, and fact and fiction in contemporary fisheries issues.

Lots of new stuff this year. For more information, call 508-993-8894, or navigate to www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org

Wine Tasting

The 22nd Annual WHALE wine tasting takes place **Friday, September 21st, 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. in Custom House Square, on William Street in historic downtown New Bedford.** Nearly two dozen wineries and local breweries will be pouring their finest wines and beers for tasting. Twenty of our area's best restaurants and food purveyors will be presenting their signature dishes. There'll be music under the tent by Greg Harper and enticing shopping opportunities around the Silent Auction tables. Unique and raree auction items.

Contact Waterfront Historic Area League (WHALE), 508-997-1776, 128

Flu Clinic

The Greater New Bedford Community Health Center has announced that it will hold a Flu Clinic at its **26 Caroline Street facility on Monday, Sept. 24, 2012 from 9:30 am to 11:00 am.** There is no out of pocket cost but participants are asked to please bring in their insurance cards. The vaccine provides protection against seasonal flu and will be available to adults 18 years and older. For further information, please call 508-996-1388.

New Park meeting

Mayor Jon Mitchell and the City's Office of Planning will host a public conversation on the creation of a **new urban park at Custom House Square.** Join the Office of Planning, Stoss Landscape Urbanism, and CDM Consultants for the next step in the Custom House Square redesign process: a community input session intended to solicit feedback on draft designs developed by Stoss. We need your input to make Custom House Square a vibrant space that will serve the needs of our downtown for many years to come.

- **Monday, September 24th at 6pm** at the Corson Maritime Learning Center, 33 William St., New Bedford.

For more information, please contact Jill Maclean, Acting City Planner, jill.maclean@newbedford-ma.gov. For translation services, please contact the City of New Bedford Office of Community Services at (508) 961-3136.

NB Preservation

The public is cordially invited to attend the New Bedford Preservation Society's 38th Annual Meeting on **Thursday, September 27, at 7 p.m., at the Levi Standish House, 20 South Sixth Street, New Bedford.** After the brief business meeting, historian Bruce Barnes will present an illustrated program highlighting "The Colonial Revival Residence in New Bedford, 1880-1930."

New Bedford has a stellar reputation in architecture for its Whaling and Victorian era mansions. However, its collection of homes in the Colonial Revival Style (Shingle, **CONT'D next page**)

STILL OVERTOWN

Georgian, Craftsman, Foursquare), built during the prosperous years of the textile industry, dominate the current cityscape of New Bedford as no other. Hear about the development of signature city neighborhoods such as Clinton Place, Morelands Terrace, Clasky Park and Hawthorn Street. See the variations of the style by architects with national reputations as well as those by talented local designers who thrived during this important era of New Bedford's history.

A reception with light refreshments will follow the business meeting and program. Free.

To learn more about the society and its upcoming events, visit

www.nbpreservationsociety.org or call the society office at 508-997-6425.

Sharon's Walk

The third annual "Sharon's Walk" will be held on **Sunday, Sept. 30, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fort Taber**, 1000 Rodney French Boulevard in New Bedford. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Southcoast Centers for Cancer Care.

Sharon's Walk is a 5-kilometer (3.1-mile) walk that will take place around Fort Taber. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with the event kicking-off at 11 a.m. Participants are welcome to join the walk at any time during the event. The family friendly event includes

entertainment, refreshments, children's activities, raffles & more. Free health screenings will also be provided by the Southcoast Centers for Cancer Care and the Southcoast Health Van.

Pre-register for the walk online at www.southcoast.org/sharonswalk/ or at www.FUN107.com through Sept. 27. The pre-registration fee is \$20 per person. All pre-registered participants will receive a Sharon's Walk memorial T-shirt. The day-of registration fee is \$25 per person.

Registration forms can be downloaded from either website or picked up at FUN 107/WBSM studios, 22 Sconticut Neck Rd. in Fairhaven.; Southcoast Centers for Cancer Care, 206 Mill Road in Fairhaven.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Mattapoisett Lib.

The following events are being held at the Mattapoisett Free Public, 7 Barstow St. Accessible.

Fall Story Times Begin

Registration for the fall series of story times for toddlers and preschoolers has begun. Parents are welcome to drop in or call 508-758-4171 to sign their children up for the eight week series that **begins the week of September 25th**. Toddlers will gather with the library staff and parents on Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11 am for stories, fingerplays and songs. Preschoolers will meet with the librarian for stories on Thursdays from 1 to 1:45 pm or Fridays 10:30 to 11:15 am. Parents join in the fun after story time to help with crafts.

Tot Time/NEW

A new group is forming at the library for moms, dads, grandparents, nannies, and anyone who is caring for a child. Drop in at the library on Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:30 to enjoy time with other parents and caregivers, with children. Babies welcome! Share a song or game that your child enjoys, learn about the parent resources at the library, or just chat and exchange ideas with other adults. No registration required. A librarian will be available to assist with book selections, tips on reading to your child, etc.

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To learn more and to register or volunteer, visit savebuzzardsbay.org/WatershedRide or call (508) 999-6363.

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The Acushnet Historical Society is creating the Friends of the Perry Hill Church to help restore the historic structure. The building was recently acquired by the town after approval at town meeting. Membership fee is \$5.00 per person. Contact Pauline Teixeira, president of the Acushnet Historical Society, 508-961-7843.



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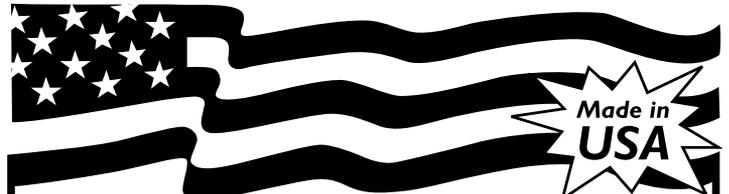
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- 1 Tablespoon Of Fresh Squeezed Lemon Juice
- 1 Cup Of Firmly Packed Brown Sugar
- 1 Tablespoon Of White All Purpose Baking Flour
- 1 Teaspoon Of Pure Liquid Vanilla Extract
- 3 Tablespoons Of Cold Unsalted Margarine
- 1 Large Whole Fresh Egg
- 1 Tablespoon Of Powdered Sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F
In large, sealable mixing bowl add apples, peaches, cinnamon, nutmeg, lemon juice, brown sugar, flour, and vanilla extract. Tightly seal off the bowl, then toss the fruit until it's completely coated with all the other ingredients.

Line a pie pan with the bottom crust layer. Spoon mixed filling into the pan, and then cut in the margarine. Firmly set into place the top pastry crust layer, fluting the edges where both layers meet. With a knife, make several small cuts in the top crust layer, as it is necessary that the filling can breath while baking. Finally, glaze the pie top with the beaten egg and powdered sugar.

Bake for forty five minutes, or until the filling is tender and juicy, and the crust is slightly crisp.

Submitted by Bobby Kowalski

Butterfly release recalls loved ones

By Beth David
Editor

As the DJ played "Fly Away" by John Denver, 224 butterflies were released on Saturday, 9/15, behind the Fairhaven Senior Center. Sponsored by Southcoast Health System Visiting Nurse Association to benefit the hospice program, the "Hope Takes Flight" event was offered as a way to honor and remember loved ones. A butterfly wall of memories, set up on the lawn, showed the names of those being remembered.

Pauline Dubois said she was there to honor her husband and her two sons.

"I thought it would be something nice to come to," said Ms. Dubois, adding she was not sure how she would feel when the butterflies were released. "I'm looking at it as a good thing."

The butterflies were transported in a cooled, or nearly hibernating state, in individual envelopes. After they warmed up, people opened the envelopes and they flew away. Some of them remained a little sleepy, though, allowing their "sponsors" to photograph and watch them.

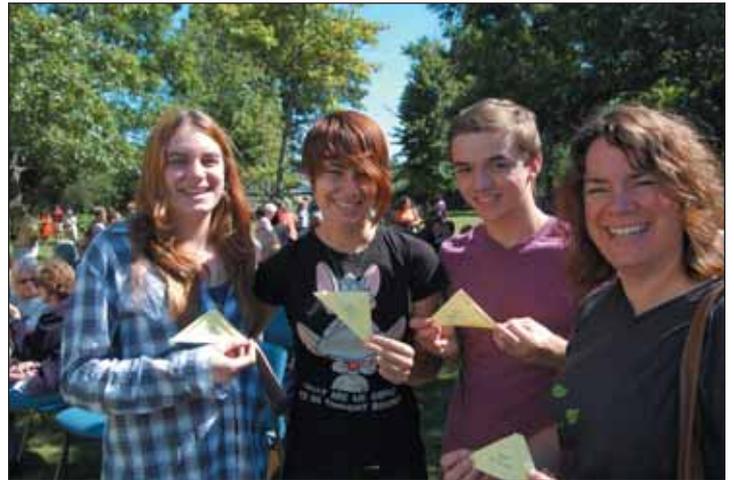
According to organizer Amy Eldridge "Painted Ladies" were

chosen because they are a native species and will, hopefully stay close to the center. She said they are attracted to bright colors, and, indeed, many of them immediately flew to the bright flowers of the garden when released.

Paula Moore said she participated in the event for "everyone who's left



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TOP: A woman takes a picture of her butterfly, which seemed a little reluctant to fly away at the Hope Takes Flight butterfly release sponsored by SouthCoast VNA on Saturday, 9/15, at the Fairhaven Senior Center. ABOVE, L-R: Bryanna Michael, Danah Carpenter, Austin Barboza and April Michael hold up their envelopes, each containing a butterfly that would be released to honor the memory of James Lefleur and Joseph Nunes. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews for more photos of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase.

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Annual fall encampment showcases 1770s life

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Village Militia held its annual fall encampment at Fort Phoenix this weekend, which included the firing of the five large cannons. In this bicentennial year, they were joined by the Delano Kindred (see page 3), descendants of Philip Delano, an ancestor of Sara Delano Roosevelt, who was the

mother of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

The weekend showcased life in the 1770s for both militia and family members, and included flintlock rifle demonstrations, tomahawk throwing and children's games of the era.

The Delano Kindred arrived by bus joining the encampment in time for the firing of the five cannons on Saturday evening at dusk. Tourism

director Christopher Richard, during his usual historical explanation of the weekend's events, was sure to include some extra information on the Delano family's contributions to Fairhaven's history.

For information on the Delano Kindred visit www.DelanoKindred.us. For information on the history of the Delanos in Fairhaven, call the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, 508-979-4085.



LEFT, L-R: Sisters Audrey Moran and Jean Paterwic, were part of the Delano Kindred contingent at the Fairhaven Villiage Militia's fall encampment at Ft. Pheonix in Fairhaven this weekend. The Delano Kindred are all descendants of Philip Delano, who arrived in Plimoth in 1621 and settled in the area. His son lived in what is now East Fairhaven. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt was a Philip Delano descendant. RIGHT: A puff of smoke is all that's left after one of the cannons is fired. BELOW RIGHT: Dinner is cooked on an open fire, just as it would be in the 1770s. BOTTOM LEFT: Members of the Fairhaven Village Militia are silhouetted against the setting sun as they prepare to fire the cannons. BOTTOM RIGHT: Jeremiah Katz loads the charge while Ellie Silvaria stands by to "pick the charge," which puts a hole in it to load the fuse. *Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews for more photos of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase.*



Planning hears wind turbine bylaw suggestions

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

The subject of wind turbines dominated the 9/11 meeting of the Fairhaven Planning Board, with Chairperson Wayne Hayward making revisions to the Town's wind turbine bylaw a priority, followed by Windwise member Louise Barteau's presenting the board with a crash course in Windwise's notions on the impacts of residentially sited industrial wind turbines.

Mr. Hayward said that he and Director of Planning and Economic Development Bill Roth will definitely have a workable draft of the WT bylaw by the next Planning Board meeting on 10/9.

Mr. Hayward led efforts to "tweak" the current bylaw back in April of this year, but was unsuccessful after Town Counsel Tom Crotty determined that the Planning Board's proposal to revise the bylaw sent to the Selectboard was, in Mr. Crotty's opinion, invalid.

According to Mr. Hayward, just tweaking the bylaw at this point is not enough. He recommended a complete reevaluation and review of the bylaw, intending to rewrite much of it to include additional elements, such as the measurement and addressing of noise, flicker, and impacts on property value.

We're looking at a lengthy code...
I can't imagine anyone who would
want to stick with what we have
[Wayne Hayward]

Board member Jeffrey Lucas asked to also include ice-throw in the new draft.

Mr. Hayward also brought up the concept of a possible impact WT siting could have on the "buildable lot" status of abutting vacant lots which may have had the potential for future development.

"We're looking at a lengthy code," said Mr. Hayward, referring to the current bylaw as a "skeleton to work from."

"I can't imagine anyone who would want to stick with what we have," said

Mr. Hayward. "We need to clean up our code...for the community to understand."

Although holding a public hearing on a new bylaw draft is still much further in the future, Mr. Hayward assured the residents in attendance, including Board of Health member Dr. Barbara Acksen and Selectboard member Bob Espindola, that there would be "plenty of public input, you can believe that."

Listed on the agenda, Louise Barteau, a resident and vocal opponent to the two WTs located off Arsene Street, read aloud a prewritten statement to share her conclusions on several studies on the negative impacts of WTs and her opinions on alleged health effects of WTs on humans. Although she stated that she was unaware that the WT bylaw revision was also listed on the agenda for that night, Ms. Barteau concluded her presentation by offering the board suggestions for drafting the new bylaw.

"There is no reason why you should accept anything I say at all," said Ms. Barteau, adding that although she is not an engineer, a developer, or an expert on WTs, she described herself as a concerned citizen questioning the rationality of WTs as a viable renewable energy source, as well as researching "information that is not opinion."

One of Ms. Barteau's main messages was to always look at the source* of the "bewildering amount of information" available on wind turbines. She said many of the studies finding in favor of wind energy are funded by think tanks, the wind industry, and others who have a vested interest.

Ms. Barteau handed one-page versions of several studies that she dubbed the "relevant page" over to Mr. Roth, and listed names of doctors and scientists that she recommended the Planning Board should research.*

She cited one study that demonstrated that inaudible sound from WTs has been known to damage the cardiovascular system.

"This is what's happening in

Consider the source

In her presentation to the Planning Board, Louise Barteau encouraged members to consider the source and funding of studies on wind turbines, a constant refrain from Windwise over the months.

At least one of the people Ms. Barteau named in reference to her research on the negative impact of wind turbines is linked to the fossil fuel industry. According to an article on Sourcewatch.com, and Independentaustralia.net, Dr. Sarah Laurie is an "unregistered doctor" and the CEO of The Waubra Foundation, a front group for The Landscape Guardians, a think tank of climate change skeptics with ties to the fossil fuel industry. According to Sourcewatch, the founder of The Waubra Foundation is Peter Mitchell, who once worked for the Moonie Oil Company Limited, Clyde Petroleum, and North Flinders Mines Ltd.

In a blog entry written by Curt Devlin for Windwise Fairhaven, he cited medical studies that were underway at The Waubra Foundation.

References: http://www.sourcewatch.org/index.php?title=Waubra_Foundation, <http://www.independentaustralia.net/2011/environment/the-ugly-landscape-of-the-guardians/>, <http://www.orangenewsnow.com.au/wind-farm-update-who%E2%80%99s-in-bed-with-who/>, <http://windwisefairhaven.wordpress.com/>

Fairhaven right now," said Ms. Barteau. "We should probably read the whole report, but I didn't have the time."

Ms. Barteau asked the board to consider, when drafting the new bylaw, appointing an independent advisory panel to examine scientific evidence about WTs, enact a moratorium on the building of WTs, interview residents who live near the WTs, and require developers to hire independent acousticians to study WT sound before and after the installation of turbines.

Mr. Hayward acknowledged the presence of the two town officials in attendance and encouraged them both to comment.

"I'm not here as a selectman. I'm

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Planning: cont'd from page 13 just here to represent myself," said Mr. Espindola. He said he hoped the board would craft a "robust bylaw" that would prevent any further risk to the health of residents.

Dr. Acksen told the board she had recently attended a health conference which briefly touched upon the topic of possible health effects from WTs. She recalled one speaker shrugging off the topic by saying all they could do was "put up a few (WTs) and see what happens to the guinea pigs," at which point Dr. Acksen said she stood up raising her hand to say, "guinea pig," as if to identify herself as one of the guinea pigs.

Mr. Hayward recognized Windwise member Curt Devlin in attendance at the meeting, but asked him not to engage the board in a debate about infrasound. Instead, he encouraged Mr. Devlin to submit the prepared statement he brought to the meeting so they could consider his input while drafting the bylaw, but Mr. Devlin declined.

"No, sorry," said Mr. Devlin. "I really think that this (information) is something that, not only the board needs to hear, but the people of Fairhaven need to hear."

He said he preferred to wait until everyone could hear it together.

Planning Board member Francis Budryk said he became concerned about possible terrorism after learning that WT Developer, Sumul Shah, could control the operation of the WTs remotely by cellphone. He

asked if there was a failsafe put in place to prevent terrorists from remotely accessing the WTs and "make it go as fast as possible" until the WT blew up.

Mr. Roth explained that it could not happen, because Mr. Shah cannot control the speed of the turbines, since only the wind can do that.

"It's not like a fan," Mr. Roth told Mr. Budryk.

In another matter, the board passed a motion to amend the text of the part of the Subdivision Regulations that refers particularly to the use of chip seal near wetlands, after the Conservation Commission expressed their concern that the petroleum-based emulsions could bleed into surrounding wetlands if the chip seal was installed improperly under certain weather conditions.

ConCom has the right to approve or deny the use of chip seal in resource areas within their jurisdiction.

Mr. Hayward said he agrees with ConCom about their concerns and emphasized that Planning is not encouraging chip seal, but the board does consider it "one more tool in the toolbox."

The board also discussed the enforcement of illegal signs in Fairhaven, with Building Commissioner Wayne Fostin expressing interest in enforcing the laws

that regulate the posting of signs such as real estate open house signs, and other unauthorized signs such as yard sale signs.

Mr. Budryk spoke out against "selective enforcement" by the town, saying, "everybody, and not just a select few," should be consistently enforced.

"And I feel that is constantly happening," said Mr. Budryk.

ConCom is currently in the process of enforcing a violation against Mr. Budryk for not seeking a permit before he cut back brush by the shoreline. ConCom ordered Mr. Budryk to apply for a request for determination after-the-fact, but ConCom said Mr. Budryk has not yet acted. ConCom recently decided to send an enforcement order to Mr. Budryk.

In other matters, the board sent a letter to Planning Board member Joseph Morra, thanking him for his service on the board, while encouraging him to resign. Also, Windward Power Systems Inc., slated for 379 Alden Road, was granted a special permit to renovate the existing building and construct a second structure on the lot.

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New hurdle for Acushnet's new police station

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Everything appeared to be in place for the Acushnet police station project to move forward, that is, until the very end of the 9/17 Acushnet Selectboard meeting when Town Administrator Alan Coutinho's sudden realization momentarily put a damper on the optimism. Just as the representatives from Kaestle Boos Associates finished their slideshow presentation to the board, Town Administrator Alan Coutinho noticed an oversight in the scheduling of the first steps of the project.

The geotechnical study for the 60 Middle Road site was slated to begin on 9/20, but will now have to be postponed until the Finance Committee can appropriate the \$10,000 before the study can begin. The FinCom meeting is not until 9/26, six days after the scheduled date of the study.

"I don't have the funding in place," said Mr. Coutinho. "I don't think I can authorize going forward."

As a result, the timing will be tight to get the project on the warrant of

the Special Town Meeting on 10/22.

"This sucks," whispered one man in an aside to Police Chief Michael Alves as they exited the meeting room at Town Hall.

However, in a follow-up telephone interview, Officer Jeremy Fontes, a member of the Public Safety Building Committee, said the geotechnical study will simply be pushed back a couple of weeks until after the 9/26 FinCom meeting.

"The project is not in jeopardy. We do have a tight schedule," said Officer Fontes. "But you have to have a sense of urgency because people tend to forget things."

According to the Selectboard Office, the Town hopes to begin the geotechnical study the day after the FinCom meeting, but it is not set in stone.

At the meeting, David Morais of architectural firm Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc., presented the board with a slide presentation of the state of the current police station, and the proposed design of the new building.

The current building, which Mr. McKeon called "inadequate for the

times," was built in 1874, with an addition built in 1903. It was converted into public offices in 1973, and then renovated in 2002.

The building is non-compliant in almost every way possible, including fire ratings, lighting, structure, ventilation, windows, and

ceiling height. The doorway to the detective suite is so low, that a strip of yellow caution tape was placed above the doorway to warn people that they have to crouch down to enter. Prisoner processing is smack dab in the middle of the main pathway, and locker rooms are located in main corridors with no privacy.

"It's almost cruel to the men and women working in that facility and unfair to the taxpayers," said Chairperson David Wojnar.

Mr. Wojnar called the time frame "pretty aggressive," and that was before the unexpected realization that time would be even more pressed due to the scheduling discrepancy.

But that is what it will take, according to Mr. Wojnar, and he said he was confident that it was possible to scale down the project a bit more to offer the voters a price tag that is "more palatable."

Selectperson Kevin Gaspar said he has seen the project decrease in square footage down to 11,200 square feet, but he has not seen the price go down significantly along with it. The total is currently estimated at around six million dollars.

"Do whatever you can," Mr. Gaspar told Michael McKeon of Kaestle Boos. Whether it be scaling down the size of the rooms or simplifying the HVAC system.

"We'll do it," responded Mr. McKeon.

The existing police station is about 6,900 square feet.

"The 6,900 square feet sounds like a lot, but that 6,900 square feet is a disaster," said Mr. Wojnar. He called it

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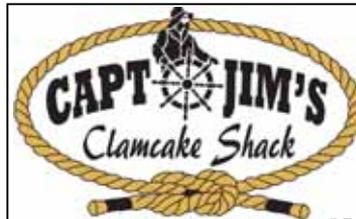
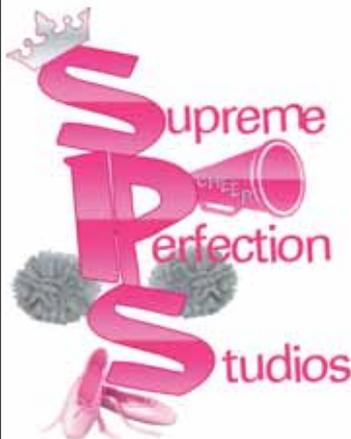
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Local students learn while traveling to Argentina

By Ashley Bendiksen

Special to the Neighbor News

The SouthCoast may be “home” for two local students, but Jeremy Dias and Ashley Bendiksen say that life in Argentina gave them both a “second home” away from home since their return on June 18th.

Mr. Dias and Ms. Bendiksen, both students at Salve Regina University in Newport, RI, spent an entire month studying abroad in Mendoza, Argentina to fulfill Spanish language credits. The total immersion program offered the students daily Spanish classes, residency with a host family, and multiple excursions to explore and experience Argentina’s culture.

Mr. Dias, a 20-year-old native of Dartmouth, graduated from Bishop Stang High School in 2010. He is currently a junior at SRU studying Nursing, and belongs to the Student Nursing Organization (SNO). He lives in Newport, RI.

Ms. Bendiksen, a 25-year-old native of Fairhaven and 2004 graduate of Fairhaven High School, is a senior majoring in Administration of Justice with plans to attend Law School. She currently retains a 4.0 GPA, has made the Dean’s List each semester, and has been inducted into the National Criminal Justice Honor Society. She currently resides in New Bedford, MA.

Ms. Dias and Ms. Bendiksen traveled with six other students and Dr. Linda Crawford, the Chairwoman of SRU’s Modern and Classical

L a n g u a g e s Department.

While in Mendoza, the students participated in numerous activities in addition to their studies, including a visit to a traditional gaucho ranch, horseback riding, and touring museums, a wine vineyard, and an olive oil production site. In addition, the students visited numerous natural landmarks and hiked the Andes Mountains, including a hike through Cerro Aconcagua, the tallest peak in the Western hemisphere.

Since returning, both plan to continue their Spanish-language studies and state that they would someday like to return.

In addition to their studies and academic excellence, both Mr. Dias and Ms. Bendiksen are actively engaged in civic and philanthropic efforts throughout Southeastern Massachusetts.

Mr. Dias is the founder of Beth’s



Jeremy Dias and Ashley Bendiksen spent a month studying in Argentina for Spanish language credits at Salve Regina University. While in Argentina, they hiked through Cerro Aconcagua, the tallest peak in the Western hemisphere. Mr. Dias lives in Newport, RI; Ms. Bendiksen, a Fairhaven High School graduate, lives in New Bedford. Photo submitted.

Walk “2 Make Oral Cancer History,” an annual event engaged in partnership with the Oral Cancer Foundation.

Ms. Bendiksen takes on numerous active leadership roles across the SouthCoast as a SMILES Mentor and Big Sister, a board member with the Miss New Bedford Scholarship Program, and currently holds a position on the Board of Directors of the YWCA SE Mass., and is Chairwoman of the YWCA’s Leading Ladies.



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*William D. Roth, Jr., Director
Planning & Economic Development Department*

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a liability to both officers and guests.

"Times have changed since 1973. We are living in an age now when it's a totally different ballgame out there," Mr. Wojnar said.

Selectperson Leslie Dakin said the building is "almost at a point when you lose sleep over it." He said he hoped Town Meeting will support it.

"I've seen some better holding areas in a wild west movie," said Mr. Dakin.

Also at the meeting, Town Planner Henry Young announced a public hearing for a newly proposed rezoning bylaw for the Residential Village District, and presented the board with a draft of the bylaw. A copy can be obtained at Town Hall.

Finally, Mr. Dakin is calling on Acushnet residents to submit any old photos they may have of the original Quaker Meeting House located on North Main Street. He said the Town only has one single photo of the original building to assist them in restoring the building as much as possible to its original state. ●●●

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us too early. There are too many to put down."

Inside, face painting and coloring (butterflies of course) and crafts to make butterflies kept the children busy.

The short program also included remarks by Sharon Jones, President/CEO of Southcoast VNA, who told the approximately 250 people gathered that the event was for the people in the community to find comfort and hope. She said hospice is a "special kind of care," that tries to keep people at home.

"Our goal is to help improve the quality of life for hospice patients and their families every day," said Ms. Jones.

Joan Cote read a poem, "Miss Me But Let Me Go," by an unknown author, which included the words "Miss me a little, but not too long and not with your head bowed low. Remember the love that we once shared, miss me but let me go."

The organization plans to hold the event every year. For more information on SC VNA call 508-973-3200 or visit www.southcoastvna.org

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Thurs., 9/20, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

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Tues., 10/2, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 9/24, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

CDBG Forum

Tues., 9/25, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 9/24, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 9/20, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Historical Commission

Wed., 10/3, Academy Bldg.,

Housing Authority

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Planning Board

Tues., 10/9, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 9/26, FHS Media Ctr, 6:30 p.m.

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Acushnet Meetings

Conservation Commission

Wed., 9/26, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Planning Commission

Thurs., 9/27, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 10/1, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

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Mon., 10/22, Ford Middle Sch., 7 p.m.

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Cromwell women take on triathlon

By Mary Montigny

Special to the Neighb News

The following is an account of an "Ironman 70.3 Triathlon" in Antwerp, Belgium on July 22 of this year by Mary Montigny, who took on the challenge with her mother Cheryl Cromwell. The race consisted of a 1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bike ride and 13.1-mile run. Mary, who just made Chief has been living in Brussels Belgium for the past two years and is still there for the U.S. Navy, working at the Embassy.

Morning came and the sun rose, and was actually visible in the Belgian sky. The winds and rain had tamed from the previous days of bipolar weather. As far as the forecast was concerned, this would be a perfect day to compete in the Ironman triathlon.

Over the past four months, I had put in a grueling 1305 miles in 138 hours of training in the pool, on my bike and on my feet. Training was so time consuming and physically demanding, making it not only a physical struggle, but a mental one as well. Now the day laid at my feet and gave me the opportunity to see if it was all worth it. Competing with me were my mother Cheryl, and Richard Livingston from IPC, who both had the advantage of this being their second Ironman.

As soon as I donned my wetsuit, swim cap and goggles, an announcement came on the loud speaker, "Race number 257, you have a flat tire in the transition area." I felt like all my training went out the window, and all

I would think about on the swim was losing 10-15 minutes to change the tire before I could even begin. The start times were staggered by age group, so thankfully my mother had time to run my bike to the mechanic to repair the tire, but I would not know this information until I exited the water.

As soon as I jumped in the water, the 66-degree temperature stole my breath. I struggled to catch my breath as my wave swam on past me. Where was my confidence? Where was my form? I guess it all went out the window with my intentions on doing open water swims in my training. No clear warm water here!

I exited the water with a huge eye opener and a dose of reality: "The swim is over, so let it go! You now need to focus on the run!"

I was greeted by my boyfriend Pedro and friend Melodie on the transition to the bike. I thought they were going to give me a hard time about being in the water for so long, but instead gave me words of encouragement and told me that my mother had my tire repaired.

After a quick change of some clothing, I hopped on my saddle and prepared for a 56-mile ride. During a loop at mile 30, I was able to catch my mother who was a lap behind me. We rode together for several miles and compared our swim and transition experiences thus far.

My body was starting to feel the miles and the sun and I traded in my bike for my running sneakers. In my first mile, my mother passed me on her bike, making her way into the last

transition area.

The Ironman has very strict rules throughout the competition, to include a cut off/disqualifying time... which makes the race more appealing...more of a challenge.

When my mother changed into her running gear, they would not let her depart the transition area. They told her she was beyond the cut off time and was disqualified. Another woman and herself argued with the man and she showed him on her GPS that they still had over an hour to leave the transition area. Finally after 20 minutes, the race officials realized they made a big mistake, and let the two women proceed on the course.

The run consisted of three-plus loops around the city of Antwerp. The gorgeous architecture made the 13.1 miles pass rather fast. Every lap I looked forward to our cheering squad in the Grand Place, which had now grown to four people. My boss Zack and his wife Jacque came up to support us and to see all my hard training pay off.

I crossed the finish line in 6 hours and 23 minutes, followed by my mother with a time of 7 hours and 26 minutes.

I learned many things during this race. Many small things to remember for the next race, like to train in open water, test the goggles before you compete with them, don't waste time on socks for the bike portion and to use sun block.

But it is the bigger things that I learned that will stay with me for a lifetime. As my sister says "train hard, race easy!"

It is so important to put in the proper training to avoid injury. And the mental and physical stamina that is developed through this event is something that I will have with me in everything that I do. Knowing that I have the ability and strength to conquer anything. I am an Ironman!

Congratulations to the victory of my mother Cheryl Cromwell and Richard Livingston. And a humungous thank you to the support of our friends and family!



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