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(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

High School vandalized with fire extinguishers



A stairway in the historic portion of Fairhaven High School is covered in fire extinguisher powder on Monday, 9/24. Two juveniles who are not Fairhaven residents face criminal charges for breaking into the school and spraying the powder in corridors, foyers and staircases. See story on page 12. *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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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Oh, look, I'm only about three hours later than I should be. Getting better!!!

Okay, where to start, there's so much to write about. How about our cover story?

DO NOT MESS WITH OUR HIGH SCHOOL BULIDING!

Oh...that is so wrong. What a couple of little punks, huh?

Their little foray into the school is going to cost more than \$10,000, maybe even \$20,000.

I think we should garnish their little itty bitty teenage wages until they pay off every penny.

Confidential sources tell me that one of the brats felt bad and asked to help clean it up.

Problem is, no one wants him near the school, ever. Ever. Ever.

That is a problem with "Restorative Justice," something I've written about before. It would be good for those kids to see how much work is required to fix what they did. But not just SEE it. They should be forced to work it. Unfortunately, **NO ONE WANTS THEM NEAR THE BUILDING...EVER AGAIN.**

Go back to Freetown and Fall River.

Our own Halloween movie, "The American Scream," won best documentary at Fantastic Fest this week. How cool is that? This is the movie about our three home haunters. See page 3 for details. Apparently, we're an odd lot, but we like it that way....**HAAAAHAHAHAHA!!!!**

Speaking of scary stuff. See page 17 for a delightfully scary tale of suspense at the Acushnet library. What a hoot!

The first annual Katie Brienzo memorial walk is this weekend. Proceeds will benefit MO LIFE, an organization Katie loved. Katie was killed last November in a hit-and-run accident on Sconticut Neck Road. She was a beloved character in our little burg, and she is missed. See page 6 for details on the walk.

And, last, but certainly not least, be sure to get to the Working Waterfront Festival this weekend. I absolutely LOVE this festival. You get to walk all over a fishing boat and ask real, live fishing pros what all those gadgets are for. There are harbor tours, whaleboat races, whaleboat rowing opportunities, ice cream, scallop shucking contests, seafood, ice cream, books for sale, fish stories, ice cream, demonstrations on line splicing, line tossing, net mending, link making for trawls, ice cream, vendors with all kinds of nautical stuff, photographs, the best seafood **IN ALL THE WORLD**, ice cream, and just a gazillion people all being happy and talking to each other and appreciating the bounty that comes from that gray-blue beast that is my Atlantic Ocean, an appreciating the people who bring it to us. Did I mention there's ice cream, too?

See you there...



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Working Waterfront Fest this weekend

This year's Working Waterfront Festival will take place this weekend on 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 available.

This year's theme is *Fishtales: Fact, Fiction and Narrative Tradition in Commercial Fishing Culture*, and will explore enduring myths, local legends, and fact and fiction in contemporary fisheries issues.

The event is a unique opportunity for the public to get a firsthand look at the culture of fishing and for the commercial fishing community to tell its own story. The event presents all that goes into bringing seafood from the ocean to the table in a way that is hands-on, educational and fun.

Activities include a chance to row a whaleboat, and **whaleboat races on Sat., 9/29 from 8 a.m.–12:30 p.m. at the State Pier.**

Other activities include fishing boat tours, line tossing, a scallop shucking contest, man overboard

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"The American Scream" wins best documentary at film fest

The documentary, *The American Scream*, about three home haunts in Fairhaven, won best documentary at Fantastic Fest in Austin, Texas.

The film got rave reviews, and our own Manny Souza was there to create a haunt for festival goers. Victor Bariteau was also in Texas for the signing of the official movie posters. The other local stars of the film are father-son duo Richard and Matthew Brodeur.

The documentary sought to capture the spirit of "home haunters," those people who put their heart, soul, creativity, and money into scaring the living daylight out of young'uns on Halloween.

According to producers, Fairhaven had the highest concentration of home haunts they could find, making us Halloween Central.

After some research, they decided to concentrate on the efforts of Victor, Manny and the Brodeurs.

Most reviews call the documentary, tender and touching, and nearly all of them refer to Fairhaven as "sleepy."

One review states: "The amazing thing about these people is that they all live in the same town: Fairhaven, Massachusetts. Maybe it's something in the water or just good ol' fashioned New England spunk but Fairhaven has some inspired haunted houses. As you'd expect, the Bariteaus, Souzas and Brodeaus [sic] are colorful, slightly odd characters but they embrace that. Stephenson never makes fun of his subjects. In fact, it's evident that he cares about them deeply. By the end of the film, you will too."

[From: <http://veryaware.com/2012/09/fantastic-fest-review-the-american-scream/>]

The movie will run on NBC affiliate station "Chiller TV," on Sun., Oct. 28 at 8 p.m.

Locally, Manny is organizing a premiere in Fairhaven. The date has not been set yet, but he is hoping for the second week in October.

To see movie trailers visit <http://www.chillertv.com/movies/americanscream/> To learn more about Fantastic Fest: www.FantasticFest.com

Fairhaven 2012 Flu Clinics

At the Fairhaven Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven

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Conservation agent no longer attending ConCom meetings

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Everybody makes assumptions, says Fairhaven Conservation Agent Wayne Fostin, maintaining that his recent absences from ConCom meetings relate to a lack of funding, not with the recent discrimination complaints filed against him with MCAD.

Mr. Fostin was adamant in a 9/25 telephone interview that his recent absences from ConCom meetings have nothing to do with the recent discrimination complaint filed by ConCom Member Cora Peirce alleging that Mr. Fostin referred to Bella Vista Island resident Anwar Faisal as a "towelhead."

Shortly after the time the complaint was filed, Mr. Fostin ceased attending meetings, but he says that the timing coincides more with the hiring of a paid recording secretary, than with the timing of the allegation.

He said there simply is not enough funding for him to work on conservation-related responsibilities outside of his allotted ten hours a week.

"I'm one person doing five different jobs," Mr. Fostin said. "I only have ten hours a week for conservation...I'd rather be in the office taking care of the taxpayers."

According to Mr. Fostin, he spends all of his conservation hours fulfilling responsibilities such as filling out paperwork for ConCom and helping residents who do not know how to file. Mr. Fostin, who is the town's building inspector, receives a stipend of \$11,134 annually for his position as conservation agent.

When asked if his presence at ConCom meetings is vital, Mr. Fostin said, "To a small degree."

He said he is in charge of paperwork and has nothing to do with making decisions; furthermore, he said, he is rarely ever asked questions during meetings.

"It's up to those seven members of the board to make decisions," said Mr. Fostin. "I don't think it's a great thing to be there."

He said there is a plan to either go before the Finance Committee to ask for more funding, or have Town Meeting vote on it, at least for the money to pay the secretary.

"I don't care what they think out

there," said Mr. Fostin. "Nobody in this world works for nothing."

At the 9/24 ConCom meeting, the application to dredge and construct three additional service bays at the Fairhaven Shipyard was continued until 10/24, after the commission decided that a consultation with the shellfish warden was necessary in order to protect the shellfish spawning habitat of the harbor.

Susan Nilson of CLE Engineering presented the commission with a narrative of the proposed project that requires dredging of "geotechnically unsuitable materials" in order to install cofferdams for additional service bays. Ms. Nilson said this project will improve the infrastructure of the shipyard, expand their services, and create additional jobs.

Currently, the Fairhaven Shipyard has two railway bays and eight spaces in the yard for servicing boats,

I'm one person doing five different jobs...I don't care what they think out there. Nobody in this world works for nothing. [Wayne Fostin]

including pressure washing. Part of the proposed plan would be to install a new pressure wash system to catch the contaminated runoff water.

Ms. Nilson said the new cofferdams are necessary, since the alternative would be to remove some buildings and shift the service areas closer to the street side of the yard, resulting in the loss of the buildings as a buffer to Water Street. Also, space in the yard is tight with some boats of up to 160 feet in length arriving for service.

"It's just the issue of shellfish that we need to iron out," said ConCom member Andrew Jones. "I just want to come up with something that's protective of the resource and the town."

The commission agreed to consult with Shellfish Warden Tim Cox, and continued the hearing until 10/15.

David Hebert's application to restore the saltmarsh at the end of

Cottonwood Street was continued until 10/15 to allow for a site visit and consultation with Wetlands Consultant John Rockwell.

Dan McHugh of New England Wetlands told the commission that the plan was to restore the marsh to a low marsh, despite having once been a high marsh. He said the conditions for a high marsh restoration were poor, due to low seawater entry and the invasion of phragmites.

In another matter, Bill Roth, director of planning and economic development, announced the receipt of a donated parcel of land from the Washburn Avenue subdivision. The unbuildable lot abuts town property and the donation had already been approved by the Selectboard. The ConCom voted to accept it.

The commission also voted to act on two outstanding enforcement orders dated 6/18 for 6 Coe Street and 28 Monondach Street. The vote was to file with the Housing Court due to noncompliance. Both enforcement orders relate to dune destruction.

There are several past outstanding enforcement orders that have piled up, and the ConCom will have Mr. Fostin follow-up on them.

Mr. Jones described an occurrence that he was alerted to by the shellfish warden that took place at Hoppy's Landing on 9/23.

Two non residents drove their pick-up truck to the tip of Hoppy's Landing to drop off their dinghy, which was reported to the harbor-master.

Police chose not to charge the two people since there was no apparent damage. However, Mr. Jones called the "cul de sac of shells and Rosa Rugosa" an "attractive nuisance."

The property has historically been used as a passage to harvest seaweed, which has resulted in a "20 to 30-foot road" with tire tracks leading to the beach.

Mr. Jones said he wanted to have a sign installed prohibiting the use of vehicles, and would like to ask the DPW to place boulders to cut off vehicular access.

Also at the meeting:

- Steven Block received approval for a saltmarsh restoration at 624 Scoticut Neck Road with the con-

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Farmers Market

The Fairhaven Farmers Market is held on the **lawn of Fairhaven High School from 1-4pm Every Sunday.**

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

Workshop

The Fairhaven Farmers Market will host a special Gardening theme this **Sunday, September 30.** There will be free workshops by members of the Fairhaven Community Garden on tips for home gardeners, farm to table practices, and preserving and storing produce.

For more information contact Daniel Schemer, Outreach Services, myfairhaven200@gmail.com

Republican com.

Fairhaven Town Republican Committee will meet **Tues. Oct. 2, at 630 PM** at the community room at Fairhaven Police Station, 1 Bryant Lane. Accessible. Call 508-654-0716. All registered town Republicans are invited to attend.

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.

Scarecrow Contest

The Fairhaven Office of Tourism will be sponsoring a Spooky Scarecrow Contest in October.

Everyone is invited to help get Fairhaven in the Halloween spirit by bringing a homemade spooky (or not so spooky) scarecrow to the Academy Building on October 13 for display along the Main Street sidewalk of Fairhaven High School. Scarecrows will be judged for prizes and will be on display through November 3.

The contest is open to all ages. Entry categories are Youth (age 14 or under), Individual (age 15 and up), Family, and Organization/Business. One entry per person or group. Youth entries may involve some construction help by an adult, but the overall design and most of the work should be by the child. Prizes will be awarded in Youth, Individual, and Family categories only. Entries from organizations or businesses may display a sign to identify the group or business.

Scarecrows do not need to be spooky. Scarecrows may either be traditional style farm and garden scarecrows or they may be spooky, whimsical, humorous or based on historical, fictional, fairytale characters or celebrities. All scarecrows must be homemade. Faces may not be commercial rubber or plastic masks or commercially manufactured. Some commercial costume pieces may be used sparingly, but should not make up the majority of the scarecrow's outfit. Because scarecrows will be on display outdoors for more than two weeks, they must be durable and able to withstand sun, wind and rain.

Scarecrows, with completed entry forms, must be brought to the Fairhaven Academy, 141 Main Street, on Saturday, October 13, 2012, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Judging will take place during the Farmers Market on Sunday, October 14, between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m.

Complete rules and entry forms are available online at <http://HauntedFairhaven.blogspot.com>, at the Visitors Center, 43 Center St., and the Selectboard Office at Town Hall.

Blessing of Animals

Trinity Lutheran Church and Church of the Good Shepherd will hold a community Blessing of the Animals service on **Sunday,**

September 30, at 12:30pm at Livesey Park in North Fairhaven. Rev. Paul Wheeler, of Trinity Lutheran, will administer individual blessings to each pet. This service is held each year in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi, who showed kindness to and loved all animals. Everyone is welcome.

F.A.M.E. Meeting

The Fairhaven Association for Music Education (F.A.M.E.) will hold their monthly meeting on Thurs., Oct. 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Hastings Middle School cafeteria.

A non-profit organization made up of past and present music parents, educators and community members, this volunteer group works closely with the town of Fairhaven music department by funding needs and activities that go beyond the school system budget. F.A.M.E. is always looking for new ideas, members, sponsors, and specifically for volunteers to help at the concession stand for the Fairhaven High School home football games this fall.

Please visit f-a-m-e.home.comcast.net/ for more information.

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

Mini-Golf Tourney

The Rotary Club of Fairhaven is holding a Mini-Golf Spectacular on **Sunday, October 21, from 1-3 p.m.**

Generously Donated By **Cap'n Barnacles Mini-Golf**, 2 David Drown Blvd., Fairhaven. Bring the Family!

\$10 for a group of up to 5 people, \$2 per additional person

For tickets or more information on being a sponsor, please call Ivan Brito, President, at 774-263-8897 or 508-992-5978.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

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demonstration, wire splicing demo, workshops, seafood throwdown, fishtales story station, vendors, and local seafood.

For a schedule of demonstrations, entertainers, workshops and activities, call 508-993-8894, or navigate to www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org

ABWA "FUN-raiser"

First Annual "Ladies Night to Shine" FUN-raiser: Divas, Hors d'oeuvres & Wine. Thursday, October 4, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at The Sky Room (Howland Place), 651 Orchard St., New Bedford. \$10 donation to benefit American Business Women's Association's scholarship & general funds. Tickets available now or at the door. Network with 250 women, holiday shopping with 30 exhibitors, chance auction, door prizes!

Get your gal pals together for a fun night out!

For more information, to purchase tickets or to reserve exhibit space, please contact Linda Quinn, VP of Fundraising at (508) 991-5597 or lindamm.quinn@gmail.com.

ABWA is a non-profit group of women from diverse occupations and stages in their professional careers that usually meets on the first Wednesday of every month.

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 partici-

pants 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 Scoticut Neck Rd. in Fairhaven.; Southcoast Centers for Cancer Care, 206 Mill Road in Fairhaven.

Name the Duck

The Law office of Surprenant & Beneski's favorite little mascot has gone for too long without a name... and we need your help! Tell us what you think the name should be and you could be a WINNER!

Please submit your suggestion for a name by stopping in at our office on 35 Arnold Street, New Bedford.

You can also enter us by visiting our website at <http://www.myfamilyestateplanning.com/resources/duck-contest> or on our Facebook page.

Be sure to include your name and phone number along with your name suggestion. **All entries must be received by September 30th.**

The lucky duck winner will receive two (2) tickets for your very own "Duck Tour" ride of your choice in either Boston or the Hyannis location. So let's get quacking and good luck everyone!!

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.

- 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.

Music at St. Anthony

At 3:00 p.m. on Sun., Sept. 30, Music at St. Anthony's is fortunate to present internationally renowned concert musician, Jung-A Lee, in a recital at St. Anthony of Padua church in New Bedford's North End. The recital is part of the fundraising series

for the restoration of the now 100 year old instrument. Complimentary tea and refreshments are served after the recital at a reception to meet the organist in the church hall. Freewill donations are collected during the event, and patrons are encouraged to "Adopt an Organ Part" to help the fundraising. The next recital in the series will be on November 4.

St. Anthony's great pipe organ is one of the largest of its type and size in North America. It was designed for the space in the large Romanesque cathedral style church, which possesses a great acoustic quality due to the wood and plaster interior finishes. In fact, the pitch of the organ is a bit lower than what is common for many instruments, but this is part of the charm of its sound in its "home." It is difficult to find items that appreciate in value, but a fine instrument of this quality does so when it is properly cared for. Since this organ cannot be replaced, it is a treasure for New Bedford, and the New England region; it is being preserved through this music series.

This month is the Opus 489 Casavant Organ's 100th birthday. Please come and celebrate with us.

For more information, please call the rectory at 508-993-1691 or visit www.MusicAtSaintAnthonys.org

RAPP After School

The Southcoast™ Hospitals' Responsible Attitudes toward Pregnancy, Parenting & Prevention (RAPPP) Program is hosting a series of after school activities running through October. Experienced teachers will also be available to help students with math, science, English and history homework.

Each day of the week will feature a different theme: Mystery Monday, arts & crafts on Tuesday, newsletter on Wednesday, cultural day on Thursday and Fitness Friday. The following The next events are:

- **Fri., 9/28:** Zumba & making trail mix.
- **Mon., 10/1:** Nail design/manicures and the Southcoast Health Van
- **Tues., 10/2:** Scarecrow making and help with math & science homework.
- **Wed., 10/3:** Newsletter.

For more infor: 508-995-0306. Learn more about RAPPP at www.southcoast.org/rapp/ or call the RAPPP office at 508-995-0306.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

NH Foliage trip

See the foliage in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Sun., Oct. 7, \$70 per person. Trip includes Buffet lunch at the White Mountain Hotel in No. Conway, shopping and browsing in No. Conway, driving tour of the Kangamagus Highway, motorcoach transportation by Conway tours.

This is a never-to-be-forgotten scenic ride through the White Mountain National Forest, ablaze in autumn splendor. View historic covered bridges, mountain vistas, beautiful waterfalls and, of course, the magnificent autumn foliage. Watch for the many wild animals like moose and deer.

Call Cecelia Arruda, 508-999-4755.

VT Foliage

The stage is set for a beautiful foliage season in Vermont as early fall colors begin to emerge. Impending cool nights and reduced daylight hours will soon evoke the green leaves to transform to red, orange and yellow. In these early stages of fall foliage, the best colors can generally be found in higher elevations, the northern sections of the state, and in wetter low-lying areas, where swamp maples bring an early splash of crimson.

New this year, the Foliage Report will be issued Tuesdays, through October 30. The Foliage Report will include a map that features best driving routes, an audio update and hiking/walking trail recommendations. The information will be comprised from a weekly survey of more than a dozen state foresters, led by the state's lead Foliage Forecaster, Michael Snyder, Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation.

With the highest percentage of maple trees in New England, one-third of which are sugar and red maples responsible for producing intense red hues, Vermont has the most vibrant fall foliage in the northeast. As Vermont is 76 percent forested and home to more than 50 state parks, leaf peepers can view expansive foliage across more than 300,000 acres of state-owned forests beautifully contrasted next to farm valleys, towns and waterways.

VermontVacation.com tools for planning a Vermont Fall Foliage tour include: • Lodging Availability & Midweek Packages • Fall Foliage Forecaster • Scenic Drives & Byways • Fall Travel Tips

For more information, visit www.VermontVacation.com. Leaf peepers can also easily stay up-to-date on the color progression of Vermont's foliage by calling the Fall Foliage Hotline at 1-800-VERMONT.

Doo-Wop Night F-R

The Tobey Hospital Guild will hold its annual gala on **Saturday, September 29**, with proceeds to benefit the Guild's \$100,000 pledge to purchase new patient equipment at Tobey.

The theme of this year's event is "An Evening of Doo-Wop" with entertainment provided by the Tune Weavers, well known for their top hit, "Happy, Happy Birthday Baby." In true doo-wop style, dancing will be optional. Live and silent auction.

The event will kick off with hors d'oeuvres beginning at 6 p.m. and will take place at White's of Westport, 66 State Road in Westport. Tickets are \$100 per person and must be purchased in advance by calling 508-961-5752 (\$60 of the ticket price is tax deductible). For information visit <http://www.southcoast.org/give/events-doo-wop.html>.

Habitat Gala

Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity, an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, is holding a charity fundraising event sponsored by Franklin American Mortgage. "Raise the Roof" Gala will feature a selection of wine, beer and hors d'oeuvres, live and silent auctions, and music by the Bela Sarkozy Trio at the Sippican Tennis Club in Marion.

Friday, September 28th from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Sippican Tennis Club, 20 Holmes St., Marion. Reservations are a \$50 donation through our website: buzzardsbayhabitat.org or by phone: 508-758-4517

Gang Violence Panel

A Mass. effort to apply best practices in targeting gang violence has formed some unlikely partnerships, such as Latino residents

patrolling the streets with police officers in a Springfield neighborhood, persuading at-risk kids to get involved in positive activities.

Yet every community adapts the Comprehensive Gang Model in a unique way, and Suffolk University will give voice to stories from the front lines in the panel discussion *Confronting Gang Violence: Lessons from Massachusetts and Beyond* at 4 p.m. Oct. 2, 2012.

The panel discussion gathers together the resources of the University's Center for Crime & Justice Policy Research in the College of Arts and Sciences, the Moakley Center for Public Management in the Sawyer Business School and the Rappaport Center for Law and Public Service in the Law School.

The panel discussion will take place from **4-5:30 p.m. Tues., Oct. 2, in the first-floor function room of Sargent Hall, 120 Tremont St., Boston.** A book launch for *Looking Beyond Suppression: Community Strategies to Reduce Gang Violence* with editors Gebo and Bond will follow at 5:30 p.m.

Farmers Market

The **Acushnet Farmers Market is held each Saturday, rain or shine**, from 9 am to 1 pm at Stone Bridge Farm, 186 Leonard Street, Acushnet. We have ample off street parking and several vendors each week. For more information please call Joanne Harding at 508.951.1551 or email eventsonthefarm@gmail.com

Story Time

Barnes & Noble, 392 State Road in the Dartmouth Towne Center, Dartmouth, cordially invites toddlers, preschoolers, and their caretakers to our weekly storytime. **Every Tuesday morning at 11:00** we gather around to read stories and do an activity.

In addition to our Tuesday morning events, we also occasionally offer costume character visits, special storytimes on Friday evenings or Saturday afternoons, and other special events for children and adults. For more information, please check out the "Stores & Events" tab at www.bn.com.

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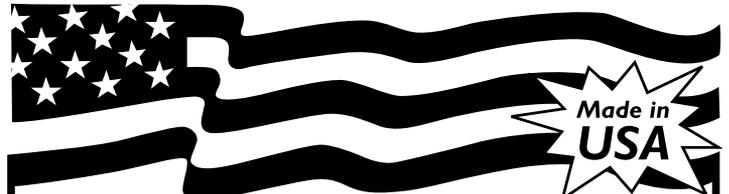
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Recipes of the Week

Spinach-stuffed pumpkins

4 small sugar pumpkins
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 Monterey Jack

Butter

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Cut off tops and remove seeds from pumpkins. Coat the insides with butter, and season with salt and pepper. Replace lids. Place in a shallow baking dish with a small amount of water to prevent bottoms from scorching during cooking.

Bake in the preheated oven for 30 minutes, or until insides have darkened yet outsides remain firm. Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, stir softened cream cheese into spinach until melted and well-blended.

Fill pumpkins with spinach mixture, and top each with a slice of cheese. Return to the oven for 3 minutes to melt cheese if serving immediately. Pumpkins may be covered and refrigerated at this point until ready to serve. May be reheated in the microwave for 2 minutes.

To share a recipe with your neighbors

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Art show winners announced

Press Release

The Annual Homecoming Fair sponsored by the Fairhaven Improvement Association also includes a show of local artists' talents. Each year the number of participants increases. Judges are selected by the Art Show Chairperson. The Chair for the past few years has been Lorrie Fernandes, Fairhaven High School Art Teacher. The judges included Brenda Roveda, FHS Art Teacher, Patricia Regan, Art Teacher, and Jack Iddon, Photographer. Submissions were classed in several categories including Graphic Design or Mixed Media, Oil Painting and Acrylic, and Photography.

This year's winners include:

Best In Show

Bernadette Costa for "Barcelona Façade"

Graphic Design or Mixed Media

- 1st: Marilyn Urquhart for "Firey Iris"
- 2nd: Michelle Whalley for " Laugh, Laugh, Laugh"
- 3rd: Michelle Whalley for " Well Behaved and Naughty"

Watercolors

- 1st: Charlie Tapper for "Vivian's Words"



"The Captain's Wheel" by Bernadette Costa won first place in photography at the Homecoming Day Fair art show on June 30. Photo by Beth David.

- 2nd: John Bergeron for "The Dory"
- 3rd: Charlie Tapper for "Lady Slipper"

Oil Painting and Acrylic

- 1st: John Bergeron for "Castle Hill Lighthouse"
- 2nd: John Bergeron for "Harbor Reflection"
- 3rd: Meagan Raposa for "Petals"

Photography

- 1st: Bernadette Costa for "Captain's Wheel"
- 2nd: Marilyn Urquhart for "Ned's Point"
- 3rd: Bernadette Costa for "Innocence"

CPC accepting applications

Press Release

The Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee is accepting applications for the 2013 funding round. The 2013 Community Preservation Plan, Submission Guidelines and Application Forms are available on the Town's Web Site at www.fairhaven-ma.gov. Click on the Community Preservation Committee's page.

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tion of Open Space.

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Deadline for applications is, Friday, Nov. 9, 2012 by 12:00 PM.

Further information is available from the Planning and Economic Development Department at (508) 979-4082 or cpc@fairhaven-ma.gov.

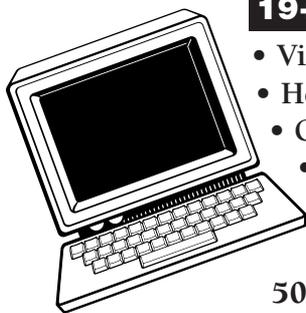
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Fairhaven High School vandalized

By Beth David
Editor

Two juveniles, one from Freetown and one from Fall River, are being charged with breaking and entering in the daytime, felony vandalism and trespassing in connection with an incident at Fairhaven High School on Sunday, 9/23.

The two suspects allegedly broke into the school during a Pop Warner football game and discharged fire extinguishers in the building, coating floors, molding, staircases and furniture with a fine powder in parts of both the old building and the addition.

School was closed on Monday so professional cleaning crews could clean the affected areas. There was no permanent damage to the building. Only cleaning was required, and the substance is not hazardous.

According to FHS principal Tara Quirk-Kohler it was unclear how the juveniles gained access to the main part of the buildings. The building was open for people to use the bathrooms, but the rest of the building should have been sealed off from the public.

When the powder was discharged, the fire alarms activated and the Fairhaven Fire Department responded, discovered the discharged fire

extinguishers and notified the police department.

According to Ms. Kohler, custodians immediately accessed the surveillance cameras and found the suspects near the concession stand while the game was still going on.

"The good news is, it was a really neat effort by everyone involved," said Ms. Kohler. "Our building custodians found them on the field. I was most impressed with our custodial staff. People are so protective of the building. It was so personal for us."

She said she was happy no FHS students were involved.

"There's a moment where you think, 'who on earth would do this,'" said Ms. Kohler. "In our heart of hearts we knew it was not something our kids would do."

A call to parents notified students of Monday's school closing.

After the call went out, Ms. Kohler said several parents and teachers volunteered to help with the cleanup, but officials decided it had to be professionally cleaned.

"It shows what kind of community we have here," said Ms. Kohler.

She said she personally was very angry when she learned what had happened. Although she did not attend FHS, she said she learned very



quickly to appreciate the old building when she took the job five years ago.

The Elizabethan-influence design is by Charles Brigham and includes marble floors, oak paneling, stained glass windows carved wooden gargoyles, and the Knipe Auditorium which has a beamed ceiling. Standard Oil magnate Henry Huttleston Rogers had the school built and donated it to the town in 1906.

Ms. Kohler said she was impressed with the quick actions of the custodians, who accessed the security camera and immediately located the suspects on the field.

"They feel as passionately about the building as we all do," said Ms. Kohler, adding, "I was pretty close to the maddest I've ever been. It was like somebody did it to my house."

Crews had to wait several hours for the powder to settle before cleaning. The area in front of the Knipe Auditorium and the staircase up the third floor were thick with powder on Monday. The third floor, outside room 309M had the thickest powder and was partly cleaned, making it easy to see how powder was in the air the day before.

The substance also found its way under doorways and into the Knipe Auditorium, although it looked like the auditorium was not specifically targeted. The film was not very thick, but the fine powder reached throughout the whole room.

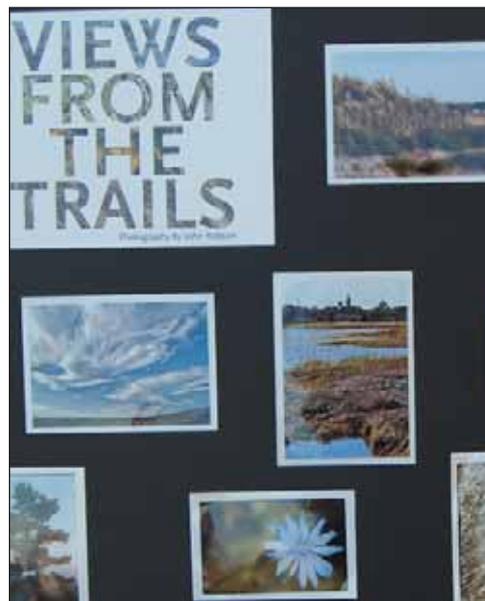
Cost of clean-up is estimated as close to \$20,000.

To learn more about the unique building and the gifts of Henry Huttleston Rogers to the town of Fairhaven, visit the Fairhaven office of Tourism website at <http://fairhaventours.blogspot.com/> or the Millicent Library <http://www.millicentlibrary.org/mrkt&ml.htm>



TOP: This round mark in the marble floor of the old Fairhaven High School building marks the spot where vandals put the spent fire extinguisher down after spraying the powder throughout parts of the building, showing how the powder covered the floor after it settled. ABOVE: It's easy to see how thick the powder is on this floor in front of rooms 302M and 309M. RIGHT: Although the door was closed, some of the powder clearly made it into this classroom on third floor. Photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews for more photos.

Community Trail Network looks to make hiking educational



LEFT: The sun starts to set over the river at Baggins End Guest House in Fairhaven at the fund-raising event held by the Community Trail Network on Sunday, 9/23. RIGHT: A series of photographs shows what people will see on the trails to be built. The network will consist of trails with educational kiosks and walkways behind the new Wood School on Sconticut Neck Road and behind the East Fairhaven School. At EFS the trails will connect to the Nasketucket Woods, approximately 52 acres of conservation land that abuts the school grounds. At the Wood School the trails will lead to the saltmarsh. Educational kiosks will explain plants and wildlife. The independent project will tie into educational programs at the schools. Organizers estimate it will cost about \$50,000 to complete. The committee is working with environmental groups to make sure habitat is not disturbed. The money will also be used for permitting, building boardwalks and overlooks, signage and educational kiosks. "So cutting trails is a little more complicated than cutting brush," said committee member and school committee member Stasia Powers. For more information, email fairhaventrails@yahoo.com. Photos by Beth David. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews for more photos of this and other events.

Fairhaven Tennis Association has biggest tourney yet

The fifth South Coast Open Tennis Tournament, sponsored by the Fairhaven Tennis Association, was the biggest yet with tennis players throughout the southcoast participating. Winners of the men's doubles were both Fairhaven residents: Alex McGannon, who was number one for Fairhaven High School last year, and Aaton Petruski, who is a pro and has

given lessons to FTA players. They defeated David Grochmal (N.B.) and Jay Grochmal (Dartmouth) 6-0, 6-4.

The team of Lynn Kelozo (Buzards Bay) and Anne Petit (Berkley) captured the women's doubles championship with a hard fought 6-1, 6-7 (3), 11-9 victory over Gail Isaksen (Fairhaven) and Connie Heacox (Marion).

In the men's singles, David Grochmal (New Bedford) defeated Ron Houde (New Bedford) 6-0, 6-2

Plans are now underway to add another tournament next June with all proceeds to be donated to charity.

For more information contact tournament director Chris Anderson andercroix@yahoo.com or visit www.fairhaventennis.org



LEFT: Chris Taylor returns with fire on Saturday during the South Coast Open Tennis Tournament sponsored by the Fairhaven Tennis Association this weekend.

RIGHT: David Grochmal keeps an eye on the ball as he gets ready to send it over the net. Photos by Heidi Winnett. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com

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NOAA Press Release

U.S. seafood landings reached a 17-year high in 2011, thanks in part to rebuilding fish populations, and the value of landings also increased, according to a new report by NOAA.*

According to the report, *Fisheries of the United States 2011*, U.S. commercial fishermen landed 10.1 billion pounds of fish and shellfish in 2011, valued at \$5.3 billion, an increase over 2010 of 1.9 billion pounds and more than \$784 million. Much of the increase is due to higher catches of Gulf menhaden, Alaska pollock, and Pacific hake, also known as whiting.

"Commercial and recreational fishing are integral to the nation's social and economic fabric," said Sam Rauch, deputy assistant NOAA administrator for NOAA's Fisheries Service. "To see landings and value climb again this year shows we're moving in the right direction and that the fishing industry is strengthening as fish populations rebuild. Our goal is to support a thriving, sustainable seafood industry that is competitive in the global marketplace, and to enjoy the benefits of recreational fishing in our own waters."

More than 10 million recreational saltwater anglers in the United States took 69 million marine fishing trips in 2011 and caught 345 million fish, releasing nearly 60 percent of them alive. Spotted sea trout remained the top catch for recreational anglers, with 41 million caught in 2011. Atlantic croaker, sand sea trout, spot, and kingfishes were the other most common catches for saltwater anglers last year.

The report shows that the Alaska port of Dutch Harbor-Unalaska led the nation with the highest amount of

fish landed — primarily pollock — for the 15th consecutive year. For the 12th consecutive year, New Bedford, Mass. had the highest valued catch, due mostly to the sea scallop fishery.

Dutch Harbor-Unalaska, AK, landed 705 million pounds in 2011, up from 515 million pounds in 2010. New Bedford's catch was valued at \$369 million in 2011, up from \$306 million in 2010.

However, scallops are a bright spot in New England fishery: despite fishermen staying within catch limits, several key groundfish stocks have declined unexpectedly, leading the Department of Commerce to declare a disaster for groundfish fishermen on Sept. 13. Similar announcements were made that day for chinook salmon in Alaska's Yukon and Kuskokwin rivers and Cook Inlet, and for the oyster and blue crab fisheries in Mississippi.

Catches throughout the Gulf of Mexico rebounded in 2011 to the highest volume since 1999, following a curtailed 2010 season due to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The full fishing season in 2011 produced commercial landings of Gulf menhaden that were 66% higher than 2010, with Gulf fishermen bringing in more than 1.6 billion pounds of menhaden valued at \$110 million. Gulf shrimp landings rose 20 percent, from 176 million pounds valued at \$338 million in 2010 to 212 million pounds valued at \$418 million in 2011.

The report also shows that the average American ate 15 pounds of fish and shellfish in 2011, less than the 2010 figure of 15.8 pounds. Altogether, Americans consumed 4.7 billion pounds of seafood, making the U.S. second only to China in seafood consumption.

In 2011, about 91 percent of seafood consumed in the U.S. was imported, up five percent from 2010. However, a portion of this imported seafood is caught by American fishermen, exported overseas for processing and then re-imported to the U.S. The top three imports are shrimp, canned tuna, and tilapia fillet.

Almost half of imported seafood comes from aquaculture, or farmed seafood. America's aquaculture industry currently meets less than five percent of U.S. seafood demand, producing primarily oysters, clams, mussels, and some finfish, including salmon.

"By promoting sustainable domestic aquaculture to complement rebuilt wild fisheries, we can create more jobs and provide additional local sources of seafood that meet the highest standards for environmental protection and food safety," said Rauch.

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*For the complete report visit <http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/st1/fus/fus11/index.html>

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Acushnet's hairy scary day shows community spirit, good fun

By Beth David
Editor

What would you do if you saw two hairy, scary eyes staring back at you from the book-drop box at your local library? And, just at the exact moment you saw it, it jumped backwards away from you?

You'd call your fearless librarians of course.

Well, you'd call the police first.

That's what happened one August day in 2010 at the Russell Memorial Library in Acushnet. Mr. Green, the principal of the Ford Middle School returned some books in the drop box and saw a hairy, scary pair of eyes that fell away just when he saw them. He called the police, who don't have a key. He called the Animal Control Officer, and he called Connie Preston, one of the librarians.

Ms. Preston rushed over to meet Becky Tomlinson, the ACO, and the rescue operation began.

First, Ms. Tomlinson sent Ms. Preston and the library custodian to the balcony so they wouldn't have any contact with the beast. Then Acushnet's fearless ACO* rolled out

the container while the other two women watched from above to tell her what they saw.

Then they all had a sigh of relief and a good laugh.

The big, hairy, scary creature was "Spinner," a spider puppet that the library lends out. A big, hairy, scary spider puppet.

How do we know all this?

It's all in a book, "A Very Hairy, Scary Day at The Acushnet Public Library," by Connie Preston, with illustrations by Robert Sutcliffe.

Ms. Preston said the Mr. Green probably called her because she knew him, her daughter went to school with his wife.

"So, it's really a small town happening," she said. "Bless his



Connie Preston poses with a copy of her book, "A Very Hairy, Scary Day at The Acushnet Public Library," and with "Spinner," the spider puppet featured in the book. The story came to be when the puppet was left in the book drop box and the middle school principal thought it was a live animal. The Animal Control Officer responded and...a book idea was born.

Photo by Beth David

heart, he didn't want anyone getting hurt."

She said the reactions of everyone shows that in a small town, people look out for each other.

"Chances are, in a big city, this wouldn't have happened," said Ms. Preston. "No one would've taken the

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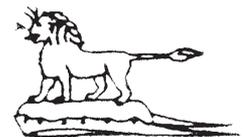


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FinCom tightens belt on reserve fund requests

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Finance Committee met as a whole for the first time on 9/20, since 6/28, to discuss the Mass. Department of Revenue technical assistance audit, as well as a stricter policy for reserve fund transfers.

Finance Committee Chairperson John Roderiques said the result of the Mass DOR "audit" should be released by the end of September, and a meeting of the Economic Study Committee will subsequently take place on 10/4 to discuss the results.

The committee consists of Selectboard Chairperson Brian Bowcock, Town Administrator Jeffrey Osuch, Director of Finance John Nunes, the department heads of the "Big Four" (police, fire, school, and BPW), and Mr. Roderiques.

Mr. Roderiques said he hopes to have the final surplus revenue figures at that time, saying that he had been given the preliminary surplus figures, and was asked not to release them until they were certified.

"Free cash is fairly level; about the same as last year. A bit more, a bit less," said Mr. Roderiques. "It's not like it's okay...it's not a disaster...It's a lot better than it could have been."

But, unless a there is a miracle, according to Mr. Roderiques, there will not be any room for any significant spending increases.

"It's not a total disaster, but, who knows?" said Mr. Roderiques.

Mr. Roderiques suggested that for next year's budget process, FinCom needs to receive concrete numbers "from the get-go," without a repeat performance of the last two years.

"It's not our job to turn over rocks to find the money," Mr. Roderiques

said. "We shouldn't have to beat people up to come up with a budget."

He turned his attention again to the DOR audit, originally requested by Selectperson Bob Espindola, saying that he anticipates a lot of "constructive criticism."

"When I told [the DOR] we didn't get our budgetary figures until January, their jaws almost dropped," Mr. Roderiques said.

He said he is hoping for a unified effort from the Selectboard, FinCom,

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and the Finance Department to work toward uniform change.

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The DOR report will be available for public viewing, as well as viewable online, when the results are released. FinCom decided to hold a meeting with department heads on 10/25.

Prompting a discussion on policy, with a subsequent vote on the matter, FinCom received a request for a transfer from the reserve fund from Animal Control Officer Cat Mindlin for \$105 to attend a seminar highlighting the 2012 changes in animal enforcement laws.

Mr. Roderiques asked members to give their opinions on what qualifies as an "unforeseen expense," and whether Ms. Mindlin's request qualifies for a reserve fund transfer.

Committee members agreed that an expense must be extraordinary, almost to the degree of an emergency to qualify, with Mr. Roderiques commenting that he regretted several past approvals for reserve fund transfers that might not have been appropriate.

"We need to tighten the belt on that noose," Mr. Roderiques said. He told the board that, although Ms. Mindlin may not have known about the seminar ahead of time, it does not necessarily qualify for a transfer.

"It certainly doesn't meet the requirements for 'extraordinary,'" he said. "It has to be more than just something new that's come up."

He emphasized that he did not want to make it appear as though Ms. Mindlin's request was "foolish," then suggested that she approach the Selectboard to request the funds from the animal gift account.

"It's not a criticism of the program," said Mr. Roderiques. "It's a procedure issue."

The committee voted to deny the reserve fund transfer, and voted to tighten the policy by requiring department heads to approve future transfer requests before approaching the committee.

FinCom also received notices from the Police Department advising the committee that problems with the recording system, tuition fees for recruits, and the need for a new thermostat apart from the main one located too close to the very heated computer room, may give rise to requests for reserve fund transfers.

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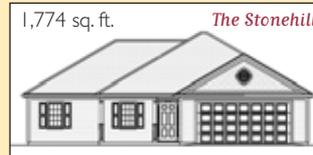


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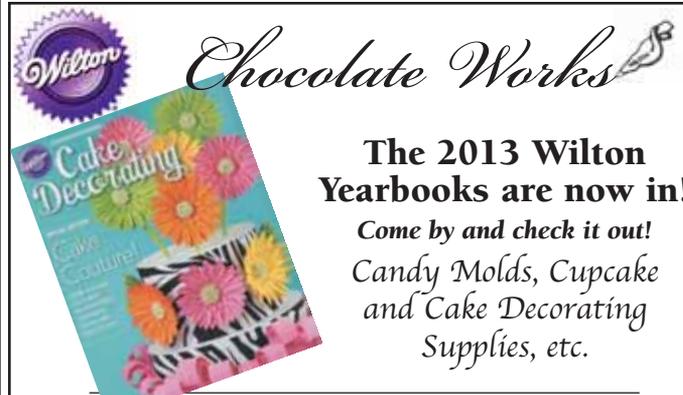
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Fairhaven police hire four offices, promote one

Fairhaven Police Press Release

The Town of Fairhaven recently appointed four full-time police officers at a meeting of the Board of Selectmen this past June. The employment offers were subject to successful completion of a medical examination, a drug screening, a psychological examination, a background investigation, and successful completion of a physical abilities test and the police academy.

The appointments were made by the Fairhaven Board of Selectmen after an interview process that was conducted the week before at the Fairhaven Police Station. Candidates were interviewed by Chief Michael Myers, Sergeant Kevin Kobza and the Board of Selectmen, which is made up of the Chairman, Dr. Brian Bowcock, Mr. Charles Murphy Sr. and Mr. Robert Espindola.

The new hires are 28-year-old Christopher Bettencourt, 25-year-old Andrew Quintin, 24-year-old Wayne Mello Jr. and 23-year-old Alexander Kisla. All four are Fairhaven residents and started the Plymouth Police Academy on September 10th. The police academy is a comprehensive 21-week training program that consists of classroom and physical training as well as practical exercises designed to challenge recruits both mentally and physically in the various

areas of police work.

Recruit Bettencourt came to the Fairhaven Police Department from the Bristol County Sheriffs Department where he served as a corrections officer. He also served overseas in the United States Marine Corps.

Recruit Quintin was also employed as a corrections officer with the Massachusetts Department of Corrections and is a member of the Massachusetts Army National Guard.

Recruit Mello was pursuing a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice at Bridgewater State University and working in his family's business.

Recruit Kisla is a graduate of Bridgewater State University with a degree in Criminal Justice.

The expected graduation date for all four recruits is February 1, 2013. After graduation from the Plymouth Police Academy, all four recruits will begin field training with veteran officers of the Fairhaven Police Department. These recent hires bring the ranks of the Fairhaven Police Department up to 24 Patrolmen, 6 Sergeants, 5 Civilian Dispatchers and the Chief of Police

Botelho is new sergeant

The Town of Fairhaven promoted one of its Police Officers to the rank of Sergeant last week. At the September

17th Board of Selectmen's meeting, Officer Matthew Botelho was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Sgt. Botelho began his career with the Fairhaven Police Department in December of 2003 when he was hired as a fulltime Patrolman.

Sgt. Botelho has received numerous commendations during his time with the department, and received the Public Servant of the Year Award from the North Fairhaven Improvement Association in 2011.

He is the assistant keeper of the records for the department's breathalyzer and was the moving force behind getting the department trained and outfitted with the TASER less lethal force option. Sergeant Botelho also serves as the TASER Manager for the Fairhaven Police Department.

Sgt. Matthew Botelho is the younger brother of Detective Sergeant Michael Botelho who has been a member of the Fairhaven Police since 1995, making them possibly the first team of brothers to simultaneously serve the department as Sergeants.

Sgt. Botelho's promotion is concurrent with the retirement of Sergeant Stephen L. Foster Jr., who will retire at the end of this month after serving the Town of Fairhaven with distinction for over 32 years.

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time to call."

And then, of course, for the ACO to show up right away, make sure the librarians were out of harm's way, and the good-sport attitude afterwards when it all turned out to be a stuffed animal. So, she decided to write it up, and she even got a town resident to create the illustrations for free.

"It was a chain of events," said Ms. Preston. "It embodies small town caring for each other."

Proceeds from the book go to the Friends of the Acushnet Library,

which helps out with the costs of things the regular budget can't cover.

The library lends out a "bunch" of different puppets the same way they lend books. The children named them, including Spinner the spider, Chomper the alligator, Midnight the horse and Russell the dog.

The book is available at the Russell Memorial Library in Acushnet, 88 Main Street, 508-998-0270, <http://www.sailsinc.org/acushnet/>

**Disclosure! Disclosure! Acushnet's Animal Control Officer is the editor's cousin.*



Raya Lucas plays with Russell, one of the puppets available for circulation at the Russell Memorial Library in Acushnet. Photo by Beth David.

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dition that the wetlands delineation is only valid for that project.

- Omar El Halabi received a Negative 3 indicating that his project to install sona tubes for an eight-foot long second-floor addition will not affect surrounding wetlands.
- An application filed by Richard

Gomes of 14 Sylvia Street for an after-the-fact notice of intent to install a fence and above ground swimming pool was continued until 10/15 to allow for a delineation of wetlands.

- Rich Rheaume, representing Luis Pacheco of 307R Sconticut Neck

Road, presented the board with photos proving the existence of a historical stone wall on Mr. Pacheco's property. ConCom has ordered Mr. Pacheco's recent placement of extra stones on top of the wall to be taken down, but the historical wall can stay.

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Brian K. Bowcock, Chairman
Fairhaven Board of Selectmen

Board of Health

Synopsis of Fairhaven Board of Health Rules & Regulations: "Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products & Nicotine Delivery Products"

On September 17, 2012, the Fairhaven Board of Health voted to enact a regulation entitled "Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products & Nicotine Delivery Products". The regulation bans tobacco sales in health care institutions (including pharmacies); bans tobacco commercial roll-your-own machines and blunt wrap sales; requires an additional retailer sign regarding cessation; and expands the regulation to

include "nicotine delivery products". The regulation will become effective on November 1, 2012. A copy of the regulation is available at the Fairhaven Board of Health Office.

Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on October 15, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. In the Fairhaven Town Hall, Purpose is for Request for Determination of the following matters as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

- Notice of Intent Applicant Robert Nightingale Jr. Location 25 Shaws Cove Plot 33 Lot 38 Purpose conduct soil assessment for septic system modifications within a VE flood zone and barrier beach.
- Request for Determination Applicant William E. & Maria B. Santos Location 11 Gilbert Street Plot 29A lot 252 Purpose construct shed within an AE flood zone.
- Request for Determination Applicant Lisa M. Clohessy. Location in road layout of Mill Road & Shady Drive, Purpose install 4" conduits within the NRB only.
- Request for Determination Applicant Estate of Mary Tavares Location 288 Mill Road Plot 39 Lot 29B Purpose repair septic system within the NRB only.

Respectfully Submitted
Joseph Taylor, Chairman
Fairhaven Conservation Commission

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Board of Public Works

Mon., 10/1, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

CDBG hearing

10/1 at Selectboard meeting, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 10/15, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 10/25, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Historical Commission

Wed., 10/3, Academy Bldg.,

Planning Board

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

School Committee

Wed., 10/10, FHS Media Ctr, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 10/1, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Conservation Commission

Wed., 10/10, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Planning Commission

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

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School Committee

Tues. 10/2, Ford MS, 5 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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Letters from our readers

WT noise "intrusive"

I walked the bike path extension this morning (9/18) for the first time since the wind turbines went into full operation. Only the turbine nearest Teal Circle was operating in a fairly brisk wind. The closer I came to that turbine the greater the noise which became increasingly intrusive to the total environment.

Intrusiveness is the real issue and not the number of decibels one can measure. This particular turbine is on a ledge, and I'm sure that is a factor in the on-site noise level as well as the vibration conducted underground to the homes on Teal Circle.*

The noise level was so intrusive it was difficult to think and increased the desire to quickly put some distance between me and the turbine. My advantage was the ability to get away from the sound. Those who live nearby do not have that option.

All of the decibel measuring in the world is beside the point. The all too audible and abrasive sound of these turbines is a noisy, obnoxious intrusion, not naturally occurring in the area. It would only be logical to expect some kind of negative effect on both humans and wildlife in the vicinity.

A two-fold mistake has been made in locating these turbines in such close proximity to residential neighborhoods and in a wild-life area. It's not as if there wasn't loud and clear opposition. Most multiple wind turbine installations are in wide-open spaces, far removed from residential areas. That is where they belong.

Morally, if not legally, the Town has an obligation to those most adversely affected by the intrusive and irritating noise from these turbines. So...what should we expect? Ridicule? Or real action?

Richard T. Clark

**Editor's note: Both turbines are secured bedrock. There is no evidence that ledge carries sound. Contractors contacted by the Neighb News say that bedrock stops sound.*

Book list should explain, not ban books

I'm disappointed that another local paper chose to include only one short quote from the school committee chair in their coverage of the 9/12 meeting, "We are not in the business of censorship. We trust our teachers."

I'm sure, and sincerely hope, that the committee said more than that in response to the 4 members of the public who spoke about the HMS summer reading list.(2 parents, 1 teacher, 1 student). I make it a point to attend several school committee meetings each year but I was out of town so I could not attend this meeting.

The one quote from the chair unfairly paints the committee as an elected body that does not support the right of the public to be heard and responded to at a public meeting. Although I believe that the committee's policy regarding public comment on non-agenda items has room for improvement, at every meeting I've attended the committee has granted those wishing to speak the time to do so.

As to the topic itself I too trust our teachers and, after speaking privately with a committee member, I no longer feel the list should ban or censor certain titles. However, the list of titles recommended for the summer should contain a description of the material, written by the book list committee and perhaps a warning to parents to pre-read certain passages before choosing that book for their child. I think that oral sex and other graphically described sexual activities should not be included in recommended reading for 12-14-year-old children, but if they warn me it's there I will not allow my child to read it.

There was a letter attached to the list stating that parents should approve a book for their child so yes, they need to do their job as parents and take the time to research the titles, but on the other hand they need to receive the list at least a few weeks before the start of the summer break so they can do so properly.

The school committee is putting the responsibility entirely on the school staff. In the spirit of the words in the mission and goals of the school department that claims it wants to "work in partnership with parents and

the community" I think the support and signatures of nearly 200 people should influence the teachers and principal of the middle school to re-evaluate their selections and the way the list is presented.

Diane Hahn

FHS Alum shares memory of the Old Stone School House

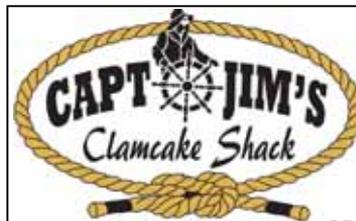
I am really impressed with the [Neighb News]. I went into the archives and just happened to pick the 2006 "only" edition. I read the little piece about an upcoming neighborhood walk. The walk started at the old Stone School House on 40 North Street.

I can remember as a teenager that a contractor (I believe the contractor's name was "Red Baker") used to store material & equipment in that building. I was part of a group of teenagers instrumental in converting the old church almost right across the street into a neighborhood clubhouse. I did a lot of the initial repairs to the building so the city would give us the OK to occupy it.

One of the issues was whether or not the floor was strong enough to still support a lot of kids. I, with the help of several others, crawled under that building and re-enforced the supports all over the place. Many of us, such as Richard Roderick, Peter Copeland, John Holland, Bill Baldwin & many others, held a big paper drive. We nearly covered the floor with a large pile of newspapers.

Once "the powers that be" saw how much paper the floor was holding, they gave the green light to convert it into a clubhouse. Richard Roderick's father was our "Adult Supporter, mentor and friend."

*Bob Tetrault, Brookings, OR
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