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Fairhaven honors veterans



People gather under the big flag at Fairhaven High School on Sunday, 11/11, for a short ceremony after the Veterans Day parade. See page 12 for story. Photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews to see more photos.



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Here we go again...pushing the clock.

Where to begin this week?

Selectboard had an interesting conversation with Emergency Management (See page 4). Turns out they sold 30 cots, but no one's admitting they gave permission for them to be declared surplus. It just happened by magic, I guess.

Anyway the upshot is that we only have a handful of cots for the emergency shelter in case of a storm. Guess when we found out? Yup...you guessed it, during the storm.

Geesh. Turns out the Sheriff's department gave us 30 cots but no one looked at 'em. When the storm hit, someone discovered the cots were missing pieces and so they couldn't be put together.

EMA: you didn't look at the cots? Really?

You'd think you'd want to look at them just for the fun of it, or maybe to see how they go together instead of waiting for the impending storm to find the pieces (which, apparently, don't exist).

Okay, inquiring minds want to know: which pieces are missing? Can we get those pieces, or make them? Do we really have to junk 30 cots?

Sure, what the hell, it's only taxpayer money. Let's just ask for more of MY hard-earned money to buy 30 more cots.

Heaven help us all.

Next time an EMA guy tries to stop me going down the neck, I assure you, he had better get the hell out of the way of my car. With brains like those on display at the Selectboard meeting, I see no reason to listen to any of those boobs wearing a FEMA hat (that's "Fairhaven" Emergency Management, not "Federal").

Just saying. Better get a police officer there or I'm blowing by you.

The high school is putting on a play this weekend. Sounds like it's a funny one. Neil Simon is always good for a laugh. Check out page 6 for details. Those kids do a great job. I have to say I have never been disappointed at a play at Fairhaven High School.

Ah, teenagers. They have the energy of young'uns, but they are almost full grown. What a combination. They create good entertainment. Our Performing Arts Center isn't that big, though, so be sure to get your tickets early.

There's all kinds of other good stuff in here, of course, meeting coverage (FinCom page 19), fun stuff (geese crossing the road on page 16), and of course, our cover story (page 12).

I love the Veterans Day parade. I took a bunch of great pictures. I'll try to get them up on Facebook for you...I know...still waiting for the others.

On page 13 you'll find a story about the skate park in Fairhaven, along with some cool pictures of those young'uns flying through the air with the greatest of ease.

Well, time to go. Next week is our shopping issue, so be sure to look for it.

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Stop & Shop customers rack up a big pile of food for the pantry

By Beth David
Editor

Stop & Shop in Fairhaven donated three pick-up trucks of food to the Shepherd's Food Pantry on Sunday. According to store manager Tom Joseph, the items came from shoppers who were asked by cashiers to buy a "dollar item." The items were then put aside for donation.

When Gerry Payette pulled up in

his compact pickup, it took about three seconds to realize it would not all fit. Mr. Joseph allowed two S&S employees, Rick and Nick, to use their trucks to go to the pantry.

Mr. Joseph said that once again Cera Langton was the cashier who garnered the most donations at her

station.

"I just do my job," said Ms. Langton. "If the boss is happy, we're all happy."

Ms. Langton also said she had used food pantries in the past.

"I know what it's like to be down and out," she said.



LEFT: Cera Langton, a cashier at Stop & Shop in Fairhaven, carries a box of donated food going to the Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet. Cashiers ask customers to buy "dollar items" at checkout. The food is then put aside and sent to the pantry. ABOVE, L-R: Rick, Stephanie and Eric load up Rick's truck for the trip to Acushnet. Photos by Beth David.

Woman dies in Fairhaven fire

From press release materials

At 10:25 a.m. last Thursday, 11/8, Fairhaven Fire received a 9-1-1 call from the neighbor of 304 Mill Road reporting smoke coming from the house and an unresponsive female on the floor.

Fire crews were dispatched to the scene. When they arrived they found an elderly female on the floor just inside the entrance and a fire in the kitchen of the in-law apartment on the second floor. Barbara Wilbur, 84, was transported by Fairhaven Paramedics to St. Luke's Hospital

where she later died.

The fire was extinguished quickly but the apartment sustained considerable damage throughout.

The State Fire Marshal's Office was called in to help Fairhaven Investigators from the Police and Fire Department investigate the cause of the fire. It is believed that the fire started in the kitchen of the in-law apartment in the area of the cooking stove.

Ms. Wilbur may have tried to extinguish the fire and then tried to exit the home where she collapsed

just short of the exit door. A cleaning lady who was scheduled to work there that day heard the smoke alarms and smelled smoke as she approached the home. She alerted the neighbor next door, who had a key to the home, and then call 9-1-1.

Ms. Wilbur lived at the home with her son and girlfriend. Ms. Wilbur's cat died in the fire also. The home is occupied by Cheryl Costa and Bruce Wilbur who were not home at the time of the fire. Damage is estimated at \$40,000. There were working smoke detectors in the home.

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Selectboard supports Voc-Tech renovations, sets FY13 tax rate

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard had a full and long night of it on Tuesday, 11/13, facing several groups, public hearings, and the warrant for the special town meeting scheduled for 12/4. The board also heard from resident Karen Isherwood, who has been very vocal about the effects that the Industrial Wind Turbines on Arsene Street have had on her property.

Ms. Isherwood was accompanied by at least a dozen neighbors and windwise members, but took issue with Chairperson Brian Bowcock when he referred to her "group."

"Why are you calling me a group?" interrupted Ms. Isherwood. "I'm just me and my daughters."

Then she apologized and said she was "exhausted."

Ms. Isherwood, who was not on the agenda, started by asking if someone signs a contract that has a "very negative impact," are they responsible.

Dr. Bowcock did not answer right away.

"You know where I'm going with this," said Ms. Isherwood.

She said she had appeared before Selectboard, Board of Health and has had no resolution. She said the impact from the turbines was "unbearable" for her and her family.

"I hold you responsible. I'm asking you to fix it," she said. "I'm getting very ill and so are my daughters."

She said some people are proud of the turbines that are "killing my family. Killing me...and you're going to be proud of that?"

Dr. Bowcock stopped her from speaking and told her that "her issue" was not on the agenda, that he would not allow her to continue, and said it might even be a "violation of law to have the discussion."

"You're not going to come in here and just interrupt the meeting," said Dr. Bowcock. "You asked for sound testing," and the Department of Environmental Protection is doing it.

He said nothing would happen until the testing is done.

Ms. Isherwood argued that the sound testing was taking months.

Dr. Bowcock then simply ignored her and called on the next appointment.

In another matter, representatives from New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School presented plans and financial information to the board

on plans to renovate the school.

The Mass. School Building Authority has approved funding at 80% for the project. The three municipalities in the district must vote to allow the funding. New Bedford voted yes, Dartmouth voted yes, and Fairhaven has a special town meeting on Dec. 4 to vote on the issue.

Voc-Tech representatives had met with the Finance Committee last week (See page 19), but faced some opposition for not having all the information town officials asked for.

"This presentation was better than the last one," at the finance committee, said Selectboard Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch, adding that the project was "deserving of consideration," and that he expected it to pass at Town Meeting.

We're not looking for more students. We're looking to serve the students we have better
[Linda Enos]

Plans call for an expansion of the cafeteria, increase in the size of some classrooms, a decrease in size of some areas, and reconfiguration of the science areas.

"We're not looking for more students," said Superintendent Linda Enos. "We're looking to serve the students we have better."

The cafeteria was built to serve 1860 students when built in 1974, it now serves 2150.

Officials also explained that even without the renovation project, the district was expecting to pay up to \$2.9 million for new air handling systems.

That seemed to be the factor that put it over the top for selectboard members.

The total project is estimated at \$17,099,808 with MSBA granting \$12,736,352. The New Bedford, Dartmouth and Fairhaven would split the costs of the remaining \$4,363,456.

Representatives encouraged residents to attend GNBVT's open house on Sunday, from 11-4, to see the building.

The measure is article 5 on the

NEW: Meeting videos available online

The Fairhaven town website now has meetings streaming online. Visit: <http://70.88.215.124/Cablecast/Public/Main.aspx?ChannelID=1>

Special Town Meeting (STM) warrant and the board voted to support it.

The board also met with Public Works superintendent Vinnie Furtado about several articles the department has on the STM warrant.

The board voted to support all his requests, which include labor contract costs, \$196,000 for the anaerobic digester.

According to Mr. Furtado and Sewer/Wastewater Superintendent Linda Schick, the digester is now working, 1.5 years behind schedule.

Ms. Schick and Mr. Furtado told the board that the department had already saved \$7,000 in October alone on solid waste removal because of the digester.

The project was paid for with a "forgiveness" loan from federal stimulus funds. Once the project meets the guidelines set forth in the grant, the nearly \$7 million loan will be forgiven.

"I'm glad to see the digester project is coming to an end," said Dr. Bowcock.

"It's only just begun," said Ms. Schick.

The Emergency Management Agency also appeared before the board to discuss the hurricane plan and its request at the STM for \$1500 to buy 30 cots to use in emergency shelters in town.

The EMA had received 30 cots from the Sheriff's department, but discovered they were "useless" because they were missing parts.

Thirty cots also were sold as surplus property at the auction this fall, but EMA Director Marc Jodoin told the board he did not do it.

"I never declared them surplus," Mr. Jodoin said. "So I don't now how that happened."

Selectboard Member Charles Murphy reminded the EMA that Southern Mass Credit Union had decided to donate five cots.

The EMA would like to have 200.

The board voted to recommend all articles on the Special Town Meeting warrant including repairs to the MacLean Seafood/Union Wharf

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Turkey Trot

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Online registration will be available until Monday, Nov 19. You may also register in person on Tuesday, November 20 from 4pm-8pm at the Fairhaven Rec. Center, or register on Thanksgiving morning between 7am and 7:45am at Rasputin's Tavern on Main St. and Bridge St.

Visit the website at <http://www.fairhaventurkeytrot.com> to register; \$20.00 for individual; or give \$30 for an extra donation to the pantries

Start time: 8am; Number and t-shirt pick-up: Tues, Nov 20 4pm-8pm OR Thurs, Nov 22 7am-7:45am

Holiday Bazaar

The 21st Annual Nemasket Group Bazaar opens its doors on Sat., Nov. 17th at 9 a.m.-4 p.m.. There is no charge for admission and free parking is available in the Nemasket Group Parking lot adjacent to the Gallery at 56 Bridge Street, corner of Bridge and Green Streets, Fairhaven. For more information, please call the Nemasket Group at 508-999-4436 or e-mail HolidayBazaar@NemasketGroup.org. To learn more about The Nemasket Group visit www.NemasketGroup.org.

Visit us for breakfast and lunch! This year's Bazaar features some of the finest craftspeople in South-eastern Mass., as well as the Chance Auction and Bake Table. Delicious lunches and baked goods will be available throughout the day.

Bake Sale

A bake sale sponsored By Atria Fairhaven Mission Council To Raise money for American Diabetes Association, will be Wednesday, November 21, from 10 AM to 12 PM at Atria Fairhaven, 391 Alden Road

Fairhaven; 508-994-9238.

Rocky's Grand Ope

Rocky's Ace Hardware, a family-owned business, founded in 1926, proudly announces that Rocky's will be entering a new market with the opening of a brand new store in Fairhaven, MA. Construction at the new site began in June, on Saturday, **November 17 the store will be revealed to the public.** The store is located on Huttleston Avenue, (Rte. 6) in the Fairhaven Stop & Shop Plaza.

The Grand Opening Sale will start at 8am on Saturday with incredible buys from every department.

The Festivities begin promptly at 10am. To start off the ceremony Miss New Bedford 2013, Janelle Guenette will sing our National Anthem. Several Town Selectmen and local officials will join our President and CEO, Rocco Falcone II, in the official opening of the store, culminating with a unique board cutting ceremony. **Unlike some stores that signify their opening by cutting a ribbon with a pair of scissors; Rocky's takes a chainsaw to lumber!** The festivities continue throughout the day with music, FUN 107 broadcasting on site and giveaways.

Food Drive

The Fairhaven Business Association (FBA) is sponsoring a Food Drive to benefit both the First Congregational Church of Fairhaven and Sheperd's Pantry. Anyone wishing to donate canned and dry goods may drop off at either Art on Center, Inc. located at 15 Center Street, Fairhaven or What a Find! Consignment Furniture located at 154 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven **now through Sunday, November 18.**

Play at FHS

The Fairhaven High School Theatre Company will perform **Neil Simon's Rumors on November 15, 16, and 17th at 7:30 in the Performing Arts Center at Fairhaven High School.**

America's premier comic playwright delighted audiences with this out-and-out funny offering. Four couples are at the town house of a deputy New York City mayor and his wife to celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary. The party never begins

because the host has shot himself in the head (it's only a flesh wound) and his wife is missing. His lawyer's cover up gets progressively more difficult to sustain as the other guests arrive and nobody can remember who has been told what about whom.

Tickets are \$10.00 for Adults; \$7.00 for Seniors and Students. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling 508-979-4051, ext. 5411 or at the door the night of the performances. Due to adult language and content, this production is recommended for mature audiences.

Indoor Farmers Mkt

The Fairhaven Farmers Market continues Sunday, 11/18, with an Indoor Thanksgiving Market at The Nemasket Gallery on the corner of Bridge and Green Street in Fairhaven. The market will run from 1-4pm inside with bakery items, cheese, eggs, honey and many other wonderful locally produced items. Stop by to purchase some local produce for your upcoming holiday meal.

Mothers' Club

The Fairhaven Mothers' Club will hold its board meeting on Tuesday, 11/20, at noon, at the Millicent Library, 45 Center Street, Fairhaven. Accessible. Chris Richard will give a talk on Colonial medicine.

Holiday Bazaar

St. Joseph School PTO presents its annual Holiday Bazaar on **Saturday, November 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the School, 100 Spring Street, Fairhaven.** Events to include Santa's Workshop, Chinese Auction, Yard Sale, Open Kitchen, Performance by the School's Choir, Classroom Gifts and Over 20 Vendors!!! For More Info. Call (508)996-1983

Christmas Fair

Trinity Lutheran Church, 16 Temple Place, Fairhaven, MA, is holding its annual **Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 17, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.,** Featuring Knit Goods, Crafts, Plants, Play & Learn Campus' Treasure Chest

Luncheon Offerings Include: Lobster Rolls, Scallops, Fried Chicken, Sandwiches & more. Variety of Delicious Homemade Desserts

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Voc-tech Open Hse

New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School, 1121 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford, will hold an open house on Sunday, 11/18, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Moby Dick Call-in

The New Bedford Whaling Museum's 17th Annual Moby-Dick Marathon is scheduled for January 5-6, 2013, and all those interested in reading are invited to contact the museum, starting at 12:01 a.m. Monday, November 12. Call (508) 717-6851 or email: mdmarathon@whalingmuseum.org to request a 7-10 minute reading slot. Be sure to provide your full name and preferred reading time as well as two alternate times.

Every January, the world's largest whaling museum marks the anniversary of Herman Melville's 1841 whaling voyage from New Bedford with a 25-hour nonstop reading of America's greatest novel, "Moby-Dick." The weekend includes three days of activities, January 4-5-6, 2013, including a ticketed buffet dinner and lecture on Friday evening.

A midwinter tradition, the marathon attracts hundreds of readers and listeners from around the world. The reading begins at noon on Saturday, January 5 and finishes at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 6. Snow and cold will not stop this literary happening. Come at any time; leave at any time, or stay 25 hours and win a prize!

For a complete calendar of events, visit the Whaling Museum online at www.whalingmuseum.org.

Your Theatre Play

The Holocaust's calamity and heartbreak come alive in Your Theatre, Inc.'s production of Peter Sagal's gripping two-act play "Denial," which will run Thursday through Saturday evenings **Nov. 8-10 and 15-17 at 8 p.m. with Sunday matinees Nov. 11 and 18 at 2:30 p.m.**

See ad on page 4. Ticket and other information about the production are available by calling Your Theatre, Inc. at 508 993-0772 or by sending e-mail to info@yourtheatre.org. The theatre's web site is www.yourtheatre.org.

RAPP Programs

The Southcoast™ Hospitals' Responsible Attitudes toward Pregnancy, Parenting & Prevention (RAPPP) Program is hosting a series of after school activities during the month of November. 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, Workout Wednesday, cultural day on Thursday and drop in day on Friday. The following is the list of activities scheduled through the end of November:

- **Friday, 11/16:** Open Drop In.
- **Monday, 11/19:** Thanksgiving Feast.
- **Tuesday, 11/20:** String cranberries and popcorn garland and help with math and science homework.
- **Wednesday, 11/21:** Workout Wednesday and homemade granola.
- **Friday, 11/23:** Open Drop In.

After school programs take place from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Southcoast RAPPP's drop-in center at 1208 Ashley Boulevard in New Bedford. Programs are offered to tweens and teens age 11 to 19 and are free of charge. Snacks will be provided to all participants. Youth can register for upcoming activities by stopping by the RAPPP drop-in center, however registration is not required.

For more information contact Southcoast at 508-995-0306.

Homework Helpers

The New Bedford Cable Network has announced that "Homework Helpers," a live show hosted by New Bedford Public Schools teachers who provide guidance to students seeking help with their homework, has begun its second season. Current and retired New Bedford Public Schools teachers host the half-hour call-in show on New Bedford's Education Channel 17 and provide helpful instruction and advice to students tackling difficult homework questions.

Students can call into the show four days a week from 5-5:30 p.m. at (508) 979-1600 with their questions. Students may also e-mail questions to homeworkhelpers@newbedfordschools.org or leave a voice message

either before or after the show at (508) 979-1760.

The show will be rebroadcast at 7:30 p.m. on the night it is taped live and again at 7:30 a.m. the next morning. Viewers can also watch the live show through the City of New Bedford website.

Irish Christmas Concert

St. Lawrence Martyr Parish presents an Irish Christmas Concert to benefit the St. Lawrence Bell Tower Restoration Fund, at Keith Middle School, Nov. 29, at 7 p.m.

This concert will transport you to Ireland to experience Christmas in the true Irish tradition!

Starring Tony Kenny, George Casey, Kathy Durkin, Dublin Trinity Band and Jurys Irish Dancers.

For tickets please call Suzanne Sullivan at 508-525-0060 or 508-992-2451. Tickets are \$25 each.

This concert will transport you to Ireland and experience Christmas in the true Irish tradition!

Hatch Street Shops

The Hatch Street shops will hold their annual holiday sale Nov. 23-25. The sale takes place throughout Thanksgiving weekend and is a fun place to bring holiday guests. Hours are Friday, November 23, 1:00 to 6:00, Saturday, November 24, 10:00 to 5:00, Sunday, November 25, 10:00 to 5:00.

Visit <http://www.HatchStreetStudios.com/events.html> for more information or email 88hatchstreet@comcast.net

Short Plays Marath

The 11th Annual Short Plays Marathon sponsored by Culture*Park will be held on Saturday, November 24th, from 1-10:30 p.m. at the New Bedford Whaling Museum Theater, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford. Accessible.

Visit <http://www.culturepark.org/media%20C4/pages/spm12.selections.html> for a list of plays

Save the Date

New Bedford Preservation Society's Holiday House tour will be held on Dec. 8 & 9. Visit www.nbpreservationsociety.org

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Free Christmas Film

On Tuesday, November 27 at noon, the Mattapoissett Friends of the Elderly hosts a free showing of "A Christmas Story" at the Council on Aging. Pizza is available for \$3.00. **Pizza requests must be paid by 3:00 PM on Monday, Nov. 26.**

"A Christmas Story" is about Ralphie Parker, a young boy living in 1940s Indiana. He desperately yearns for a Red Rider BB gun for Christmas. His mother admonishes him, "You'll shoot your eye out." Ralphie persists by asking, unsuccessfully, for help from both his teacher and Santa Claus. All the while, Ralphie finds himself trying to stay out of a feud between his mother and father regarding a sexy lamp. This is in addition to having to deal with the constant taunts of a pair of bullies.

RVSP the Mattapoissett Council on Aging at the Center School on Barstow Street or call 508-758-4110, even if you're not having pizza, so we know how many seats to set up.

Auction for Animals

Animal Advocates is pleased to announce its 16th Annual Four Paws Charity Auction for Homeless and Abandoned Dogs and Cats on **Saturday, November 17, from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Viewing time for the Silent Auction is 6:30 pm.**

It is being held at beautiful Hawthorne Country Club, 970 Tucker Rd., Dartmouth, MA. Admission is free, with complimentary appetizers.

This year we are featuring many beautiful items and original art from Southcoast's most gifted artists and hundreds of gift certificates and merchandise from many restaurants, stores and shops. Many of the items at the Auction are unique. There will be something for everyone; with over 300 to 400 items, many of them new.

Please come and join us and buy your Holiday gifts at the Auction for Animals, you'll be helping to save lives. This is our largest fundraising event of the year; and your support reduces the number of dogs and

cats destroyed in shelters and abandoned on the streets every single day through spaying and neutering.

To donate or volunteer, please call us at (508) 991-7727 or 774-888-9008, or e-mail us at animaladvocates@comcast.net

Bird Walks

Owl Prowl

Owl Prowl at Stone Barn Farm, Sponsored by Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary, **Fri, Nov 16, 6-8:00 pm**

Location: Stone Barn Farm, 786 Horseneck Road, Dartmouth. Suitable for children 0 - 18 years)

Fee: Adults \$4.00m/ \$6.00nm, Children \$4.00m/ \$6.00nm

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Join guest ornithologist Paul Champlin on a guided walk along sanctuary trails or to special habitats not open to the public in search of seasonal birds. We will prowl the thickets and shoreline of the Sanctuary and learn to recognize migratory birds as well as those who will have remained onsite through the winter months.

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFO: If you prefer to register for more than one walk, a pre-paid punch card, good for 10 walks with Paul can be purchased at the Sanctuary. Price for pre-paid card is \$40 for members/\$60

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Meet at the field station and dress for the outdoors. Be sure to bring your binoculars and/or a scope and let us know if you need to borrow one of ours.

Contact Jennifer Costa: (508) 636-2437, or jcosta@massaudubon.org

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Inspirational Women Photos

Some might say it's a man's world, but the Adams Gallery presents another point of view in this selection of portraits from Bill and Kerry Brett's recent book, Boston: Inspirational Women.

These photographs depict women who work in law enforcement, construction and the corporate boardroom. They are moms, activists and public servants. Some perform their work in the public eye; others behind the scenes, but they represent a cross-section of the women who keep Boston humming. And each has a story to tell.

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Adams Gallery, avid J. Sargent Hall, Suffolk University Law School, 120 Tremont St., Boston, Gallery hours: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. daily.

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1 1/2 teaspoons whole cloves
1 lemon, thinly sliced

In a large pot, combine apple cider, cranberry juice, brown sugar, cinnamon sticks, cloves and lemon slices. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer for 15 to 20 minutes. With a slotted spoon, remove cinnamon, cloves, and lemon slices. Serve hot.

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Garnish the punch bowl with lemon, lime, and orange slices, cinnamon sticks, and a touch of pumpkin spice.

COA honors vets at luncheon

By Beth David & Jean Perry

The Fairhaven Council on Aging and Southern Mass Credit Union hosted a two-day luncheon for veterans on Wednesday and Thursday 11/7 & 11/8. On one wall hung the pictures of town veterans, and the COA is still encouraging veterans to take their photos to the center.

COA director Anne Sylvia said the inspiration for the wall came while she was visiting Jan, the sister of Raymond Gallant, a POW who did not return from the Korean war.

"We've invited any vet from any

town to hang their picture on our wall," said Ms. Sylvia. "I want this whole wall filled."

Anne said she will make a copy of the photo and return the original, and she even has extra frames.

Al Borges read the names of all the veterans in attendance, and selectboard member Charles Murphy also said a few words.

"On behalf of the Town of Fairhaven, thank you very much," said Mr. Murphy. "Happy Veteran's Day."

Guests were treated to a buffet lunch, dessert, and music.



Veterans and supporters enjoy a meal and entertainment at a luncheon sponsored by the Fairhaven Council on Aging and Southern Mass Credit Union on Wednesday, 11/8. The photo wall, "Land of the Free Because of the Brave," has pictures of Fairhaven veterans. Photo by Jean Perry.

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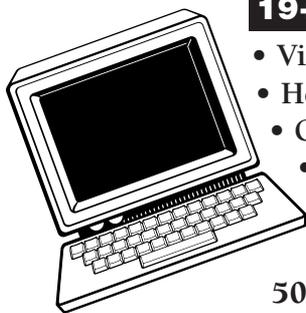
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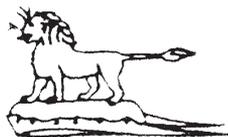
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Fairhaven honors veterans

By Beth David
Editor

Hundreds of people showed support for veterans by lining the parade route and assembling at Fairhaven High School for a short ceremony after the Veterans Day parade on Sunday, 11/11. The parade started at Livesey Park in north Fairhaven and traveled along Main Street to the high school. At the high school, organizers had placed 113 flags on the lawn to remember the 113 Fairhaven residents who were killed in wars from the Civil War to the present.

Keynote speaker Ralph Tate told those assembled about his transport back home from Vietnam in 1969. He said it was like the commercial with the veteran arriving to no one around, only in his case, there eralliy was no one around. He said Boston was a ghost town when they landed at night; there was no one there to welcome him and his buddies home.

He said they then split up and went on with their lives.

"Some drank a lot, some played a lot," he said. And when he arrived at the Thanksgiving Day game, people asked him where he had been.

"That's what you did. You went about with your life."

So he read a poem called "Just a Common Soldier," by A. Lawrence Vaincourt, that tells the country to mourn the passing of a veteran.

"He will not be mourned by many, just his children and his wife,

"For he lived an ordinary and quite uneventful life.

"Held a job and raised a family, quietly going his own way,

"And the world won't note his

passing, though a soldier died today."

"When politicians leave this earth, their bodies lie in state..."

"But the passing of a soldier goes unnoticed and unsung."

Selectboard Chairperson Brian Bowcock recounted the life and service of Felix Witkowicz, who survived D-Day and died on 10/27.

"Felix was a hero, a veteran, a Fairhaven resident," said Dr. Bowcock, adding that Veterans Day is a day to remember the sacrifice of veterans.

"When their country called, they were willing to sacrifice," said Dr. Bowcock. "Some of them made the ultimate sacrifice."

All branches of the military were represented in the parade, which

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ABOVE: The Southcoast Young Marines carry the big flag along the parade route at Fairhaven's Veterans Day parade on Sunday, 11/11. BELOW LEFT: a young girl and boy watch the parade go by on Main Street. BOTTOM LEFT: The Vietnam Veterans reach the high school for the closing ceremonies. BOTTOM RIGHT: Residents and staff at the Royal of Fairhaven watch the parade go by. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews to see more photos. BELOW: The small cannon is fired by the Fairhaven Village Militia during the ceremony. Photo by Heidi Winnett.



Community shows up to help Livesey skate park

By Beth David
Editor

Livesey Skate Park was absolutely hopping and jumping with activity on Saturday, 11/10, as skateboarders, scooter riders, and BMXers combined forces to raise money to renovate the park. The "Save Livesey" campaign brought together young and old, to support the bold up-in-the-air antics of the experienced and the tentative first push-offs of the beginners.

Those using the park said that over the years the cracks in the asphalt have gotten wide enough to stop a skate board cold.

Russ Travers, 20, said he used the park "pretty much every single day," since he was 12 years old.

He said his skateboard got caught on one of those cracked, he flew off the board and hit his head, giving him a "bad concussion."

"I had to get my head drained," he said, because of the pressure from the swelling.

Joel Dancour, who has been using the park for about eight years, said he felt it was old enough that it should be completely re-done.

But not everyone agreed with that. The BMXers using the half-pipe said all the park needed was a few extra



ABOVE: Russ Travers shows a bump that can interfere with a skateboarder on a ramp at the skate park at Livesey Park in Fairhaven. BELOW: The spot where Mr. Travers took a dangerous tumble and received a concussion because his skateboard got stuck in this crack in the asphalt. Photos by Beth David.



Matt Ostiguy (left) and Josh Benoit simultaneously take flight on their BMX bikes on the half-pipe at Livesey Park in Fairhaven during the "Save Livesey" fund-raising event on Saturday, 11/10. The event raised more than \$1100 to renovate the park which has cracked asphalt and aging equipment. Photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com

pieces, like a hip and a couple of quarter-pipes to complement the half-pipe (pictured above). A hip is two quarter-pipes connected at an angle.

"If you added six ramps, this place would be nasty," said BMX biker Josh Benoit.

He said he had heard the park might be completely taken apart and rebuilt, but felt it was not necessary to go to that extreme.

Jarren Barboza said he gets a ride from Wareham to use the park because Wareham does not have one.

Selectboard Chairperson Brian Bowcock said people complained when the town decided to install the park. He credited North Fairhaven Improvement Association member Bob Cormier with getting a large share of the funding for it.

"We did this on a shoestring," said Dr. Bowcock.

Now the park needs renovating, in a serious way.

Ann Richard, who spearheaded organizing the event, said the first priority is to fix the cracks, then add new ramps. If they can raise enough money, Ms. Richard said they would like to re-construct the whole park.

They are looking into using Community Preservation Funds and other grant money, as well as help from the town. She said \$50,000 is the goal.

Saturday's event started them on their way. They raised more than \$1,100, according to Ms. Richard.

The event included music, food, vendor booths, a bouncy house, and competitions in scoot, BMX and skateboarding.

To help with future projects to raise money for the park, contact Ms. Richard at ann.richard@gmail.com



Brothers Colby (above) and Cameron (below) O'Neil, strut their stuff at the "Save Livesey" event to raise funds for the skate park at Livesey Park in Fairhaven.



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1) Tuesday, November 20th from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

2) Saturday, December 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

In addition, the Town Clerk's Office is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and every Tuesday from 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

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Local man goes pro on Ironman circuit

By Beth David
Editor

Steve Gotham is living his dream. And even he is a bit surprised. The 46-year-old Acushnet man decided a few years ago to start training for an Ironman triathlon contest. This year, all the training and getting up at 3:00 a.m. paid off. He qualified for professional status after finishing 4th of 85 amateurs in Providence in July, 98 overall, in a field of 1098.

Being pro means all his travel is paid for to the seven Ironman contests required each year for him to keep his pro status. And he gets sponsors, too.

"It's something I always wanted to do," said Mr. Gotham. "Hawaii was a bucket list thing."

Oh, right, he got to go to Hawaii to compete in the world championship, which was a full Ironman Triathlon.

Mr. Gotham competes mostly in the "70 series," which is half of the 140.6: a 1.5 mile swim; 56-mile bike, and 13.1 mile (half-marathon) run.

He also ran in the Poconos Ironman in Pennsylvania on September 30 and came in first amateur in his division, 23 overall in a field of 2200.

An engineer by trade, Mr. Gotham has been working on the Fairhaven-New Bedford bridge. He said he has "always run marathons," but did his

first Ironman two years ago in Providence. He finished in 7 hours and got addicted.

This year's Providence time was 5 hours, 3 minutes and 9 seconds.

He gets up every morning at 3 a.m. and works out for 3-4 hours each day, including long runs in Fairhaven and New Bedford.

"I can tell you every crack in the sidewalk," he said.

Mr. Gotham has three sponsors. He said Reebok approached him after Providence because they are coming out with a new line of shoes for middle age runners.

"I guess I was a perfect fit for them," he said.

He agreed to use their sneakers, and they will use his image to sell the product.

Swiss Sports and Hooters also approached him and gave him a little money. He said he won't get rich on it, not being a big name or anything, but it definitely sweetens the pot.

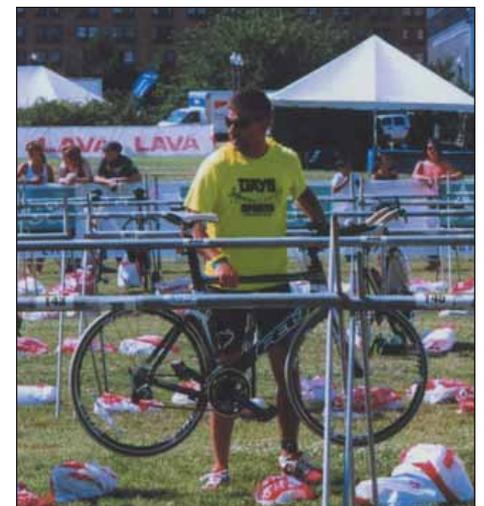


year. He needs to do seven annually to keep his pro card, including five in the US, one in Canada and one abroad.

"I will do all that," he said. ●●●



TOP: Stephen Gotham (left) of Acushnet, eyes the camera as he nears the finish line on the last leg of the Ironman Triathlon in Providence on July 8. ABOVE: Steve gets ready to give a high five to John Williams of Fairhaven, while Steve's son and parents cheer him on and hold a "Go Steve" sign. ABOVE RIGHT: Steve's time is up on the board as he finishes up the bicycle portion of the competition. BOTTOM: Steve enters the changing area, where he will switch to his running clothes for the last leg of the competition, a half-marathon. Submitted photos. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com



"It's pretty cool to be able to do something you love, and to get paid for it is pretty sweet."

Mr. Gotham said his parents, who are from Fairhaven, and a few friends were able to cheer him on in person at the Providence competition. Mostly, though, he's on his own as he travels.

Mr. Gotham will be in his first race as a pro in Miami in December, and plans to compete as a pro for at least one

Marine from Fhvn promoted



Fairhaven, Mass., native, Lance Cpl. Eric Gebo, a motor transportation operator with 1st Platoon, Battery B, Battalion Landing Team 3/5, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, is promoted from private first class during a promotion ceremony on the flight deck of the USS Rushmore, Nov. 1. The 15th MEU is deployed with the Peleliu Amphibious Ready Group as a theater reserve and crisis response force throughout U.S. Central Command and the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility. Submitted photo. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com

Bazaar raises funds for COA



The Acushnet Council on Aging held its annual holiday bazaar, featuring hand-made crafts and other items, on Saturday, 11/10 at the Senior Center on South Main Street. It is one of three main fund-raising events, including the annual yard sale and psychic fair. The fund-raisers have allowed the center to buy a van, ID machine, TV, tracking system, grill, wireless microphone system, computer, room dividers. Future goals include a stove, a new freezer, 70" TV for the main activity room and a new lawn mower. COA director Heather Sylvia said because of the fund-raisers, she has never had to ask the town for anything beyond her budget. ABOVE: Jerry & Marie Tanguay staff the turkey raffle booth at the Acushnet Council on Aging annual holiday bazaar on Saturday, 11/10, at the senior center. Photo by Beth David.

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FinCom won't vote on Voc-Tech funds

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

A Special Town Meeting article, which could block the borrowing of funds for the New Bedford Voc-Tech renovation project, is still without recommendation from the Fairhaven Finance Committee, after members heard a presentation from Voc-Tech representatives on 11/8 detailing the project.

Because Voc-Tech is a regional district, the authorization process for borrowing is different than when the town okays borrowing for a town only project. Under the regional school district borrowing authority, after the district (Voc-Tech) votes to borrow, the municipalities have 60 days to disapprove the borrowing. If the town does not hold a vote, it is considered an approval by the town. So the vote at STM on 12/4, is actually to disapprove. It does not require a 2/3 votes.

FinCom Chairperson John Roderiques said some questions remained unanswered and, until the Voc-Tech representatives appear before the Selectboard on 11/13, he would hold off on a vote.

Voc-Tech Superintendent Linda Enos was accompanied by School Business Administrator Paula Gendreau, Principals Michael Murphy and Michael Gagliardi, and Architect Cal Olsen. They handed out spreadsheets highlighting the project budget and an amortization schedule for 10, 20, and 30-year loans at percentage rates from 2.99 to 3.99%.

The project total is about \$17.1 million, which will be reimbursed 80 cents to the dollar by a Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) grant.

"It's an opportunity that I hope we can take advantage of," said Ms. Enos.

Executive Secretary to the Selectboard Jeffrey Osuch attended the meeting and had some seemingly difficult questions for the Voc-Tech representatives, as they were unable to give definitive answers in an awkward moment of fumbling for specific numbers and silences.

Mr. Osuch asked about such things as "soft costs," which are not eligible for grant reimbursement, and why they were so high, in his opinion.

Mr. Roderiques let out a grumble and buried his face into his hands during the presentation not once, but three times. Mr. Osuch recommended

that Voc-Tech have all the specific numbers to be able to answer further questions before the Selectboard meeting.

Mr. Roderiques freely expressed his discontent about the Voc-Tech school committee's failure to approach the Town during the two-year period the school had been planning the use of grant money for a renovation project. He said he felt like it was sprung upon the Town, leaving Fairhaven only 60 days from the date of the school committee's vote to call a Special Town Meeting.

"This has been in the loop for two years," said Mr. Roderiques shaking his head. "Why is this the first meeting with the Town?"

Ms. Enos replied that the school had invited various town officials over the past two years to attend "information days" at the school, which Mr. Roderiques later said he

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loop for two years.
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meeting with the Town?
[John Roderiques]**

did not consider valid attempts to inform the Town.

Mr. Roderiques pointed out that not a single member of the Voc-Tech school committee was present that night and shouted, "I don't care where they are," after Ms. Enos told him several members were out of town that night.

"I'd be a lot happier if they showed up to a [Selectboard] or Finance Committee meeting once in a while to let us know what's going on," said Mr. Roderiques before slamming his soft drink cup on the table.

Mr. Roderiques did make some positive remarks about the project, saying that it merits consideration because of the 80% reimbursement. He reminded the board that the STM vote was not a debt exclusion vote, rather a vote to disapprove the loan.

In another matter, Mr. Roderiques announced that the Mass. Department of Revenue had still not released their

findings report from a financial audit performed on the efficiency of the financial processes of the Town.

The committee also addressed other articles on the draft of the STM warrant.

The Conservation Committee is expected to withdraw an article requesting \$2,000 to pay a recording secretary, after the committee pointed out to ConCom Chairperson Joe Taylor that the secretary salary was never removed from their budget. Mr. Roderiques said it was a miscommunication and ConCom can only withdraw the article after a vote at their next meeting on 11/19.

The committee voted unanimously not to endorse the article.

Mr. Roderiques stated, once again, that they would hold off on taking a vote for the Voc-Tech project.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Roderiques announced, "I was told there will never be a Finance Committee meeting taped live because they're afraid they won't be able to bleep me out in time."

A rather heated topic of discussion was prompted by Theresa Szala, when she strongly opposed recommending funds to repair the former MacLean Seafood Building at Union Wharf, which sustained more damage after the second powerful storm this season.

"There is no redeeming value for what's standing there now," she said.

Mr. Osuch pointed out that Bill Roth, Director of Planning and Economic Development, is attempting to secure some funding to repair the building and reminded everyone that the building sits on what he said was the last piece of waterfront public property the town owns.

"I get your argument but...you lose that footprint, you're losing potentially... millions," Mr. Roderiques said to Ms. Szala,

He said everyone should wait a year to see if Mr. Roth's efforts to secure funding pan out.

"I'm not willing to give up on that dilapidated building just yet," said Mr. Roderiques.

The committee decided to hold off on the vote in light of possible FEMA reimbursement for storm damages.

FinCom voted swiftly to recommend an article for \$85,000 for the Verizon court decision over Town

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Legal Notices/Public Hearings

BOS/Street Accept Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on WEDNESDAY, December 5, 2012, at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petitions:

1. **Petitioner: William J. Alphonse**, 1 Mina Street; Plat 37A, 612-615; Book 6787 and Page 246; 198-18: Short 11' of the required 100' frontage and 2,856 sq ft short of the required 15,000 sq ft for a buildable lot in a RA District.
2. **Petitioner: Kathleen Melanson**, 87 Green Street; Plat 8, Lot 56; Book 2692 and Page 150; 198-23: A Special Permit is required for a Home Occupation in the Building Trades.
3. **Petitioner: Roberta & William J. Martin, Trustees of the Roberta Martin & William J. Martin Revocable Trust**, 10 Gilbert Street; Plat 29A, Lot 220, Book 10481 and Page 318; 198-18: Short 13' of the required 30' front setback, short 10' of the required 20' west side setback and 22% over the maximum allowed lot coverage of 15% in a RR District.
4. **Petitioner: Jurrinus & Geraldine C. Ten Brinke**, 4 Misty Bay Road; Plat 43C, Lot 86; Certificate #19766; 198-18: Short 11' west side and 4' east side of the required 20' side setback; short 8' of the required 30' front setback; 8% over the maximum allowed lot coverage of 25% and 7% over the maximum

allowed building coverage of 15% in a RR District. Special Permit required for expansion of a non-conforming lot.

5. **Petitioner: Pamela Proulx**, 25 Manhattan Avenue; Plat 28A, Lot 261; Book 1394 and Page 296; Certificate #4640; 198-16: Special Permit required for the keeping of chickens in a RA District. 198-22: Short 5' of the required 5' property line setback for an animal pen.
6. **Petitioner: Louise Merrick**, 111 Balsam Street; Plat 43A, Lot 114; Book 22 and Page 341; Certificate #22341; 198-18: Short 19' of the required 20' north side setback, 14% over the maximum allowed building coverage of 15% in a RR District. Special Permit is required for expansion of a non-conforming lot.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman

Notice of Public Hearing Street Acceptance

Notice is hereby given that it is the intention of the Selectmen to accept the layout of North Street from Cherry Street to Adams Street, as shown on a plan entitled "Layout of North St from N. Main St westerly to Cherry St." and as shown on a plan entitled "Layout of North St from N. Main St easterly to Adam St.". Scale: 1"=40'; Dated: July 2012; prepared by Kenneth R. Ferreira Engineering, New Bedford, MA.

It is the intention of the Selectmen to layout said area as a town way and they will meet in the Banquet Room at Town Hall, 40 Center Street,

on Monday, November 26, 2012 at 7:00 PM to hear interested parties. Copies of the plan are on File in the Town Clerk's Office.

*Brian K. Bowcock,
Chairman Board of Selectmen*

FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at **6:30 P.M. on November 27, 2012**, in the Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following application. The applicant, **VRJP, LLC, d/b/a Pharmahealth Specialty/Longterm Care, Inc.**, is requesting Special Permit approval, to add a 19,224 s.f. addition to the rear of the existing building, reconfigure the parking lot and add landscaping. The location of the property is 132 Alden Road, Map 24, Lot 240.

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

*Wayne Hayward, Chairman of the
Planning Board*

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assessment of lines and poles.

The committee then voted to recommend an article for a street light installation on Elliot Lane, which is poised to receive tentative CPC funding for improvements to the gravel street. Ms. Szala opposed the article, and told the committee that a street with only one house didn't deserve a street light.

"You know what? Buy a spotlight," she said.

Mr. Roderiques stated that it was not town policy to install street lights based on the number of houses.

"The purpose of a streetlight is to light a street," he said.

The committee acknowledged that there would be no initial costs to the Town for the CPC-funded streetlight, only subsequent electricity costs to light the LED street lamp, and that the residents of the street were in favor.

The motion passed with Ms. Szala opposed, and Kevin Costa abstaining.

Mr. Osuch added before adjournment that there may be an additional article added to the warrant by the Selectboard to purchase emergency cots.

Mr. Roderiques made it clear he was not in favor of buying cots. He said eight cots were lent to the town during Hurricane Sandy, "seven more

than they needed."

Mr. Osuch explained that only one person occupied a cot at the emergency shelter during the storm, and only one during last year's storm.

"What happened to the cots we did have?" shouted Mr. Roderiques. "They were sold for peanuts at the town auction! I know who bought them and they were happier than the pig in the proverbial mud."

The fire department withdrew their article requesting a video surveillance security system. Several other articles will be voted on at the next FinCom meeting.

SELECT: cont'dFrom page 4 building, \$3,600; and a bylaw change to redefine the position of Treasurer/Finance Director.

The Board is considering combining that position with the tax collector position. Treasurer John Nunes has already left for a new position, and Town Collector Carol A. Brandolini has announced she will retire next year.

The article leaves open the job description, and allows the board to amend the bylaw to "conform and comply" to the recommendations of the Department of Revenue, which has completed an audit of the towns financial procedures. The report has not yet been released.

The two openings at the same time offers a "unique opportunity" for the board to make changes, said Dr. Bowcock.

The complete Town Meeting warrant will be available on the town's website at <http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/pages/index>

- In other business, the board:
- Approved the tax rate increase of 50 cents on residential and 95 cents on commercial property, bringing the rates to \$10.77 res. and 21.58 comm. for FY2013.
 - Decided not to take the Hathaway-Brale property for back taxes as originally planned in 2008, as the town may then be held liable for

hazardous waste clean-up costs. They voted to have town counsel respond to the letter from the Department of Justice. The property abuts Atlas Tack, a superfund site.

- Voted to allow the police chief to request the civil service list.
- Voted to allow harbormaster David Darmofal to file suit against boat owners using Union Wharf who have not paid fees and to allow him to write off older non paid bills. (See letters at www.NeighbNews.com)
- Announced that the state has agreed to make safety improvements to Adams Street in the area where a Hastings student was struck the first week of school.

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also included police and fire color guards, FHS band, Apponequet High School band, civic groups and Selectboard members.

In addition to a flyover by a US Coast Guard helicopter, the parade included a float replica of the Vietnam Moving Wall.

The ceremony also included US Air Force veteran Donald Tucker reading a prayer for veterans, John Jannis singing America the Beautiful, and taps by the FHS band's bugler. William Boulard played Amazing Grace on the bagpipes; and the Fairhaven Village Militia shot off the small cannon and their muskets.

After the ceremony veterans and supporters were invited to a free buffet at the VFW on Middle Street.

Fairhaven Meetings

Bicentennial Committee

Sat., 11/17, Town Hall, 9 a.m.

Board of Appeals

Wed., 12/5 Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Board of Health

Tues., 11/15, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Community Preservation

Thurs., 11/15, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 11/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Council on Aging

Tues., 11/13, Sr. Ctr., 9:30 a.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 11/15, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 11/27, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

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

School Bulding Committee

Thurs. 11/15, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 11/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Special Town Meeting

Tues., 12/4, Hastings MS, 7 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Public Works

Mon. 11/19, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Wed., 11/21, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Historical Commission

Tues. 11/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Wed. 11/28, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 11/19, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

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Friday	16	0923	2149	0218*	1521*
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Sunday	18	1116	2344	0404*	1712
Monday	19	----	1214	0505	1824
Tuesday	20	0043	1313	0633	1947
Wednesday	21	0143	1412	0839	2046
Thursday	22	0242	1512	0942	2126
Friday	23	0341	1609	1029	2155
Saturday	24	0436	1701	1106	2224
Sunday	25	0525	1747	1136	2257
Monday	26	0609	1829	----	1205

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Fairhaven Bicentennial Committee

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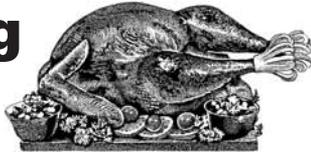
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