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Welcome to our annual shopping issue. There's no reason to shop outside the Neighb News family of advertisers for holiday gifts. See page 12 for story. Cover art by Beth David.

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Wow, I amaze myself sometimes. I'm going to print a whole day early to be done in time for Thanksgiving. I keep checking the TV and Internet to make sure I have the right day.

We have much to be thankful for this holiday. Three teenage boys (see page 10) had a very close call on Sunday. It's unclear if they realized how close they came to losing their lives, but I assure you the adults around them did. The three were dredging for scallops in windy conditions in a boat too small to handle three people and two scallop dredges.

It was a "good outcome" as Wayne Oliveira said, but it could have been a tragedy. And it would've been a tragedy for the whole community, not just the families of the boys, although they would most certainly have felt it more acutely than the rest of us can even imagine. For us, it was an interesting story, a cautionary tale.

For the families, it is so much more.

Luckily, the boys were close to shore and were able to get back okay.

So, let's remember that one around the Thanksgiving table this week, okay?

On page 16 you'll find a mystery. A mystery to be solved! Right here on West Island we have a ghost gourder. Don't know what that is? Well, see page 16 to find out. At first I was a suspect, but as soon as I was cleared, I helped in the investigation. Now, I know that sounds suspicious, but as the editor and publisher of the local paper, I do have a unique insight into who's who in these parts. Alas, all my leads went cold, too. If you have any information on the ghost gourder, please let us know. We will protect your identity.

Now, to our cover story.

I'm sure you've been seeing those commercials about "small business Saturday." Well, we've got that covered. Just shop the *Neighb News* advertisers and you'll be helping local businesses. See page 12 for some great gift ideas. And be sure to tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

And last, but certainly not least, see Jean Perry's analysis of the new wind turbine noise study that the conglomerate across the river wrote about a couple of weeks ago (page 4). I swear, I was not going to touch it because the emailer who sent the link to me compared wind turbines to Agent Orange, and I instantly recognized the names of the authors of the study as the anti-wind guys we've been hearing from all along.

I swear it would be funny if not so annoying and time-consuming (read: expensive). Really guys...you're the ones always saying that we shouldn't believe anything that's written by anyone who ever once said anything good about wind turbines. You've impugned the reputations of nationally respected scientists on the flimsiest of connections. Yet, when it comes to this study, we're all supposed to believe it, even though a judge wrote that the principal author of the study had "no objectivity in respect to the issues," and a few other things, including that he was no expert on the matter.

C'mon, guys. I'm just asking that you take your own advice. Well, that's it for this week.

Everyone, have a wonderful, safe, stuff-yourself-to-the-max kind of Thanksgiving.

See you next week...



Beth David, Publisher

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Rocky's Ace Hardware opens in Fairhaven

By Beth David
Editor

The voices of an old-fashioned quartet, aroma from freshly popped popcorn, and lots of commotion marked the grand opening of Rocky's Ace Hardware in the Stop & Shop plaza on Route 6 on Saturday, 11/17.

Rocky's President and CEO Rocco Falcone II told the crowd that his grandfather opened a hardware store in 1926 in Springfield, Mass., on the corner of Main and Union Streets. The family-owned business now has 33 stores in five states, with Mass. as its headquarters.

He said the company felt welcome in Fairhaven by both town officials to residents. He praised district and store personnel, comparing himself to a conductor who can't play the instruments.

"I can't put a store together," said Mr. Falcone. "I take great pride in the Rocky's family."

Fairhaven Selectboard chairperson Brian Bowcock told the crowd it was "nice to see the building being occupied."

He said the addition of Rocky's to

the town added jobs and activity to the plaza which benefits all the stores.

"We promote this kind of activity," said Dr. Bowcock. "We hope to have a long relationship."

Miss New Bedford, Janelle Guenette, sang the national anthem to get things rolling. Inside the store, the Generations Barber Shop Quartet sang some old favorites, popcorn was free, there some give-aways and raffles, and a lot of items were priced for the weekend opening only. Later in the afternoon Fun 107 and the Showstoppers joined the fray.

Mr. Falcone later said that the

Ribbon? Who needs a ribbon?



ABOVE: President and CEO of Rocky's Ace Hardware, Rocco Falcone II, uses a chain saw to cut a 2x4, performing the Rocky's version of a ribbon cutting on Sat., 11/17, for the grand opening of the Fairhaven Store. All three selectboard members and Miss New Bedford look on. RIGHT: Rocky's motto. Photo by Beth David.



company chose Fairhaven because it was "the kind of community with a lot of do-it-yourselfers."

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Latest wind study shows nothing new; authors' bias exposed

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

A new peer reviewed study on the health effects of wind turbines undertaken by three anti-wind activists does not reveal any new information on the subject, but the findings support previous studies that have all come to the same conclusion: The negative perception and annoyance of wind turbine noise causes a small number of residents living near them to suffer stress-related effects as a result of sleep disruption.

Knowing who is involved with this study, as members of Windwise have suggested in the past, is just as equally important as the findings.

The three researchers who conducted the anecdotal evidence-based study "Effects of wind turbine noise on sleep and health," published in the September-October issue of Health & Noise, all either sit on the board of directors or on the advisory panel of the anti-wind lobbyist group called the Society for Wind Vigilance.

Two of the three reviewers mentioned in the report also belong to Wind Vigilance and all three have a marked history of being paid to testify against wind energy developments.

These biases were not disclosed in the potential biases section, the conflicts of interests section, or anywhere else in the report.

Wind Vigilance has been advocating a two-kilometer setback of wind farms from residences for some time now, despite any scientifically based evidence to support their recommended setback.

Radiologist Michael Nissenbaum, one of the authors of the study, has conducted similar, if not identical, studies in Mars Hill and Vinalhaven Maine since 2010.

In 2011, Dr. Nissenbaum's affidavit in a wind farm injunction lawsuit in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan was harshly criticized by Justice R.C. Mills in his 24-page written decision dismissing the injunction, as reported in the World Spectator.

The judge deemed Dr. Nissenbaum incapable of being unbiased.

"A review of his affidavit #2 especially shows that he does not take an objective approach to the issues at hand," the judge wrote in his decision. "He passionately believes in the harmful health effects of wind

turbines from his own survey on the Mars Hill project and has made that the basis for his foray into an area that he has little real knowledge of. It is clear from the content and tone... that he has no objectivity in respect of the issues...he makes bold, unsupported statements."

The judge also wrote that Dr. Nissenbaum's information about the subject did not equate to having the knowledge required to make him an expert in the areas the judge deemed necessary in the court case.

Jeffrey Aramini, a veterinarian and co-author of the study, is a "scientific advisor" for Wind Vigilance. He co-authored a 2011 report on a self-reporting survey sponsored by a wind turbine health effect victims



This is one of two wind turbines off the bike path on Arsene Street in Fairhaven that have caused controversy in town. *Neighb News file photo.*

advocacy group WindVOiCe, published in the Bulletin of Science, Technology, & Society.

The Nissenbaum et al study, of which Aramini is a co-author, cited his own previous work in the references section of the published study.

Co-Author Christopher Hanning is an anesthetist who claims he has experience in sleep disorders, and is on the board of directors for Wind Vigilance.

One reviewer of the study, Dr. Carl Phillips, aside from strongly opposing wind power in his online blog called EP-ology, is hired as a consultant to testify against wind energy development.

Dr. Phillips has also been involved in a controversy surrounding his involvement with the tobacco industry.

In 2010, Phillips was asked to resign from his research position at the University of Alberta. Phillips accepted \$1.5 million from the tobacco industry and generated studies that downplayed the harmful effects of smokeless tobacco products.

He was paid to testify on behalf of the tobacco industry, and in one case where the plaintiff was a chewing tobacco user who developed tongue cancer, Phillips testified that there was no evidence that suggests chewing tobacco causes cancer.

The findings of the Nissenbaum et al study fell short in demonstrating that the noise from the wind farms is the direct cause of the health effects the 38 residents living near wind farms reported in the surveys used in the study.

The issue of infrasound is not addressed in the study either, which anti-wind groups like Windwise assert causes a condition known as wind turbine syndrome. There are no peer-reviewed studies confirming the existence of wind turbine syndrome at this time.

As many studies have shown before, the negative perception of wind turbines and annoyance of wind turbine noise is implicated in causing sleep disruption and other symptoms resulting from sleep disruption. The visual impact of the turbines has been shown to increase these effects.

Published in the September 2011 issue of Environmental Health, a report called "Health effects and wind turbines: a review of the literature," by Knopper and Ollson, showed, "To date, no peer reviewed articles demonstrate a direct causal link between people living in proximity to wind turbines, the noise they emit and resulting physiological health effects."

The report results showed, "In peer reviewed studies, wind turbine annoyance has been statistically associated with wind turbine noise, but found to be more strongly related to visual impact, attitude to wind turbines and sensitivity to noise."

It concluded that "self-reported health effects of people living near wind turbines are more likely

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Turkey Trot

On Thanksgiving morning the 3rd Annual Fairhaven Turkey Trot for Health and Hunger will be taking place in Fairhaven at 8 a.m. Register between 7 & 7:45 a.m. at Rasputin's Tavern on Main St. and Bridge St.

\$20.00 for individual; or give \$30 for an extra donation to the pantries; visit www.fairhaventurkeytrot.com

Golden Agers

The Fairhaven Golden Agers Club will hold an open house on **Wed., 11/28 in the Oxford Terrace Community Room, 275 Main St.,** Fairhaven, from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Accessible. All ages, 18+ are welcome to the Open House. Do come by to see how to spend a pleasant afternoon.

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

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

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

Scouts Sell Trees

The annual Christmas tree and wreath fund-raiser for Pack and Troop 55 located at Mike and Wayne's

on Route 6 is coming soon. **The trees are slated to arrive that day after Thanksgiving, Nov 23rd-25.**

The Scouts and parents volunteer every evening from 5:30-7:30, and all weekend long from 9 AM-6:30PM. Employees of Mike and Wayne's are gracious enough to collect money for the Scouts during the early hours on weekdays.

For the best selection of Nova Scotia Balsam Firs come early and pick your tree. We only have 200 Trees and 60 wreaths. Once we sell out we're gone till next year. Feel free to stop by and walk through our selection. The Scouts and parents are more than willing help you carry the tree and tie it to your car.

All Proceeds Benefit Boy Scout Pack & Troop 55, B.S.A of the First Congregational Church of Fairhaven

Dinner For 2 Books

Give the gift that lasts all year long, and help a not-for-profit organization at the same time. During this holiday season and throughout the month of January, the Showstoppers community-service singing troupe will be selling the Dinner For Two® Dining Books at the regular cost of \$29.95. Ten dollars of the purchase price will go to the Showstoppers organization to help pay for the children's travel to Walt Disney World in Orlando in August 2013. The troupe of talented youth has been invited to perform in Disney for the 2nd time, after delivering a fantastic performance on a Disney soundstage in 2008.

This year's Dinner For Two® book features \$1500 in savings at establishments across SE Mass, including Cape Cod, Newport and Providence.

To purchase a book, or for more information about Showstoppers,

please call 508-758-4525 or email info@showstoppers.us.

Planning Vacancy

The Town of Fairhaven Planning Board has a vacancy. If you are interested in serving on the Planning Board, please submit a letter of interest to the Selectmen's Office, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719, or email: selectmen@fairhaven-ma.gov. **Deadline for submittal is Fri., Dec. 7, 2012 at 4 PM.**

Food Drive

The Fairhaven Town Hall is partnering with the United Way and the New Bedford Firefighters' Union this year to bring Christmas presents to area children in need. A toy drive at the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, will last through mid-December.

The Town Hall is asking for new, unwrapped toys for children, from babies to tweens. Make the toy donation a part of your family's annual Old-Time Holiday Weekend, as the toy donation box will be available at the Town Hall on Sat., Dec. 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., to coincide with Town-wide festivities. Rumor has it that one of Santa's elves will be at the donation box to help. Don't miss it!

If you can't make the Old-Time Holiday weekend, Town Hall is open on weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Town Hall is also a drop-off location for the ongoing the United Way food drive. Pantries are struggling this year. Please consider bringing non-perishable foods, such as canned meats, beans, peanut butter, etc. for the Town Hall collection bin.

For more information, call the Selectmen's Office and ask for Anne, 508-979-4023.

Hydrant flushing is routine

By Beth David
Editor

Residents have contacted the *Neighb News* about the hydrant flushing on West Island saying it seems to be excessive this year. According to Water Department Superintendent Ed Fortin, the seasonal flushing is routine. He said he did not have figures to determine if this year's flushing is any more extensive than in other years.

After Labor Day, there is very little usage on West Island and Wilbur's Point compared to summer, said Mr. Fortin. The water temperature was also very high this year because of the hot summer and so it needs to be replaced to cool it off.

He said the water was around 75°. "It's warm, and that's fine when everyone's using it," said Mr. Fortin. "We don't want warm water sitting in pipes. That's just asking for trouble,

so we replace it until water temp drops."

Water testing is done twice a month for temperature and bacteria.

"You don't want it to grow any kind of bacteria," said Mr. Fortin. "So we do monitor."

"If we didn't flush that, it takes quite a while for it to get replaced especially with minimal usage," he said, adding that the water temperature is now in the 50s.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Share the Warmth

BankFive is pleased to announce their partnership with Hathaway Family Funeral Homes for the community-service campaign, Share Some Warmth for the third year. The program's purpose is to collect new articles of warm clothing, which will be donated to Bristol Elder Services and Coastline Elderly Services to distribute to seniors who are in need. The program has been in existence since 1999 through Hathaway Family Funeral Homes.

From **Nov. 23rd through Dec. 7th** BankFive will be lending all 13 branch locations as collection sites along with Hathaway Family Funeral Homes, Foley Funeral Home, Crapo-Hathaway Funeral Home, Fairhaven Funeral Home, Coastline Elderly Services and WBSM. New articles of warm clothing that are accepted include hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, sweaters, slippers, blankets and coats.

For further information, contact Maryse Hathaway, Community Outreach Director, Hathaway Family Funeral Homes at 508-673-0781.

Cards for Military

Fort Taber-Fort Rodman Historical Association, Inc., (FTFRHA) invites the public to remember our troops during this holiday season by attending a holiday card signing and creating your own holiday message for one of our military heroes. All of the cards collected during the card signings will be distributed to U.S. military troops serving overseas through the American Red Cross "Holiday mail for Heroes" program.

The holiday card signings will coincide with Downtown New Bedford Inc.'s fifth annual Holiday Stroll and will take place in two locations:

- Fort Taber-Fort Rodman Military Museum, 1000c South Rodney French Boulevard in New Bedford, **Saturday, Dec. 1, and Sunday, December 2, from 1 to 4 p.m.**
- New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park Visitor Center, 33 William Street in New Bedford, **Saturday, Dec. 1, and Sunday, December 2, from noon to p.m.**

FTFRHA will provide holiday cards, markers, and pens for the public to

use in creating their own holiday message for a military hero. Cookies and hot cocoa will also be available for participants to enjoy.

The holiday card signings are open to the public and are free of charge. For additional information please call the museum at 508-994-3938.

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.**

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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

House Tours

To herald the holiday season, residents of New Bedford's historic neighborhoods will once again be opening their beautifully restored

homes for the New Bedford Preservation Society's signature fundraising event – the 21st Annual Holiday House Tour. The elegant parlors of the magnificent Rotch-Jones-Duff House will be featured along with the historic Nathan and Polly Johnson House and several private historic residences, some of which have never before been open for the tour, all beautifully decorated for the holidays.

Feel the presence of the past in the varied 19th century architecture and interiors which are as diverse as the owners. **This year's candlelight tour will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, December 8th, with the December 9th Afternoon Tour from 1 to 5 p.m.** Both tours start at the Wamsutta Club, 427 County Street, tour headquarters, where an elegant pre-tour **brunch will be held on Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, along with a holiday raffle and silent auction of beautiful gifts, art, antiques and handcrafted items.

Pre-tour brunch reservations (\$17) can be made (but are not required) by calling the club at 508.997.7431. Advance, discounted tour tickets will go on sale mid-November at locations listed on our website. Visit www.nbpreservationsociety.org for a look at homes featured on previous tours or find us on Facebook.

For further information, please call the New Bedford Preservation Society office (388 County Street, New Bedford) at 508/997-6425.

All proceeds will benefit the work of the society in its efforts to maintain and promote historic preservation in New Bedford. To those ends, the Society has undertaken several major projects including historical building markers, bi-annual historic house tours, historical cemetery tours, summer walking tours, a tree-planting program (Re-Leaf), the publication of self-guided walking tour brochures, lectures, and other efforts.

Seniors Dance

Sponsored by the Office of the Mayor, the following dances will be held from 1:00pm- 4:00pm:

- Sunday, December 2nd and, Sunday, December 9th at the Fort Taber Community Center

For information, please contact the Mayor's Office at 508.979.1410.

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.

Inspirational Women

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.

The exhibit will be at Suffolk University's Adams Gallery, through Jan. 6, 2013

Bill Brett has been an award-winning photojournalist for close to half a century, spending much of that time at The Boston Globe, where he began working as a photographer at age 18. The portraits in this exhibit are drawn from the most recent of Brett's four books of Boston portraits.

In her first collaboration with her father, Kerry Brett, a staff photographer for The Improper

Bostonian, brings a singular editorial style. Her work has appeared in many publications, including New York, Professional Photographer, and Rangefinder magazines.

Stocking Stuffers

Stocking stuffers, sponsored by the Friends of the Elderly, are now at the Mattapoissett Council on Aging's Senior Center through the Holiday Season.

- Dinner for Two™ Dining Books are being sold. If you buy three books, for yourself or to give as gifts, you'll receive a fourth book FREE.
- Original Scrimshaw Prints (set of four) by the artist Kjeld Jensen are available. These are suitable to display individually or as a collage.
- Historic Note Cards of Mattapoissett scenes are available as well.

For more information on the stocking stuffers, call the Council on Aging, 508-758-4110.

The proceeds of the sales help the FoE to provide support to the Mattapoissett Council on Aging and Mattapoissett seniors.

Christmas Concert

The Many Moods of Christmas

The Sippican Choral Society will present its Christmas concert on **Friday November 30th and Sunday December 2nd**. Starting with the Irish 12th century Wexford Carol, the concert will display the diversity of Christmas music, from familiar popular songs, folk carols and hymns to an ancient chant set to African rhythms. The well-known regional chorus is directed by Brian Roderick, and accompanied by pianist Michelle Gordon and organist Dwight Thomas. The Sippican Chamber Choir will also perform, and the Southcoast Children's Chorus will sing under the direction of Leslie Piper. Please visit www.sippicanchoral.org.

- **Fri., Nov. 30, 8 p.m.**, Grace Episcopal Church, County St., New Bedford
- **Sun., Dec. 2, at 4:00 PM** Wickenden Chapel, Tabor Academy, Spring St., Marian

Tickets: **Adult, \$12; Students, \$6**
Available at: The Bookstall in Marion; Gail's Goodies & More, 58 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoissett; Symphony Music Shop, 94 State Road Dartmouth.

Tickets also available at the door.

After Prom F-R

The Fairhaven High School After Prom Committee will present the comedy and entertainment of "The Portuguese Kids" on Saturday, December 1, at the Knights of Columbus in Mattapoissett. "The Portuguese Kids" are taking ethnic comedy to new heights with their live shows highlighting the funnier side of growing up Portuguese. The evening will include cash bar, light appetizers and raffle items. Doors open at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$25. For tickets call Marianne at 508-989-5328, or visit portuguesecomedy.com

Proceeds to benefit the Fairhaven High School After Prom event.

Author Event

Pulitzer-Prize winning writer Debby Applegate will speak on *Henry Ward Beecher: The Most Famous Man in America* at UMass Dartmouth 285 Old Westport Rd. Dartmouth, Woodland Commons. Parking is in lot 7. The event is on Dec. 3 from 7-9 p.m. Admission is free and sponsored by the Claire T. Carney Library Associates.

Applegate's book, *Henry Ward Beecher: The Most Famous Man in America*, is the product of twenty years of research. It is a story of nineteenth-century America's religious transition from a Puritan and theocratic past to a "modern" liberal orthodoxy premised on happiness, love, and the banishment of original sin.

The lecture is followed by a reception and book signing. For more information contact Damaris Berner, dberner@umassd.edu, 508-999-8671

Transportation mtg

The Mass. Department of Transportation is continuing its series of statewide public meetings, engaging with residents, community leaders and business owners to discuss the future of transportation in the Commonwealth.

On December 3, from 6-8 PM at University of Mass. Dartmouth, Woodlawn Commons Building-Conference Room 3, 285 Old Westport Road, North Dartmouth, MA 02747

If you are unable to attend you may send comments to yourvisionourfuture@dot.state.ma.us



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Boat capsizes with three teenagers on board

By Beth David
Editor

Three Fairhaven teenagers were scallop dredging in North Cove off West Island on Sunday, 11/18, when their 17-foot center console boat flipped over, dumping them into the water estimated to be about 55°. The 15, 16, and 17-year-old boys were able to swim to shore and walk to a house on Balsam Street to call police and paramedics.

According to public information officer for the Fairhaven Fire Department Wayne Oliveira, two of the boys were warmed up in the ambulance and released to their parents. The 17-year-old "just couldn't lose the chill," said Mr. Oliveira, and was taken to St. Luke's with non-life threatening hypothermia.

"They were very cold, all three of them," he said, adding that one of the boys admitted he was losing steam on the swim in. The boat was several hundred feet from shore.

"It was a good outcome," said Mr. Oliveira, "but they were not wearing life jackets. We want to stress the importance of that, especially with

the water so cold.

According to police and other town officials, the scallop dredge got caught on a rock. The older boy, who owned the boat, tried to get it loose with the engine, which probably pushed the bow up. The stiff winds flipped the boat over.

Two of the boys are cousins, and according to one of the relatives on the scene, all three have commercial fishing experience.

"We feel extremely blessed that God was watching over the three boys," said the mother of one of the boys on the scene.

Fairhaven Harbormaster David Darmofal and Shellfish Warden Tim Cox assisted Tow Boat US recovering the boat and taking it to the Seaview Boat Ramp where

they had an interesting time with the ramp approach because the dock had been removed for the winter.

According to TowBoat US owner Clint Allen, the small boat kept flipping back over when they slowed down to assess the situation to try to board it. He said the bilge pump turned on, though, as soon as they turned it upright, and "that really helped." ●●●



ABOVE: TowBoat US flips over and tows the 17-foot boat that capsized on Sunday, 11/18, off West Island, dumping three teenage boys into the cold November water. The boys escaped with mild hypothermia. BELOW: TowBoat US takes the smaller boat into the Seaview Boat Ramp, where the dock has been put away for the winter, making for an interesting hauling procedure. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com



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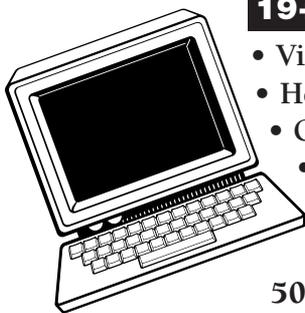
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He said they try to position themselves between the big box stores.

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He said because they have 33 stores of their own and an affiliation with Ace, their prices are competitive.

Geoffrey Webb, Director, Marketing & Advertising, said the store used a combination of modern marketing research techniques and old-fashioned hanging out in town to

come to that conclusion.

"And we use our good old gut feeling, too," said Mr. Webb, adding that teams of people drove around town looking around.

"We could see they take care of their homes and they take care of their gardens, and they need someone to help them.," said Mr. Webb. "They take pride in their homes, they take pride in their community."

He said the company also takes pride in becoming part of a community by helping out non-profit organizations.

Inside the store the atmosphere was like Black Friday, with the line for the register snaking all the way to the back of the 10,500-square-foot space. An additional 2,000 square feet outside includes a garden center.

"I think this is a great store to come to Fairhaven," said May Sharples of Fairhaven. "So far I got a lot of great buys."

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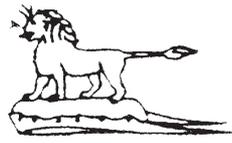
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Shopping with the *Neighb News*

*A decidedly biased piece by
Beth David*

Editor

It's the craziest time of the year, although also wonderful. But with ghost gourders running around and cars crashing into buildings, it's hard to find time to figure out where to get the perfect gifts for your favorite people (or at least the people you'd better buy gifts for if you don't want to hear about it all year).

Fear not, loyal readers: the *Neighb News* is here to take some of the anxiety out of your Christmas and holiday shopping journey. You need not go any farther than our advertisers to get it all done.

First, you'll want to call **Cyclone Cleaning** to get the house spruced up for your holiday parties. Or maybe you want to swing by one of their drop-off centers with those area carpets. While you're there, grab a gift certificate for your parents' place.

Or maybe mom and dad need you to be with them or taxi them around to appointments, and right in the middle of this crazy time. How on earth will you get all YOUR stuff done if you need to get THEIR stuff done? No problem: Just call Maureen at **Errands and More**. She can take mom and dad to their appointments, or do your grocery shopping while you take mom and dad.

Maybe mom and dad are looking for a new place to live, time to downsize from the old homestead?

Well, then, you need **Howe Allen Realty**. They'll help mom and dad sell the old place and find a new one. You can visit them while Maureen is doing your errands.

Do they need a little more help than that? No problem, check out **Whaler's Cove Assisted Living** in New Bedford or **Atria Senior Living Group** on this side of the river. For more serious issues, scoot across the driveway to **Alden Court**.

Maybe mom and dad, or other relatives, live far away and need a place to stay while they're here. You just looked around your house and said, "uh oh, not this place."

No problem, call the **The Polish Manor Inn** and give them seaside living for the holidays.

They will have a quaint, homey place to stay, and you get to keep your socks on the bedroom floor.

That'll do it for the planning portion for the program. Now, let's get to it. This Friday is the big shopping day, of course. So, you'll want to start as early as possible. At just about the crack of dawn, start with a hearty breakfast from **Mac's Soda Bar**, where you can also order any catering you may need for those holiday bashes.

They serve a great breakfast, and they have gift certificates, too. So don't just feed yourself, check someone off your list.

Right about the time you're done with breakfast, the banks will be opening. We have a couple of choices for you.

On this side of the river, head to **Southern Mass. Credit Union**. They have the full spectrum of options available for you. They're as home-grown as it gets, too. Maybe you're

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strictly a New Bedford gal or guy? No problem, SMCU has an office in New Bedford, or you can visit **St. Anthony of New Bedford Credit Union**.

Check out their car loans, or buy a CD from them. Now *that's* a great gift!

Maybe you already have your money in hand and you want to get right to it? Start by going to **A&A Auto** and get the car ready for the shopping trek, maybe make an appointment for someone on your list to get an oil change and some winterizing done. Better yet, wouldn't it be more fun to buy a car from them? Who hasn't seen a Christmas commercial with a shiny car in it? I'll bet Alex will even put one of those big red bows on it for you.

Ah, America's love affair with the car meets Christmas shopping. And all right here in our little burg.

Maybe this economy has got you low on cash? How about rummaging around in the attic and the old

jewelry cases? **Elegance in Gold** will buy that old jewelry and you'll have some cash for shopping. Or, they will fix that old stuff and make it look like new. (Re-gift anyone?)

Maybe you want a special piece made. Maybe you know exactly what you want but can't find it. Then you need to call **Caroline Marcoux** to custom-make something. Maybe she'll even name the piece after you.

And if you're on the other side of the river, you can get both those things at **Ernie Ross Jewelers**. Check out all three shops, and be sure to say the *Neighb News* sent you!

Okay, now it's time to head to Fairhaven Village. Nothing says Christmas more than a stroll among quaint shops for village-style shopping. Your first stop should be **Euro Phoenix** where you'll find gifts for every pocketbook, from dollar doodads to imported Norwegian sweaters. Take the kids with you. Their allowances will go far at this Fairhaven gem.

While you're in the neighborhood, take a stroll by our magnificent town hall, Millicent Library, and Unitarian Church. These architectural wonders were gifts from town benefactor Henry Huttleston Rogers.

Now you've worked up an appetite with all that walking and oohing and aahing over our town center, so scoot over to **Wah May's Restaurant**. Have some tea to warm you up, and grab a couple of gift certificates to hand out on the big day.

After lunch, relax with a drink across the street at **American Legion Post 166**. Not only will you relax in a quiet atmosphere, you'll be supporting a hangout for local veterans, too.

Speaking of veterans, if you're in the mood for different fare, head to the corner of Middle and Main, and pop into the **VFW**. The kitchen's got great specials, the TV on and good company. But don't get talking for too long, you're not done shopping.

When you pull out of that corner on Route 6, head back east to get your wine and other liquor at **Premium Liquors**. Wait until you see their wine selection. Wow. They sell Lottery Tickets, too, so don't forget to grab a few for the people on your list who have just about everything (do those make great gifts or what?).

Speaking of Lottery tickets, before

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you head east, maybe you should head north and drop in at **Seabreeze Mini Mart**. Not only do they have Lottery tickets, they have 99-cent coffee. Grab a cup and sit for a bit getting the news of the day. Grab a candy bar or snack for the road because your day is not nearly over!

Have some young kids to buy for? Or how about that young couple expecting their first? You want to buy the big brand names, but not at those prices. Have we got a shop for you! **Munchkin Mania** in Acushnet has all those great names in their consignment shop. Now that's the way to stretch a dollar!

Maybe that same young couple just bought their first house — a real fixer-upper. And in this economy, they need all the help they can get.

Maybe the old place just needs some TLC? Well, check out our **classifieds**. They are loaded with people who can help out with those little jobs, and cool stuff for sale — cheap.

For electrical work, you'll want Nick from **Nick's Services** or **Wayne from Wayne Electric**. They're both able to work on that old wooden wonder.

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Do the kids have their hearts set on a new kitchen? No one does kitchens like **Fairhaven Lumber**, a mainstay in Fairhaven. They have cabinets, flooring and other products and services, like windows, to keep that big old wooden wonder cozy and warm.

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Think that old house needs some furniture, but just can't swing those new furniture prices? Then, you're looking for a find, aren't you? You'll have to get over to **What a Find** consignment shop. You'll fill that house with stuff you never thought you could afford. And, you don't even have to tell the kids. Let them think you spent their inheritance!

They've got new cabinets, furniture, carpets. They'll need a good vacuum cleaner to keep it all looking good. Call **Handy Andy's** and they'll

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For exterior work, you'll want **Arruda's Home Improvements** or **Marc Gadbois**, whether it's time to replace the siding, windows, roofing, or fix what's there.

Now, it's an accepted truth that when you own a house, you need to learn to do stuff yourself. And for that you'll need tools and parts and advice. And paint...oh my, how you'll need paint. Get over to **Rocky's Ace Hardware** and fill up a cart with good deals. Or, maybe just get a gift certificate for the young 'uns. The place is staffed with people full of knowledge that they are just bursting to share with customers.

I'll bet those kids could use a tank of oil to keep that new house warm. Send **Luzo Fuel** over to fill it up. Now *that's* a gift!

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Of course, an old house like that probably has a fireplace or a wood stove, too. Call **Fitzgerald Tree Service**. He's got seasoned wood to make Christmas morning nice and toasty. And he can take down that tree that looks ready to topple onto the roof, too.

Speaking of chimneys. Call **Lenny Fleurent & Sons** if that baby needs repairing. Better yet, send Lenny to the basement to waterproof it. He can even fix up that old stone wall.

Uh-oh, we almost forgot insurance! You've got to have insurance. And to get the right plan, you need an agent experienced with the local landscape. That would be **Vieira Insurance**, a family owned company right in Fairhaven.

Now it's time for dinner. In the mood for something exotic? Then

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No shopping story would be complete without mentioning computers and other electronic gadgets, would it? For that, you'll need Glenn at **Fairhaven Computer Repair**. He can fix you up with advice on what to buy and set it all up for you, too.

Haven't seen anything you like so far? Looking for something unique, maybe...say, something that only comes along once every 200 years? Then buy products from the **Fairhaven Bicentennial Committee**. It's the chance of 10 lifetimes.

Have a professional fisher in the family? I'm sure that boat needs *something*, welding perhaps? Net repair? Give **Reidar's** a call. The local, family owned business is versatile and creative. Don't throw anything away without asking them first.

Ah, all this talk of boats makes you think of spring doesn't it? And then you think of your Uncle Johnny and that old boat of his and how he always has such a devil of a time getting it running in the spring. Call **Moby Dick Marina** and give Uncle Johnny indoor winter storage. You know he'll love that!

Let's see, boats, houses, cars, what did we forget? Your best friend! Someone on your list has a dog, guaranteed. Look no further than **Diamond in the Ruff** in Acushnet. That dog will be so pampered, you'll be jealous.

No one wants to think of the bad stuff during the holidays, but maybe you've been putting off updating that will? The Christmas movies are full of stories about people who didn't get around to it. Time to call **Surprenant & Beneski** and get it done. They can handle the full range of legal beagle stuff. It'll be a load off your mind and you'll be happy you did it.

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And with all that running around, you never made an appointment with the hairdresser, did you? C'mon, you can admit here, we're among friends. And your hairdresser

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Be part of the Fairhaven Recreation Center's 11th anniversary on December 1, from 9AM until 3PM. Rent a 10' X 15' space to sell your holiday crafts, hand made gifts or fresh baked goods. Spaces cost \$10 each and space is limited to the first 15 people to register. Crafter can begin setup at 7:30AM

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New activity. Knitting Class for beginners. Bring your needles, yarn and a pattern or a project. Starts Mon. 11/19 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Winter Storm Closings

If the Fairhaven Town Hall offices are closed due to bad weather, such as snow, the Senior center will also be closed. Announcements are made on WBSM 1420 AM radio.

Bowling

Every Thurs. 12:30-3:30 p.m. The Jolly Seniors at Bowlmoor Lanes Mattapoisett. Call Ron Swistak, 508-994-7773 to sign up.

Medicare open enrollment

Oct. 15th-Dec. 7th. If you have Medicare, you should have received important information from your Prescription Drug Plan, your Medicare Health Plan and/or Prescription Advantage (if you are a member). Please do not ignore any

letters from your plans and save all letters you receive. During the annual Medicare Open Enrollment you will have a chance to change your coverage for the next year. State certified SHINE Counselors can help you understand your plan changes, as well as other options you may have. Make your appointment with SHINE early by calling the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029

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Dietitian

Make an appointment with Barbara Canuel, Dietitian. First Tuesday of each month. 9:30-11:30 a.m. You can make a half hour appointment to discuss one-on-one your specific dietary concerns. Call Senior Center for appt.

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Ghost Gourder causing stir on WI, all leads are dead ends

By Beth David
Editor

A mysterious "Ghost Gourder" has been leaving decorative gourds under cover of night at the homes of children on West Island. Shea & Nora McGowan, along with their parents, have become alarmed at the rate at which the gourds seem to be multiplying at their home.

The two youngsters and their friend, Will Sobieraj, embarked on an investigation that took them street by street on Sunday, 11/18, to no avail. Although they had several prime suspects, every possibility eventually became a dead end. They have ruled out fairies, gnomes and elves as possible culprits. The resident Leprechaun has not yet been cleared, although there is no direct evidence against him, just suspicion.

Shea and Nora's mom, Mary Kate McGowan, noticed the first gourd on 10/26. Both children admit to being a little afraid at first.

"I really want to know who that it is. I mean it is spooking me," said Shea, but then he admitted that the investigation was fun.

"I will mostly say 'Thank you!' and



LEFT: Nora McGowan dusts a gourd for prints as her older brother Shea keeps an eye out for intruders. The McGowans are investigating a rash of "ghost gourding" at their West Island home: gourds have mysteriously appeared in their yard several nights a week since Oct. 6. ABOVE: The McGowan children with some of the gourds found on their property. Submitted photos.

"Why did you do this?" and "You are under arrest," said Shea.

Nora simply said she would laugh.

And if they don't find the culprit?

"Keep investigating," said Shea.

"Keep curious and still catch him no matter what."

"We'll keep looking," agreed Nora.

Shea also said he was no longer scared of the Ghost Gourder and just wanted to meet him (or her).

"Because now I'm thinking like, this is going to be a good person," said Shea.

"I love it more because there are lots of mysteries that I like to solve," said Shea.

"Less," said Nora. "I am thinking like it's haunted."

Fairhaven police said they had not received any calls about the gourder.

A confidential police source told the *Neighb News* that "if necessary, we will check satellite imagery with the Keo Satellite that we will position with proper coordinates to monitor West Island. We will plot it all on the map, documenting where the incidents have taken place."

Although advising caution, police do not believe that ghost gourders are dangerous or violent by nature.

Anyone with information should contact the *Neighb News* through our Facebook Page: www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews.

As for West Island, the two are split on whether or not the whole incident makes them like the island more or not.

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attributed to physical manifestation from an annoyed state than from wind turbines themselves...and not a turbine-specific variable like audible noise or infrasound."

Among several other studies involving Pedersen, the one titled "Perception and annoyance due to wind turbine noise — a dose response relationship" published in the December 2004 issue of the Journal of the Acoustical Society of America, concluded that "attitude to the visual impact of wind turbines on the landscape scenery was found to influence noise annoyance."

Nissenbaum et al cited five Pedersen studies and reports in their study, and also disclosed, "Visual impact and attitude are known to affect the psychological response to environmental noise. At both sites, turbines are prominent features of the landscape and were visible to a majority of respondents."

The authors reported that a dose-response relationship was established with sleep disruption diminishing with increased distance from the wind farms.

However, the study concluded that "the data on measured and estimated noise levels were not adequate enough to construct a dose-response curve and to determine an external noise level below which sleep disturbance will not occur."

Simultaneous noise levels were not taken at any point during the data collection, rather "measured IWT sound levels at various distances, at both sites, were obtained from publicly available sources."

Whether or not residents from the control group located far away from the turbines had any visual impact from the wind farms was not

mentioned.

The authors disclosed that data collected for this study included results from a smaller pilot survey of residents at the Mars Hill site. The questionnaire that was used for that pilot study has a pre-suggested symptoms checklist.

Although the study had been hailed in the media both internationally and locally as having shown a link between wind turbine noise and negative health effects, the study has done little more than support a number of previous studies in their conclusion that wind turbine noise annoyance causes some people to experience sleep disturbance.

The study's relevance directly to Fairhaven is questionable, since it was conducted on residents living near a ridge line wind farm of 28 turbines, and a three-turbine wind farm. Fairhaven is home to two 397-foot 1.5 megawatt turbines off Arsene Street.

"It is an important development," said Fairhaven Board of Health and Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson Peter DeTerra. "But I feel it has to be site-specific in the topography of the land...like water and tree cover... These turbines are

very technical."

Mr. DeTerra said he would be requesting a copy of the study for the BOH to review.

"I hope it will help Fairhaven town officials to start listening," said Louise Barteau, a vocal member of Windwise. "I hope people will start

to acknowledge that here in Fairhaven we have a problem. This study...gives us a way to get to the heart of the problem."

Ms. Barteau stated that she believed in the study, especially since the authors "listen to the people" and are "volunteers."

"I always listen to people who aren't making any money but are doing it anyway."

The journal Health & Noise is based out of Mumbai and has a relatively low impact index® of 1.2., which reflects how often other researchers refer to studies published within the journal. For perspective, the New England Journal of Medicine has an impact index® of 53.298.

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Planning board still working on WT bylaw, Borges resigns

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

The new wind turbine bylaw is still a work in progress, but edging closer toward completion after the Fairhaven Planning Board held another workshop on 11/13 to review and discuss the latest draft.

Board member Rene Fleurent Jr. defended his belief that one part of the bylaw draft regarding setbacks for private small wind energy facilities infringes upon an individual's right to build a wind turbine next to one's own house with no setback, assuming responsibility should the wind turbine fall on his own house.

"As an individual on my own property, I should be able to do anything I want," said Mr. Fleurent, "as long as I'm not breaking any laws or endangering anyone."

A discussion that almost resembled an argument ensued about whether the bylaw should state that the Planning Board reserves the right to waiver such setbacks and allow an individual property owner to assume liability should a turbine fall onto a private dwelling.

Chairperson Wayne Hayward sighed and scratched his head as he listened to the other board members debate setbacks for privately owned principal structures, such as houses.

Mr. Fleurent wanted that part of the bylaw that mentions setback for private principal structures struck from the draft. Mr. Hayward reminded Mr. Fleurent that the bylaw still has to go to a public hearing, saying, "If the public wants it, we will discuss it further."

Mr. Hayward stated that he wanted the issue eventually settled because he felt that if a board member were to stand at Town Meeting to announce that he was opposed to a particular part of the bylaw because it infringed upon his personal rights, it would not reflect positively on the board's efforts to come up with a bylaw that the entire board supported.

Later, while discussing a section of the bylaw pertaining to the application for a special permit from the ZBA, Mr. Fleurent asked a question, stating that he did not understand one particular part of the bylaw draft. While Mr. Hayward was explaining it to Mr. Fleurent and the rest of the board, Mr. Fleurent threw down his pen and repeated several times, "Ok I

get it," as Mr. Hayward continued to explain the question to the rest of the board.

"Don't dwell on this (part of the bylaw)," Mr. Hayward said to the board.

"We already have," Mr. Fleurent said over Mr. Hayward.

One part of the bylaw that was altered was the maximum size, or output of wind turbines. It went from 600 kW to 660 kW maximum, which can be waived by the board at their discretion. For example, Mr. Hayward asked if it someone wanted to erect a 665 kW turbine, why the board shouldn't have the authority to issue a waiver.

The board also wanted to reserve the right to impose further restric-

As an individual on my own property, I should be able to do anything I want, as long as I'm not breaking any laws or endangering anyone
[Rene Fleurent]

tions on wind turbine development should they deem necessary.

Later during the meeting, Mr. Fleurent proposed defining a "wind farm."

"What do you gain by putting in the term wind farm?" asked Mr. Hayward. "Why not just limit it to two?"

Mr. Fleurent advocated limiting the amount of turbines allowed to two, to which board member Jeffrey Lucas said to Mr. Fleurent, "You? The one who wants the right to drop one on his house?"

Mr. Hayward asked Director of Planning and Economic Development Bill Roth about the bylaw possibly limiting the turbines to two.

"You could put a hard and fast number," said Mr. Roth, "but it could be considered arbitrary and capricious."

After a lively discussion about the matter of limiting the amount of

turbines, Mr. Fleurent cried out, "Well, what's gonna stop someone from coming in and building six turbines off Sconticut Neck?" which opened up another can of worms in the bylaw discussion.

What followed was an animated discussion about water jurisdiction beyond the control of the Town, which was debated in an earlier session of the bylaw workshop.

"Everyone is transfixed on turbines in the water," said Mr. Hayward. "These regulations (being drafted) are for zoning and everything that's on the land."

Mr. Roth explained the details of water jurisdiction to Mr. Fleurent as Mr. Lucas looked to Mr. Hayward and softly uttered "on and on," making a circular motion with his hand while Mr. Roth continued addressing Mr. Fleurent about the regulating authorities of the water.

"We don't have the right to supersede them," Mr. Hayward said. "It's not ever going to be an issue... There are bigger fish than us."

"It's ironic that a Fleurent wants to regulate the water," said Mr. Roth. "Your uncle wanted to do away with... zoning, particularly around quahogs."

Mr. Fleurent smiled and the discussion moved on, shifting gears to the effects of wind turbines on birds, and particularly bats.

Mr. Fleurent muttered, "I don't give a f— about them."

Board member Francis Budryk called Mr. Fleurent out about the comment

"I don't care about bats," said Mr. Fleurent with a straight face, but with a tone of sarcasm.

"He's just playing my devil's advocate," Mr. Roth said in Mr. Fleurent's defense. Mr. Roth then announced that he would be adding to the bylaw draft a definition for wind farms, and looking into water jurisdiction issues. The board set the next meeting for 11/27.

In other business, the board discussed a street acceptance request for a section of North Street between Cherry Street and Adams Street, featured on the warrant for the 12/4 Special Town Meeting. Mr. Hayward wondered why the section of North Street from Cherry Street to the waterfront was not also up for

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Girl gives back by donating Jack-O-Lanterns

Submitted by Shawna-Marie Jones

On March 3, 2004, a little angel was born into the world at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford, Savannah-Leigh Jones. Savannah-Leigh was born with a condition called laryngomalasia, a collapsing of the upper larynx. Throughout her first five years she underwent brain surgery, bilateral vocal cord paralysis, the removal of the first and second vertebrae in her spinal column, strider and two massive esophageal reconstruction surgeries. The acid that accumulated rotted all of her baby teeth requiring extractions and extensive dental work. She had been deemed failure to thrive for approximately five years and was also administered a nasal feeding tube. The two reconstructive surgeries had her on life support and recovering at Boston Children's Hospital for a collective time of one year.

Despite all these trials, Savannah-Leigh, now eight, is developing into an inspirational, healthy young lady.

This Halloween Savannah-Leigh reflected on how much it "stinks" to be a child in a hospital and not be able to go trick-or-treating. So with a little family help, she created Savannah's Lil' Pumpkins, a project designed to bring smiles to the faces of children who may not be able to go trick-or-treating due to hospitalization.

Savannah-Leigh spent part of September and all of October fundraising. She collected just about \$300

in donations and supplies!

With these donations Savannah-Leigh filled jack-o'-lanterns with goodies such as stationery, pens & pencils, stickers, activity books, toys, bubbles and other Halloween goodies! Then she donated them to the pediatric units at St. Luke's Hospital and to Boston Children's Hospital. At St. Luke's she delivered them in her decorated red wagon. She delivered a total of 35 pumpkins and about 50 goodie bags.

As her older sister I have watched her advocate for her project, fund-raise, count and organize donations, create the pumpkins and write e-mails with only a little help. While doing all this hard work she is still maintaining fabulous grades in school, overcame a nasty cold and even a slight concussion! This simply shows me that she is dedicated and confident in the success of her project.

I felt it selfish of me not to spread the word on how wonderful and inspirational my little sister is. She is making a difference in her own small way. She is giving back to the same



Savannah-Leigh Jones with some of the jack-o'-lanterns she donated to the two hospitals she has spent a lot of time in. Submitted photo. See it in color at www.neighbnews.com

two hospitals that are mainly responsible for her ability to live the healthy lifestyle she lives today.

"I want to thank the Doctors for everything," Savannah-Leigh said.

Now I would like to say to Savannah-Leigh: "I want to thank you for everything, you are an inspiration and a miracle."

Finally, Savannah-Leigh's family is also so proud of her. Mom says, "She's our little miracle."

Dad says, "I'm so proud of you Graci!"

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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:

- Petitioner: William J. Alphonse**, 1 Mina Street; Plat 37A, 612-615; Book 6787 and Page 246; 198-23: A Special Permit is required for a Home Occupation in the Building Trades.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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*

Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on December 03, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. In the Fairhaven Town Hall, Purpose is for the Request for Determination of the following matters as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as

amended.

- Request for Determination Applicant Carlos Schryver Location 303 Mill Road Plot 39 Lot 16B. Purposes verify wetland and perform percolation test within 100' of wetland and within the NRB.
- Notice of Intent Applicant ZJA LLC Location 28 Monondach Ave Plot 42A Lot 225 Purpose install seashell driveway; construct seawall, and beach restoration all within a barrier beach and a VE flood zone.
- Request for Determination Applicant VRJP, LLC Location 132 Alden Road Plot 24 Lot 240 Purpose construct an addition within the 100' buffer zone to BVW.
- Notice of Intent Applicant Jurrinus & Geraldine C Ten Brinke Location 4 Misty Bay Road Plot 43C Lot 86 Purpose demolish existing house and construct a new house within an AE EL 18 flood zone.
- Notice of Intent Applicant Mike Ristuccia Location Bass Creek Road Plot 43C Lots 389-414 Purpose construct single family dwelling within the 100' buffer zone to BVW and within a AE Flood Zone.

*Respectfully Submitted
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acceptance.

"I would have recommended going all the way to the water," said Mr. Hayward. "That portion of the street should be the only part that should be accepted."

The board talked about possible reasons why the other part of North Street was excluded and chose to hold off on voting on the matter until that question could be answered.

Earlier in the meeting, Mr. Hayward announced the resignation of Al Borges and said interested parties who wish to be appointed to the position should send a letter of interest to the Selectboard.

"Al wasn't the most vocal member of the board," said Mr. Hayward, "but if you asked him a question...he had a lot of information."

Mr. Hayward thanked Mr. Borges for his 51 years of service in Fairhaven government. ●●●

Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

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

Community Preservation

Thurs., 12/13, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 12/3, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Dog Park Committee

Wed., 11/28, Fire Station, 6 p.m.

Planning Board

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

Rogers-Oxford Study Comm

Thurs., 12/6, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

School Committee

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

Selectboard

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

Tues., 11/27, Town Hall 1:30 p.m.

Special Town Meeting

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

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Appeals

Mon. 12/3, Comm. Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Wed., 11/28, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Planning Board

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

Selectboard

Mon., 12/3, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Special Election

Mon. 12/10

TIDE TABLE

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

	Nov. 2012	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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
		----	----	----	2334
Tuesday	27	0648	1908	----	1238
Wednesday	28	0724	1945	0013*	1314
Thursday	29	0759	2023	0054*	1352
Friday	30	0834	2101	0136	1430

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft.
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Whoever said money
can't buy happiness
simply didn't know
where to go shopping.

Bo Derek

Atria residents celebrate Veteran's Day



Atria residents took part in the Fairhaven Veterans Day Parade last weekend. FAR LEFT: Standing L-R, Eugene Cabral, Carlos Lucia, Terence Farrell, Rene Lionel Rochefort (Seated) Roland Dumas. LEFT: John Shea & Stanley Syvaria. Photos submitted by: Wendy Carr-Cabral. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com

Cars crash into Jackson's Variety

LEFT: A Jeep driven by Justin Downey of Fairhaven crashes into a parked car pushing it through a fence and into the ice machine that then gets jammed against the building at Jackson's Variety on Sconticut Neck Road in Fairhaven on Friday, 11/16, around 10 a.m. Normand Nadeau (pictured) had the car in his driveway with a "for sale" sign on it when the Jeep hit it. Both vehicles had to be towed away. Mr. Downey, 28, is being charged with operating to endanger, speeding, and marked lanes violation. Police could provide to explanation for the crash, saying only that the matter was still under investigation. No one was seriously injured, although Mr. Downey was transported to the hospital. The building did not sustain any damage. Photo courtesy of Marilyn & Lee Bissonnette. RIGHT: A close up of the car that was for sale and parked in a driveway when it got hit and pushed into Jackson's Variety on 11/16. Photo courtesy of Ted Silva.



SHOP: cont'd from page 13 books appointments weeks in advance. Relax, we have a solution for you: Call **Procuts**. They take walk-ins and you can even get a coupon in this issue.

Okay, back to the parties. No need to cook everything yourself. **Yiayia's Pizza Cafe** has special party platters just for the holidays.

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Okay, now you're done...you think. It's time to relax with a few friends, listen to some music, and gloat that your shopping is finished, over,

complete. You need the **Bayside Lounge**. You're bound to see someone you know to gloat to. And they have great food there, too.

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Oh, no. I almost forgot. Copies of my book, *Zorena and the Medallion of Corandu*, are still available. If you haven't already read it, you'll want to get one now, because the sequel should be ready for publication...er, well, sometime I hope. In any case, you'll want book one before book two is done, anyway. And then there's the one on

my trip to Lebanon available for Kindles and Nooks. If you don't want to read my ramblings about my summer vacation, there are about 200 photos that make it worth the \$2.99.

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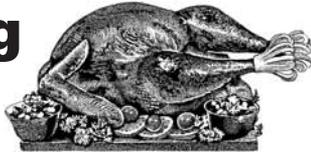
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