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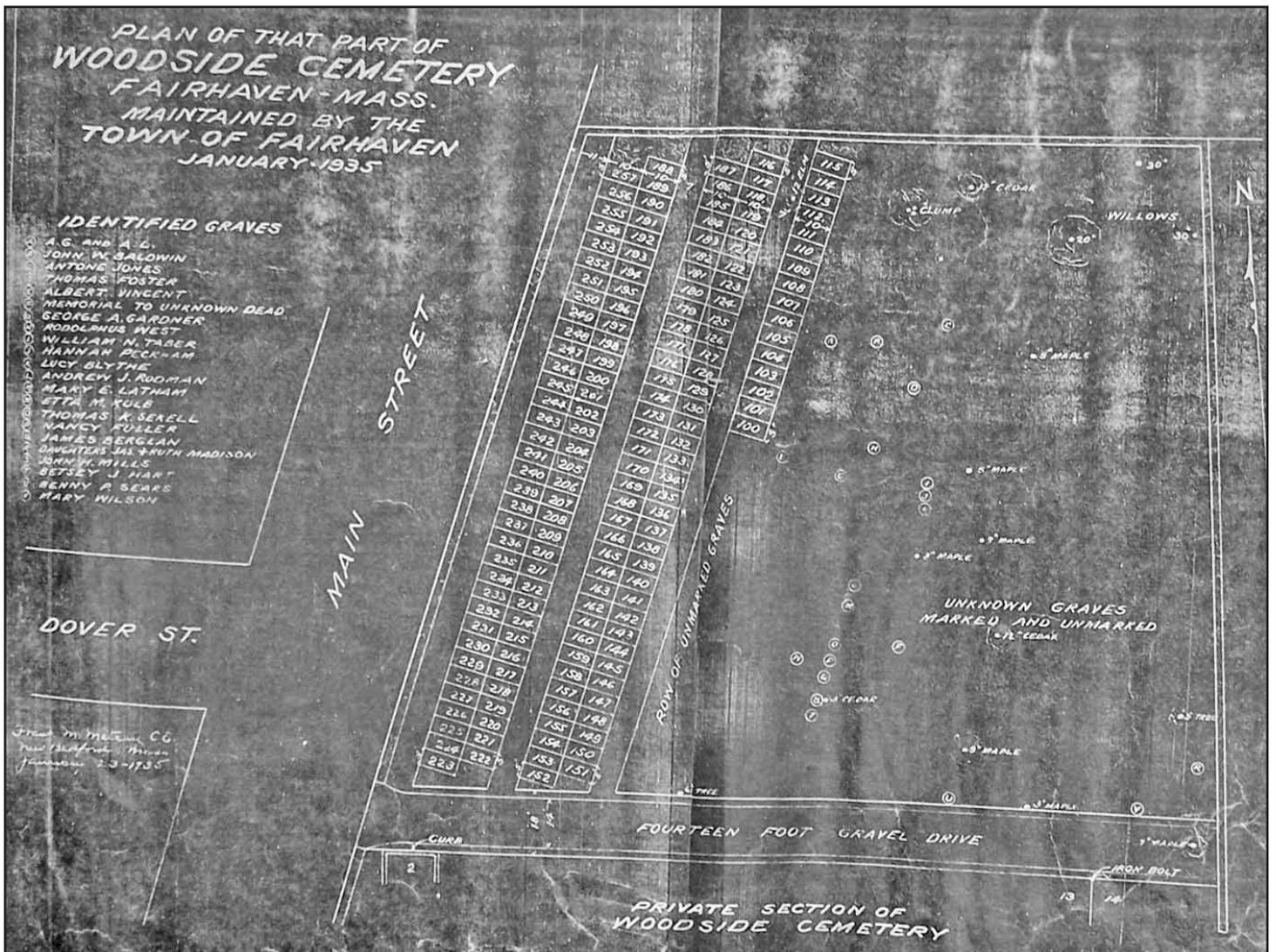


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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Finding out what lies beneath



This old map is all that Deborah Charpentier had to go on to figure out who was buried at Woodside Cemetery, and where the graves were. Ms. Charpentier is trying to locate 200 lost gravesites and find out how many gravesites are empty so the town can sell them. She has asked for funds from the Community Preservation Committee for a study using ground-penetrating radar. See page 16 for story. Photo by Joyce Rowley.

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Ooohhh, graveyards and lost bodies. Creepy stuff, huh? Our cover story is about just that, lost graves. When Deb Charpentier went before the Community Preservation Committee looking for funds to use ground-penetrating radar to find bodies, we figured it was something we should get more details on. Joyce Rowley did a great job of explaining what the job entails, and how it could actually benefit Fairhaven financially.

I suppose the dramatic effect would've been better if we put the cemetery picture on the cover, but... I just loved the look of that old map. And I have a feeling that Fairhavenites' sense of history means you will, too.

See page 16 for story and more photos (including one of the cemetery, I promise).

We've got lots of good stuff in here this week. Of course, after practically the whole paper was done (really, I was going to be EARLY this week), my Board of Public Works reporter told me that the Superintendent's contract had not been renewed on Tuesday night. I wrote a story on that on page 3. The story on the meeting itself was not ready by press time, that will run next week.

I was going to ramble on about how great Bill Fitzgerald is and how I think it's a bad idea to give him the ax, but I'll wait until next week to flush it out. I'm just too close to deadline (really, the printer just called looking for it, honest).

So, read the story on page 3, and we'll both chew on it for a week. Then I'll let you know what I think about it.

We've got other meeting coverage in here, though, so don't fret. Conservation Commission is on page 4 and Selectboard is on page 26.

We've got a couple of letters to the editor on page 21. There's also a story about "Connie's Corner," a corner of the East Fairhaven School's library dedicated to Connie Bancroft, who was killed in a car accident just as the school year began last fall. See page 3 for that.

For the rest of it, you'll have to thumb through and see for yourself. Be sure to notice who our advertisers are and tell them you saw their ads in the Neighb News.

Until next week then,
See ya,

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CORRECTIONS
Nothing yet? Cool.

School pays tribute to teacher killed in car accident

The East Fairhaven School created "Connie's Corner" in the library to honor Connie Bancroft on Monday, January 18. Mrs. Bancroft, 61, was killed in a car accident on August 31, 2010, on her way home from the first day of school. Although her kindergarten class did not start school that day, she went to greet the children in the other grades. It was the last time she would be in the school.

About 50 friends, family and EFS staff attended the tribute, which included readings, poetry, and singing, all in an upbeat affair. Among those present were Connie's husband Jim Bancroft and their three

sons Doug, Matthew and Greg, along with grandson Shawn, 3, aunts, uncles and family friends.

The corner has a bulletin board decorated with pictures of Connie, poems, and teachers memories of her. A bench with the inscription, "In loving memory of Connie Bancroft Kindergarten Teacher," along with all Connie's favorite books, are also in Connie's Corner.

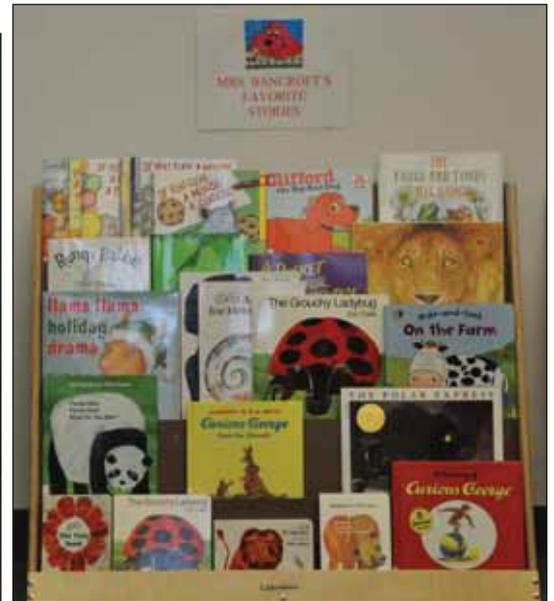
"Connie had a special way with words," said EFS kindergarten teacher Regina Frazier. "Connie loved books, books and more books! She couldn't wait for the next yard sale to see what she could get for her classroom; and sing-a-longs,



when she sang she was in her glory."

"Connie always gave a special Christmas gift which would be a book," said EFS Principal Geraldine Lucas. "Each book had a special story and meaning. Connie was a constant learner."

"She always had a big smile on her face," said music teacher Rita Campoli. "Connie had an infectious laugh." ●●●



LEFT: Connie Bancroft's family members who gathered for the dedication of "Connie's Corner" in the East Fairhaven School library. RIGHT: The selection of Mrs. Bancroft's favorite books in her corner. ABOVE: The plaque on the bench in Connie's Corner. Photos by Heidi Winnett. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com

BPW votes not to renew superintendent's contract

By Beth David
Editor

At its meeting on Tuesday, 1/18, the Fairhaven Board of Public Works voted 3-2 not to renew the contract of Bill Fitzgerald, Superintendent of Public Works. Mr. Fitzgerald's contract is up for renewal in May. It calls for a 90-day notice of non-renewal. The board discussed the possibility of not renewing the contract last November.

BPW Chairperson Geoffrey Haworth and board member Robert "Hoppy" Hobson voted to extend Mr. Fitzgerald's contract for one year.

In a phone interview, Mr. Haworth said the department is in the middle of a lot of projects and he had hoped

to retain Mr. Fitzgerald at least long enough to finish them. He said the complaints of the board members who wanted to oust Mr. Fitzgerald centered around "day-to-day" operations of the department. Mr. Fitzgerald was given a one year extension last year to work on those issues.

"At the end of the day, I think Mr. Fitzgerald is definitely great, great at getting grants and handling that back piece there," said Mr. Haworth. "He got this town 12 million bucks. That's great."

But, he added, the day-to-day operations, including the rapport with BPW workers was lacking.

Mr. Fitzgerald said he changed his method of operation to include the

things the board asked of him, including being more visible in town.

"And I did it, I really think I did it," said Mr. Fitzgerald. "I actually enjoyed the type of management they wanted, instead of stressing around the clock," working on grants and other proposals.

He said he thought he had struck a good balance.

In addition to the \$12 million Mr. Fitzgerald secured in grants, he has also managed to get five dangerous intersections funded for revamping in the next two years. He said he worked closely with Rep. Bill Straus on those projects, and gives him much of the credit for getting the funding

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ConCom approves new house on Balsam

By John Garcia

Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission approved two Notices of Intent and issued a Determination at their meeting on Monday, 1/10.

The Commission continued a hearing on Stephen Hickox's Notice of Intent to tear down an existing house at 172 Balsam Street and replace it with a new structure. Mr. Hickox stated that he had hired Peter Fletcher, a certified professional soil scientist, to identify wetlands lines on the property and to examine the soil in order to determine whether any of it would have to be replicated to its original wetlands condition. Some of the soil contained fill, and will be restored by Mr. Hickox.

The Commission voted unanimously in favor of approving the Notice with several conditions attached. Among these was one that stated the construction site would have to be cleaned up and in stable condition at the end of each day.

"We don't want to see stuff flying around all over the place getting into the water," Chairperson Andrew Jones said.

Other conditions state that the project must have its concrete trucks wash out in the structure's footprint, must have vehicles contain materials that would absorb petrochemicals in case of a spill, must mark out the wetland line with permanent markers (such as boulders), and must pump out groundwater that mixes with concrete so it doesn't contaminate

the ocean.

In another matter, Joanne Garfield made an after the fact Request For Determination regarding a shed she had built on her property at 15 Monondach Avenue, which is within a barrier beach and within a VE flood zone. Conservation Agent Wayne Fostin had previously issued an enforcement order for the shed.

While examining Ms. Garfield's

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stuff flying around all
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the water [Chairperson
Andrew Jones said]

plans, Mr. Jones noticed that the shed was on a dune. He noted that the original order issued for the construction of Ms. Garfield's house forbids her from building on dunes. He suggested that the Commission examine the site before issuing a Determination.

"I think we probably ought to do a site visit," he said.

The Commission voted unanimously in favor of continuing the hearing until January 24th. They will visit the site on January 23rd.

Gildon Stillings was present to discuss a Notice of Intent to clear

debris and felled trees from his property at 102 Fir Street, which is within the 100' buffer zone and within Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. He noted that the felled trees had been previously cut, and that the project would not involve any further cutting. Mr. Stillings added that the tenant living on the property wanted to use the felled trees for firewood.

All members present voted in favor of approving the Notice. Cora Peirce and Jay Simmons arrived late and could not take part in the hearing. The Commission will use photos of the property taken by Mr. Fostin to check that no further cuttings occur.

Marc Gadbois made a Request For Determination pertaining to a shed he intended to construct on his property at 485 Bridge Street, which is within the 100' buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and within the Nasketucket River Basin.

When asked what kind of foundation the shed would have, Mr. Gadbois replied that it would be built over two by fours. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of issuing a Determination of Negative Three, which signifies that the request takes place in a buffer zone, but will not alter the area and will therefore not require a Notice of Intent to be filed.

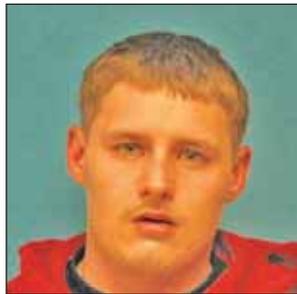
The Commission had been scheduled to discuss a Notice of Intent for work performed at Bella Vista Island, but the hearing was continued until January 24th. •••

Month-long investigation nets drug suspect

Fairhaven Police Press Release

Fairhaven Police Detectives and members of the Bristol County Sheriff's Department South Coast Anti Crime Team conducted a drug raid at 3 Prince Street in Fairhaven on Thursday, 1/13, just before noon time. Police arrested 28-year-old Robert Nicodemisen without incident after a month-long investigation.

During the search of Nicodemisen's residence, police seized live ammunition, \$1086 in cash, and clonazepam, xanax, suboxone and percocet tablets. A search of Nicodemisen's vehicle



turned up a stun gun.

Nicodemisen is being charged with two counts of possession with intent to distrib-

ute a class B substance, two counts of possession with intent to distribute a class E substance, possession of a stun gun and unlawful possession of ammunition.

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Free film

The South Coast Sustainable Cinema will be presenting a FREE screening of the film RENEWAL on **Thursday evening, January 20th, from 7:00-9:00pm**, at the Fairhaven Unitarian Memorial Church on 102 Green Street in Fairhaven, and will be followed by a question and answer session with representatives from the South Coast interfaith community.

Doors open at 6:45pm and seating will be first come first served. Space is limited. Accessible. Free popcorn will be served.

RENEWAL is the first feature-length documentary film to capture the vitality and diversity of today's American religious environmental movement.

RENEWAL is the first film in the South Coast Sustainable Cinema series. This film series is brought to you by the Marion Institute and the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven. For more information on the South Coast Sustainable Cinema visit, www.marioninstitute.org.

Middle School Play

The Hastings Middle School Drama Club presents "Into the Woods," A part of The Broadway Junior Collection™, on **January 20 and 21, at 7:00 PM**, at the Hastings Middle School Auditorium, 30 School St., Fairhaven.

Book by James Lapine, music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. Originally Directed on Broadway by James Lapine.

General admission tickets are on sale for \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and seniors. To purchase tickets, please call the school's main office at 508-979-4063. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$10.00.

Brass Quintet

The Synergy Brass Quintet will be appearing in concert at **First Congregational Church, 24 Center St., Fairhaven, on January 22nd at 7:00 pm**. The program will include a wide variety of musical genres from classical to jazz while showcasing Synergy's unique and exciting approach to brass playing. Featuring songs from around the world, this performance offers the

Fairhaven community a truly memorable and entertaining evening of live music.

Tickets can be purchased for \$12 at the door (children under 12 FREE) or in advance by calling the Parish office at 508-993-3368. Please contact John with any and all questions at the previous number or send an email at mrogers261@verizon.net. Visit www.synergybrass.com for more information.

Victory Coffee Hse

Monthly Christian Coffee House, January 22 at 7-9/9:30 p.m. This month's performer is John Raposo, at Victory Baptist Church, 7 Park Ave., Fairhaven. Accessible. Refreshments. Free. All are welcomed to bring many friends and or family. Call 774-206-6233 for more information.

At the UU Church

These events are held at the Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green Street, Fairhaven. Accessible. Call 508-992-7081, or visit www.uufairhaven.org for more info.

Spiritual Explorers, first and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., in the Harrop Center. All are welcome to explore the concepts of various spiritual traditions, both ancient and modern. We will expand our awareness and understanding of the beliefs and practices of the interfaith world and perhaps find a philosophy to call our own. For more information, call Rev. Ann Fox, 508-992-7081, or write RevAnnFox@aol.com.

Meditation, fourth Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Harrop Center. Beginners and practitioners alike are invited to join our monthly group. We practice "Metta" or "Loving-Kindness" meditation, as well as explore other spiritual concepts as the "spirit" moves us. All are welcome. For more information, call Rev. Ann Fox, 508-992-7081, or write RevAnnFox@aol.com.

Super Sub Sunday

On February 6, 2011 the Fairhaven Association for Music Education (F.A.M.E.) will be holding their annual Super Sub Sunday Fundraiser to benefit the music program in Fairhaven. The subs are made fresh

on Superbowl Sunday and are layered with ham, bologna, salami, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, peppers, and onions. **The subs are only \$5 each. Orders for the subs will be taken up to January 28th** and they can be picked up at the side entrance of the First Congregational Church of Fairhaven between 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on February 6th.

To order subs please contact any music student in the Fairhaven Public Schools, or call Doreen Nelsen at 508.994.1098. F.A.M.E. thanks you for your support. For more information about music in the Fairhaven public schools or F.A.M.E., visit: <http://f-a-m-e.home.comcast.net>

Free Trees

Residents of Massachusetts can ring in the New Year by receiving 10 free flowering trees by joining the Arbor Day Foundation any time during January 2011.

By becoming a member of the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation, you will receive two white flowering dogwoods, two flowering crab-apples, two Washington hawthorns, two American redbuds and two goldenrain trees.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between Feb. 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch tall trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Arbor Day Foundation members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive your free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE FLOWERING TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 2011. Massachusetts residents can also join online at www.arborday.org/january.

A man is as old as
his arteries.

Thomas Sydenham

Free Flu Shots

The Greater New Bedford Community Health Center has announced that it will provide free flu vaccine, every day, free of charge, to any walk-in. Individuals receiving the vaccine just need to fill out a consent form. The vaccine provides protection against seasonal flu and will be available to adults 18 years and older. The vaccine will be available through the Urgent Care Department at 874 Purchase St., New Bedford. Accessible. For further information, please call 508-992-6553.

Foster Parent Training

The Department of Children and Families is offering a free training for individuals and families interested in learning about fostering a child. We have a significant need for care of infants, toddlers and adolescents along with sibling groups.

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Singers Invited!

The Greater New Bedford Choral Society invites singers to open rehearsals starting Tues., Jan. 11, at 7:30 P.M. for the Society's spring season. Rehearsals are Tues. evenings 7:30 to 9:30 PM at the First Unitarian Church, corner of County and Union Streets, New Bedford. Private auditions are not required. New singers are welcome until Feb. 1, 2011. For more information, call 508-644-2419 or see www.gnbcs.org.

Flu Clinics

The New Bedford Health Department Nursing Division to hold multiple Seasonal Flu vaccination clinics open to all New Bedford residents. The clinics will take place at the New Bedford Health Department located at 1213

Purchase Street on the 1st Floor on **Friday, January 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm and Monday, January 10th, 24th, and 31st from 1:00pm to 7:00pm and at New Bedford City Hall located at 133 William Street on Tuesday, January 11th, 18th and 25th from 10:00am to 1:00pm.**

The clinics will provide vaccinations to all New Bedford adults and children who are 6 months of age or older. Vaccinations are provided free of charge to individuals who belong to the following insurance plans and can provide their health insurance card at the time of their vaccination: MassHealth, Medicare, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Harvard Pilgrim, Neighborhood Health Plan, Unicare, or Tufts Health Plan. Residents who are not enrolled in one of the above mentioned plans are eligible to receive the vaccine for a \$5.00 fee.

The Massachusetts Department of Health recommends that everyone 6 months of age and older should be vaccinated for the flu. The only exceptions are people with a severe allergy to eggs or to something else in the vaccine. It is especially important that the following people get a flu shot every year:

For more information on the upcoming flu clinics please contact the City of New Bedford Health Department at (508) 991-6199.

Cape Verdean Whaling Exhibit

The New Bedford Whaling Museum is in the process of establishing a permanent exhibit that will tell the story of Cape Verdean Whaling and culture of the Cape Verdean American experience. The Cape Verdean Gallery Committee of the Whaling Museum is asking for the assistance of individuals, families and groups with ties to Cape Verdean history and culture to consider donating items of historical interest for use in this new exhibit, planned to open in July 2011. The exhibition will explore Cape Verde, its people, their maritime history and its connections to New Bedford, and the legacies that continue to tie the city and its culture to Cape Verde.

Co-chaired by Gene Monteiro and Dr. Patricia Andrade, the committee meets regularly with the Museum's curatorial staff to discuss and advise them on the content and scope of the exhibition, which is planned for the southeast mezzanine of the newly restored Bourne Building, adjacent to the new Azorean Whaleman Gallery at the Museum's core.

"Within the Museum's vast collections there are many significant artifacts, photos and documents which will help tell the unique and compelling story of these islands, Cape Verdeans' journey to America, and their contributions to this region of the county, in particular," said Mr. Monteiro. "However, we are also hoping that within the homes of the Cape Verdean American community here in southeastern Massachusetts, there may be important items waiting to be discovered and perhaps featured in this exhibit," he added.

Dr. Patricia Andrade noted, "Historical photographs will be key in telling this story, so we are issuing a call to the community to dust off their family albums and look through their attics for any items, documents, photographs or artifacts which might be useful in more fully telling the story of the people of Cape Verde and their journey as Americans."

Building the museum's permanent collection of art and artifacts relating to Cape Verdean heritage in New Bedford and onboard New Bedford vessels will enable this important American story to be told within the broader context of New Bedford history.

Contact Michael Dyer: 508-997-0046, ext. 137, or by email: mdyer@whalingmuseum.org,

The examination of early family photographs, items brought from Cape Verde by emigrants, artifacts representing Cape Verdean culture, including musical instruments, pottery or other domestic objects of significance, clothing, craft, paintings, early immigration documents, scrimshaw and other artifacts related to whaling and the maritime trades, may be directed to Michael Dyer: (508) 997-0046, ext. 137, or by email: mdyer@whalingmuseum.org

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

N.E. Fisheries Mtg.

The New England Fisheries Management Council will meet January 25-27 at the Sheraton Harborside, 250 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH. Visit www.nefmc.org/ for meeting agenda and information on public comments, or contact the council at New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950 Tel 978-465-0492; Fax (978) 465-3116

Poetry Reading

Whaling City Review LIVE poetry series and Baker Books are very pleased to welcome Caroline Knox to the Bean & Leaf Café (at Baker Books) for a poetry reading. Knox will be reading from her seventh collection, *Nine Worthies*, which appeared in 2010 from Wave Books. The reading will take place on the evening of **Saturday, January 22nd, at 7:00 PM.**

Baker Books is an independent bookstore located at 69 State Road in North Dartmouth. For more information, visit www.bakerbooks.net or call 508-997-6700. Accessible.

Whaling City Review is a literary journal founded by New Bedford Poet Laureate John Landry in the 1970s. Whaling City Review LIVE is a poetry series begun in 2006 that brings poets from the region and beyond to the New Bedford area, and celebrates the diversity of poets and poetic expression in Southeastern Massachusetts. For more information, visit <http://whalingcityreview.wordpress.com>, contact Director Maggie Cleveland at whalingcityreview@gmail.com, or find us on Facebook.

Singers Wanted

The Sippican Choral Society welcomes singers for its 2011 Spring Concert, with rehearsals going on now. Rehearsals are held weekly at 7:30 p.m. at the Mattapoissett Congregational Church's Reynaud Hall, 27 Church Street, Mattapoissett. Accessible. **New members are welcome to join until January 24.**

Songs celebrating the beauty of nature and love will be the focus of the 2011 Spring Concert. Please arrive 15 minutes early to register.

Semester dues are \$35. For more information email osuch1@aol.com or visit www.sippicanchoral.org.

Hospice Spaghetti Supper

The annual Spaghetti Supper fundraiser for hospice continues to be a favorite in the community and will take place on **Saturday, January 29, 2011 from 4-7 p.m.** For the third consecutive year, Community Nurse & Hospice Care (CNHC) will hold their event in the cafeteria of St. Francis Xavier Elementary School at 223 Main Street in Acushnet (wheelchair accessible). Tickets are \$8 each for adults and \$4 each for children under 12 years old. Attendees can purchase their tickets in advance by calling 508-992-6278, going to www.communitynurse.com under the Upcoming Events tab on the home page or at the door.

As always, CNHC uses the proceeds from the Spaghetti Supper to care for their hospice patients including the cost of hospice staff, medical equipment and supplies, pain medications and bereavement support not covered by health insurance.

To purchase tickets, donate a chance auction item, advertise on the placemat or for more information, please contact Linda Quinn at 508-992-6278, lquinn@communitynurse.com or 508-992-6591 (fax).

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Public Comment Period

Draft Massachusetts Regional Haze State Implementation Plan. Under Section 169A of the federal Clean Air Act, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires each state to submit a regional haze state implementation plan (SIP) that describes state goals and measures for improving visibility conditions in certain national parks and wilderness areas, and includes a determination of Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART) for certain air pollution sources. The state must first submit the draft SIP to Federal Land Managers (FLMs) and EPA for comments (a step Massachusetts has completed); then solicit comments from the general public (which MassDEP will be doing **through February 21, 2011, with hearings scheduled for February 10 in Springfield and February 11 in Boston**); before submitting a final document to EPA for approval.

Web Link to View Draft Plan: <http://www.mass.gov/dep/air/priorities/sip.htm#haze>

For public hearing information, please see <http://www.mass.gov/dep/public/hearings/hazesip.htm>

Storytime

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Feb. 1: Love Stories. **Feb. 8:** Valentine's Day. **FEB. 12, SATURDAY, 11 a.m.:** **Special Storytime:** Valentine's Day Stories, Craft, Snack, and Love! **Feb. 15:** Celebrate Black History Month. **FEB. 21, MONDAY, 1 p.m.:** **Special Storytime:** Presidents' Day School Holiday. **Feb. 22:** Books by Audrey Wood. **Feb. 26, SATURDAY, 1 p.m.:** Meet PANCAKE PIG costume character and bring your cameras!



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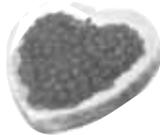


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Recipe of the Week

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- 1 TBSP olive oil
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- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 (28 oz) can diced tomatoes
- 2 (14 oz) cans chickpeas, drained & rinsed
- 1/4 tsp each black pepper, white sugar
- 1/3 cup chopped flat leaf parsley
- 3 TBSP grated Parmesan cheese

Heat the oil in a large saucepan over moderate heat, add onions & cook for 8 mins.

Add garlic and cook 30 seconds more.

Stir in tomatoes with juices. Raise heat to medium and simmer, uncovered, 10 mins.

Add chickpeas, pepper, and sugar and simmer for 6 mins.

Stir in parsley and Parmesan. Season with additional pepper and some salt, if needed.

Delicious when served in a whole wheat pita!

By Christine Stewart

To share a recipe with your neighbors

Mail to 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719; fax to 508-991-5580; email to neighbnews@comcast.net

A Little Bit of Sports

By Bob Hobbs

Special to the Neighb News

F.H.S. Basketball

The girls beat Case 61-38. Kara Chrette had 22 points and Brittany Teixeira had 10.

The Lady Blues beaten by Wareham 52-47 in a battle for first place in S.C.C. Kelsey Perron Sovik led F.H.S. with 15 points Lady Blues are now 8-4 overall.

F.H.S. Boys

The Blues upset Wareham 53-44 last Friday at Leach gym. Adam Mullin had 29 points, 22 at the line.

Wareham had three players foul out, plus their wonderful coach got a technical in the fourth quarter. Seniors Matt Wordell, Roger Evans and Billy Lessa were outstanding in the big win.

UMASS Basketball

The Corsairs were crushed by East Conn., 70-52. Justin Pulveer led UMD with 16 points.

On Saturday, UMD beat Keene State 106-100, with Colin Burns scoring 28 points. Home Saturday against Plymouth State.

UMD Hockey

The John Rolli coached Corsairs suffered their third defeat at the hands of Salem State. Saturday they thrashed Westfield State 5-4. UMD is now 9-3-1.

Prose on Pros

NFL Playoffs

The Steelers beat the Ravens, Green Bay beat Atlanta, and I

cannot believe that the Jets outplayed the Pats. Belichick was outcoached by Fat Ryan. Wait till next year.

NFL Commercials

NFL has so many commercials, that I am very confused during a game. I thought I was watching the Detroit Fords, who were playing the Chicago beers. The New England Blackberries got beaten by the New York Geicos. "Here we go NFL."

NBA and Celtics

Celtics doing well considering, Garnett, Perkins, and O'Neil injuries. NBA play is awful, refs are terrible. Labran gets too much media coverage. Game needs change, like putting the baskets up higher.

Looks like the league is loading all stars on one team, ala Miami-Boston-LA and now New Jersey.



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Dock-U-Mentaries film series begins

Press Release

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and the Working Waterfront Festival are pleased to announce a new film series beginning on January 21st. Dock-U-Mentaries will screen films about the working waterfront on the third Friday of each month beginning at 7:00 PM in the theater of the Corson Maritime Learning Center, located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. Accessible. All programs are open to the public and free of charge.

Over the past seven years, the Working Waterfront Festival has amassed a sizeable collection of documentary films on many aspects of the working port including life at sea, fishing families, marine ecology, fisheries science, regulations, seafood cooking and more.

"Many programs will be followed by discussions. Some will include panels from the local fishing community. Others will present question and answer sessions with the filmmakers or narrated slide talks.

The first three programs in the series are:

Friday, January 21: The Port of New Bedford Past & Present

Pearl of the Atlantic: A 1960s era film produced by the New Bedford Seafood Council to promote scallops includes rare footage of the New Bedford Scallop Festival, cooking demonstrations, industry shots and underwater scenes. (30 minutes)

Port of New Bedford: A Narrated Slide Show. Phil Mello is plant manager at Bergie's Seafood and current President of the New Bedford Port Society. Mr. Mello has been documenting New Bedford's working waterfront since 1975.

Friday, February 18: *Fisherpoets*, a 42-minute film by Jennifer Brett Winston

The story of a unique breed of fishermen who spin tall tales and weave true stories of life at sea through vivid and powerful poetry. The film profiles the lives and work of five fisherpoets including Moe Bowstern and Dave Densmore, both of whom have been featured at the Working Waterfront Festival. The film will be followed by a poetry reading featuring several local poets.

Friday, March 18: *Shipping Out: The Story of America's Seafaring Women* (56 minutes)

Filmed on board merchant ships in coastal waters from Alaska to New York, *Shipping Out* looks at the little known history of women and seafaring in America. Featured in the program are women who hold jobs in commercial shipping. We meet them working as engineers, bar pilots, tug boat captains, mates and deckhands.

The film was produced by Maria Brooks whose award winning documentaries, *The Men Who Sailed the Liberty Ships* and *The Odyssey of Captain Healy*, have been seen on Public Television. The film will be followed by a discussion with several women who work on the New Bedford waterfront.

The Working Waterfront Festival is a project of the Community Economic Development Center of Southeastern MA, a non-profit organization. The free festival, a family friendly, educational celebration of New England's commercial fish-

ing industry, features live maritime and ethnic music, fishermen's contests, fresh seafood, vessel tours, author readings, cooking demonstrations, kid's activities and more. It all takes place on working piers and waterfront parks in New Bedford, America's #1 fishing port, on the fourth full weekend in September. Navigate to us at www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org.

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park was established by Congress in 1996 to help preserve and interpret America's 19th century whaling industry. The park, which encompasses a 13-block National Historic Landmark District, is the only National Park Service area addressing the history of the whaling industry and its influence on the economic, social, and environmental history of the United States.

The National Park visitor center is located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. It is open seven days a week, from 9 AM-5 PM, and offers information, exhibits, and a free orientation movie every hour on the hour from 10 AM-3 PM.

The newest exhibit, Communities of Whaling, explores the connections between this city and five local ethnic communities whose roots trace back to whaling: African Americans, Cape Verdeans, Azoreans, Native Americans and West Indians. Accessible and free. For information, call 508-996-4095.



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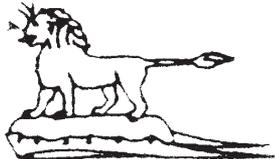
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What lies beneath at Woodside Cemetery?

By Joyce Rowley

NeighbNews Correspondent

Most of us don't want to think about death — we put it off to the very last. Later than that, if possible.

We're even less fond of thinking about where we want to be buried. But Deborah Charpentier was forced to think about it seven years ago, when family members told her they wanted to be buried at Nasketucket Cemetery, which is on Route 6 in East Fairhaven. She went to look for a plot and found that the weedy lot was barely discernible as a cemetery.

Even harder was finding anyone with records on who was buried at Nasketucket or exactly where they were buried. She went to the trustees' families, but without luck. In fact, there were no records for either Nasketucket or for the Woodside Cemetery in North Fairhaven. For Woodside Cemetery, established in 1828, she found a single map dated 1935. She felt it just wasn't right.

"These people created this community, so we owe them this," she said.

As the archivist at the Millicent Library and with the support of the library's Board of Trustees, Ms. Charpentier began painstaking research on the occupants of both cemeteries through the Town's earliest birth, marriage and death records dating back to 1844.

At times, she even went to old Fairhaven Star records to be more precise about a particular person's end of life.

"One man had died at an early age — 30," she said. "I had to know what happened. According to the Star, he was the owner of the local sawmill.



ABOVE: the Woodside Cemetery on Main Street in Fairhaven. Millicent Library archivist Deborah Charpentier discovered that documentation for gravesites at the Woodside was skimpy. She has asked for funds to do a study using ground-penetrating radar to find out if there are unmarked burials in the town-owned portion of the property. *Photo by Joyce Rowley.* BELOW: Robert Perry of Topographix uses ground penetrating radar to map out gravesites at a cemetery in Lowell, Mass. in March 2008. *Submitted photo by Janice Perry. See photos in color at www.NeighbNews.com*

His arms got caught in the blade at the mill, and both were sawed off."

She points to several books that catalogue other town's cemeteries and says, "Those books just have that there's a marker, and give a birth and death date. I want you to know who this person was when I'm done. I want you to know who their parents were and what they died from. This is not about just finding out who's there. This recreates the history of families and lives in Fairhaven and the vicinity."

Seven years later, she now has a database of 587 records at Woodside Cemetery, with 387 accounted for on the private side. There is no evidence on the ground of the other 200 sites, and those are what she wants to find.

Each record includes the person's name, spouse, parents, cause of death, birth date, death date, and age at the time of death including months and days. The person's record is cross-referenced to the cemetery location. If there's a marker, the type of marker — whether slate, limestone, or marble — the condition, the section, lot, and grave number, the row, the original owner and the inscription on the marker are logged. A photograph of the marker further helps establish its condition.

Children are the hardest to research, she said, because back then

women would lose three or four children to causes like poor hygiene and colds and malnutrition.

"That's when I have to set [the project] aside for awhile. I'm so grateful to be living in the time that we are now," she said. "We are so lucky."

Trends in deaths emerge when the database is sorted by causes. So for a particular year, she can say how many people died of consumption, for example, by sorting the database. She even researches what medical terms were in usage with an 1895 edition of "Practice of Medicine."

Not all consumption was tuberculosis, and cancer was only occasionally diagnosed although it was probably prevalent. Listings for Bright's disease were actually for a kidney disease. This information is useful for people researching genetic histories.

But her research could not tell her where the other 200 bodies at Woodside were buried.

"The map shows 150 lots up front but only two or three stones exist. There's about 20 headstones all told," she said.

Many markers have either sunken into the ground, or perhaps were never placed.

To help with the project, Michael Koska and his son Lee of Michael J. Koska & Associates land surveying,

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converted the 1935 map to a surveyed instrument that the Town can use well into the future.

"They donated their efforts and experience, worth tens of thousands of dollars, to this project," she said. "I couldn't have done it without them, or the two volunteers who now help at the cemetery."

From there it was only a matter of time before she realized that she needed to find out exactly how many unmarked graves there were — for their sake and for the Town's. According to Ms. Charpentier, cemetery plots run about \$1,000 at Riverside cemetery. The Town could easily have up to 300 plots available for sale to residents.

To pay for mapping the unmarked graves, Ms. Charpentier applied for a Community Preservation Act grant under the Historic Preservation category for FY 2011. The application, in the amount of \$8,937.50, will cover both the town-owned Woodside and a portion of privately owned Nasketucket cemetery for 3-D mapping.

"Along with potentially generating over \$350,000.00 in future revenue for the community, the project will contribute to restoring historic integrity to this town's most sacred properties," she said.

Enter Robert W. Perry and his ground-penetrating radar. Mr. Perry operates Topographix out of Hudson, New Hampshire. He's not a mystical diviner, but a former commercial 3-D illustrator for companies like Texaco and Sylvania who puts his skills and arts to mapping cemeteries in 3-D. Although he used to subcontract the radar component out, he now does it himself.

"I kept getting back 'inconclusive' results from subcontractors," he said. "I rate areas as 'high probability' or 'low probability.' Most of the operators are only familiar with other types of ground disturbances. Since I only look for burials, I can tell the difference with greater accuracy."

He said he is dedicated to providing affordable mapping, and

that his goal is to make his customers self-sufficient. Although he provides his final product in AutoCadd, he also provides it in other software so that the small cemetery associations do not have to pay hefty licensing fees.

Fairhaven's lack of mapping is not uncommon, unfortunately.

"I once sent out a survey to the known cemeteries asking what services they needed. Of the 3,000 responses, 70% needed cemetery mapping for unmarked burials."

To establish the site, he sets up a grid of about 40 feet by 50 feet with stakes every four feet apart on each side. Then he pushes his wheeled scanner along the gridlines. If there are known rows, he runs perpendicular to known burial directions and markers. If not, he uses fence lines and roads. The 400 MHz transmitter slides along the ground while the receiver sits up above. The machine scans to a depth of 10 feet at a rate of 75 scans per second. Reading it as he goes, he looks for changes that indicate disturbed ground. If he sees an anomaly, he sets up a second scan line two feet over to verify.

"Vaults are easy — the radar puts out a cone so the scan is hyperbolic," he said.

Actual bodies are not visible, nor are wooden coffins. What he looks for is ground disturbance. He can find "double deeps" although it's rare. A double deep is a double grave, with one casket stacked on top of the other.

He can also find buried headstones, which may have fallen and sunken below the surface. The machine provides the depth to the disturbed soil. The final product is a scaled, three-dimensional scanned video in areas where he has found ground disturbance.

His clients include the Catholic Diocese, National Park Service, towns, and private individuals.

Sometimes the burials surface on their own, creating a forensic scene. In



ABOVE: This corner of the death register shows some of the information that is supposed to be collected when someone dies, including the place of burial. Millicent Library Archivist Deborah Charpentier says that 200 graves are unaccounted for at Woodside Cemetery, and that the town-owned portion of the cemetery could have space available. *Photo by Joyce Rowley.* BELOW: A sample of the information that ground-penetrating radar can provide to show if people are buried in unmarked graves. *Submitted photo. See photos in color at www.NeighbNews.com*

Cazenovia, NY, runoff from a new housing development on a steep hill overlooking a cemetery began washing out unmarked graves onto the road below. Mr. Perry was called in to see where they were coming from.

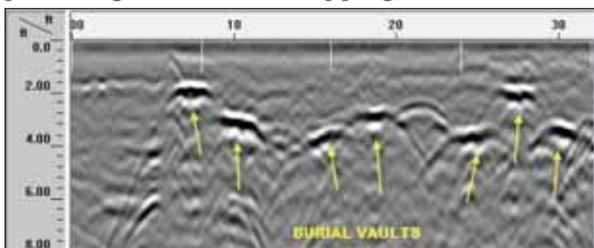
"Someone had built a brick wall in that area because the cemetery wasn't mapped," he said. "Rough coffins and bones were in the street. There were 14 additional burials outside the wall."

Another time, the Catholic Diocese knew they had misplaced somebody, but they couldn't determine where. A plot had been sold and an urn with ashes interred. Then, sometime later, a vault was placed next to the urn. Even later, the grave was opened for the spouse of the first person, but — no urn.

Mr. Perry was called in to find the urn, a durable metal item that should have been easy to locate. When he couldn't find anything similar to it in the vicinity, he asked where excess material was placed after burials. Scanning that area, he found three urns.

Mr. Perry's most unusual find? A hand grenade in Manchester, NH, this past October. His transmitter snagged on something he thought was a root. Bending down to retrieve it, he picked up a WWII pineapple-style hand grenade. After placing it back down, carefully, he contacted state and local authorities.

It was determined that it must have been debris from a 1947 mid-air collision of army transports. The bomb squad handled it. ●●●



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Another snowstorm belted the region on January 12. This first storm of 2011 included rare winter thunder, wind and a rain mix. See ML Baron's wrap-up of the storm on page 24. Shannon Whitehead of New Bedford was out and about with her camera and sent us these shots. TOP LEFT: The Butler Flats Lighthouse as seen from East Beach on Rodney French Blvd. TOP RIGHT: These two snow people were outside a house on Rodney French Blvd. LEFT: Since Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011, was a snow day for these children, sledding was the perfect activity at Fort Taber Park in New Bedford. *Photos courtesy of Shannon Whitehead. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com*

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approved.

"These things take 15 years to get funded," he said. "All five of them are being addressed. That's one thing I'm proud of."

The other thing is the digester project for the wastewater treatment plant. The project will use microbes to literally digest the sludge. The methane produced will be used to create electricity. It will eliminate most of the sludge removal costs.

"We would've had to deal with our sludge someday," he said. "The rate-payers would've had to pay for most of it. Between the electricity and the sludge, we will save \$400,000 per year."

The reasons he is not being renewed may be as varied as the board members. Both Mr. Haworth and Mr. Fitzgerald said each member had his or her own opinion on why. In the end, though, it is not the same

board that hired Mr. Fitzgerald.

Mr. Fitzgerald said he told the first board what his strengths were and feels he lived up to that promise.

"It's not the board that hired me, at least three are different," he said. "I don't have a bad thing to say. I've work for volunteer government all my life. They are responsible and dedicated. They have to make decisions. I can respect that. I may not like it but that's who the townspeople elected to make those decisions."

Both Mr. Haworth and Mr. Fitzgerald also said that the morale of DPW employees was low. Mr. Fitzgerald said he was supported by the board 100 percent in disciplinary matters, but that the culture of the department needed changing.

"These things take a few years to shake themselves out," he said. "Obviously you're going to get some

stuff from people who work for you, especially in a political environment. Almost everyone who works for the DPW is a resident, voter, taxpayer. A lot of people don't like their bosses."

He said it will be difficult for a new person to jump in and understand what is going on with all projects he is working on and wishes he could at least stay long enough to finish them.

"I really, really love working in Fairhaven," he said. "The people I have met are all really top-notch. Not just town officials, I mean just the average citizens. They are incredibly dedicated to the town. You have so many people who are trying to do stuff. It's one of the more beautiful towns I've ever been in."

Editor's note: We will run a story on the 1/18 BPW meeting in next week's issue. It was not ready by press time this week.

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Record number of bald eagles counted in Mass.

Press Release

Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Richard K. Sullivan announced that an annual survey of wintering bald eagles conducted throughout the Commonwealth yielded sightings of at least 102 individual birds, breaking the all-time state record set in 2009.

Between 40 and 50 state and federal wildlife officials and volunteers observed birds through binoculars and spotting scopes on the ground and from the air during the one-day event, which is part of a national survey. State data are pooled with national data and used by wildlife officials to track the progress of the recovery of the bald eagle, which was taken off the federal list of endangered and threatened species in 2007.

The 2011 preliminary statewide number is 102 eagles, with 75 adults, 23 juveniles and four of unknown age. The largest number of birds, 33 eagles, was seen at the Quabbin Reservoir.

Some of the sightings included 11 eagles spotted on the Merrimack River and five eagles at the Wachusett Reservoir. There were 18 eagles

spotted on the Connecticut River, two eagles spotted on the Mystic Lakes in Arlington, two on the Housatonic River in Sheffield, and one in Orange. There were five eagles spotted in the Lakeville/ Middleborough area, and two eagles spotted at the Wattupa Ponds in Westport. There were three eagles spotted on the Chicopee River, two on the Deerfield River and one on the Westfield River.

Statewide, the number of birds surveyed has risen from eight birds counted in 1979 to 102 birds counted this year. Surveys in 2010 and 2009 spotted 72 and 81 birds, respectively.

The annual Midwinter Bald Eagle Survey is a nationwide event coordinated by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Each year, between 25 and 41 states participate, according to the USGS. The nationwide total of bald eagles counted during this annual event ranges from 13,000 to 16,000 birds.

DFG's Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) has taken part in the national survey since its inception in 1979. By collecting leg band data on the birds, MassWildlife

has documented that eagles wintering in Massachusetts include Bay State natives and birds hailing from Maine, New Hampshire, New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

In 2010, there were 32 bald eagle pairs statewide located in breeding territories, including the Quabbin Reservoir, Connecticut and Merrimack Rivers, and areas in Plymouth, Bristol, Berkshire and Worcester Counties. In 2010, 27 nests produced chicks, and 40 young eagles survived to fledge.

A victim of habitat loss and reproductive failure linked to exposure to pesticides such as DDT, bald eagle populations plummeted across the country by the time it was first listed as an endangered species under the U.S. Endangered Species Preservation Act of 1966. The eagle remained listed under the U.S. Endangered Species List of 1973. Their numbers have since rebounded and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFW) removed them from the federal list in July, 2007.

Listed as endangered in Massachusetts since the 1980s, bald eagles remain on the state list but are

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Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petitions:

1. Eric S. Britto 50 Manhattan Avenue Plat 28A, Lot 433 Certificate #22097
198-18 Short 6' on the west side of the required 10' side setback, short 23' on the north side of the required 30' rear setback and 10% over the maximum allowed building coverage of 30% all within a RA District.
2. Richard F. Nunes, Jr. & Lori Perry Nunes 260 Mill Road Plat 38, Lot 13L Book 6742, Page 13
198-18 Short 8' of the required 30' rear setback.
198-28 Special Permit required for construction of more than 500 sq ft in the Nasketucket River Basin.
198-23 Special Permit required for home occupation in the Building Trades.

Very Truly, Peter DeTerra, Chairman

As the Spanish proverb says, "He, who would bring home the wealth of the Indies, must carry the wealth of the Indies with him," so it is in traveling, a man must carry knowledge with him if he would bring home knowledge.

Samuel Johnson

Letters to the editor

Reader agrees with editorial about man's costume

I can't understand how someone can find it amusing to degrade women particularly when the stated purpose and intent of the [Polar Plunge, 1/13/11 issue] was to bring attention and focus on abused and battered women. I don't know what that individual had in mind. His actions were totally disrespectful and out of place.

I give you a great deal of credit for speaking up and speaking out in your editorial. As you know, I don't agree with all of your political views. That's okay that's America. Thank God we have a newspaper like yours that's not afraid to deal with real issues and is informative.

John Pond, Fairhaven

Reader wants to know what new school will be named

What is in a name? If Fairhaven decides to create another large elementary school again, what shall we call our new monument to architects? Should it be WOOD-ROGERS or could it be ROGERS-WOOD? I know, "H.H. ROGERS WOULD NOT" allow our neighborhood schools to be changed for some Pie in the Sky rubber stamped building!

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Save Rogers neighborhood school.
Albert F. Benac, Fairhaven

Manjiro's Story Wins Newbery

Press Release

On January 10th, The American Library Association's Midwinter Meeting in San Diego was the setting for the annual announcements of the Youth Media Awards, the "Academy Awards" of books and media for children and young adults.

After much deliberation, the winners were announced for the Randolph Caldecott Medal, the John Newbery Medal, the Printz Award, and many more. For a full description and list of all the awards and winners, see www.ala.org/yma.

The Newbery Medal for the most outstanding contribution to children's literature went to Moon Over Manifest by Clare Vanderpool. Four Newbery Honor Books were also announced, including Heart of a

Samurai, written by Margi Preus and published by Amulet Books. It is the story of the life of John Manjiro, the young Japanese castaway who was rescued and brought to Fairhaven by Captain William Whitfield in 1841.

Every other year, the Manjiro Festival is held in Fairhaven, where visitors come from all over the world. In alternate years, the festival is held in Fairhaven's sister city of Tosashimizu, Japan.

The Millicent Library has copies of the book available for loan. For further information, contact Jane Murphy, Youth Services Librarian at 508-992-5342 or jmurphy@sailsinc.org. The Millicent Library, located at 45 Center Street, Fairhaven, Mass., is wheelchair accessible.

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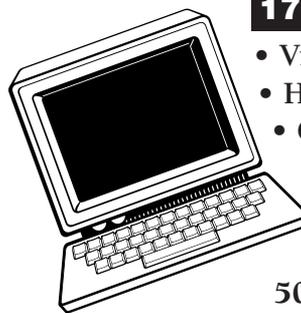
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Sunday	23	1023 2253	0335* 1607
Monday	24	1116 2348	0427* 1647
Tuesday	25	---- 1211	0524* 1737
Wednesday	26	0045 1308	0637 1837
Thursday	27	0145 1409	0829 1947
Friday	28	0249 1514	0948 2107
Saturday	29	0356 1620	1047 2207
Sunday	30	0459 1719	1135 2257
Monday	31	0553 1811	---- 1217

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On streets with no hydrants, NO vehicles shall be permitted to remain either on the east side of streets running north and south or on the north side of streets running east and west. The only exception is the block on Centre Street from Pleasant Street to Chestnut Street where parking is permitted on the north side of the street.

Fairhaven Police will strictly enforce this Parking Ban.

Violators will be towed and/or ticketed.

By Order of: FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS. Geoffrey A. Haworth, Chairman

Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

Tues., 2/1, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Board of Assessors

Tues., 1/25, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Board of Health

Mon., 1/31, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 1/24, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 1/20, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Park Committee

Tues., 1/25, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

School Building Committee

Tues., 2/1, East Fhvn School 6:30pm

School Committee

Wed., 1/26, FHS Library, 6:30

Selectboard

Thurs., 1/27, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

Tues., 1/31, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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gaining ground in the Bay State, thanks in large part to the restoration project begun in 1982. MassWildlife and its partners brought young eagles from Canada and Michigan and raised them in cages overlooking the Quabbin Reservoir. Some of the eaglets remained and began to nest in the Quabbin, later spreading to the Connecticut River and eventually across the state.

In 1989, eight decades after the last historic bald eagle nest was observed in Massachusetts (on Snake Pond in Sandwich), the first three chicks fledged (hatched and survived to fly from Massachusetts nests) from two Quabbin nests. Nine bald eagle pairs nested at the Quabbin in 2010.

Visit www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/nhsp/species_info/nhfacts/haliaeetus_leucocephalus.pdf for a fact sheet on bald eagles.

The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) is responsible for promoting the conservation and enjoyment of the state's natural resources. DFG carries out this mission through land protection and wildlife habitat management, management of inland and marine fish and wildlife species, and ecological restoration of fresh water, salt water, and terrestrial habitats. DFG promotes enjoyment of the environment through outdoor skills workshops, fishing festivals and other educational programs, and by enhancing access to the state's rivers, lakes, and coastal waters. ●●●

SMCU sponsors events for veterans

Press Release

Recently, Southern Mass Credit Union (SMCU) sponsored two events: a U.S. Armed Forces Collection Drive and a local Veterans' Luncheon.

The first event was a Veterans' Luncheon held at the Fairhaven Council on Aging honoring local veterans. Approximately 120 veterans and guests enjoyed a hot meal served by SMCU employees and members of SMCU's Board of Directors.

Veterans represented from one to more than 25 years of service from World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam War. Speakers at the event included Joseph Borelli, Council Board Member, Charles Murphy, Sr., Fairhaven Selectman; and Daniel Waltz, President and CEO of SMCU.

Servers for the event included SMCU Board members Alfred Peccini

and Charles Murphy, Sr., SMCU employees Jo-Ann Rose, Vice President of Corporate Services and Human Resources; Maureen Bertrand, Executive Vice President; and Daniel Waltz, President and CEO.

The second event was a U.S. Armed Forces Collection Drive at the main office located 123 Alden Road, Fairhaven, and the new branch office located at 2926 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford. For the fourth consecutive year SMCU has held this drive during the months of October, November and December. Donations were made by employees, members of the credit union and the community. Hosting the drive is the credit union's way to thank soldiers for their dedication in serving our country.

Items collected included hard candy, gum, zip lock bags, lotion,

sunscreen, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, cup of soup and magazines to benefit soldiers stationed overseas who are in desperate need of basic daily items we take for granted.

SMCU presented the donated items to the U.S. Armed Forces office located in Rehoboth, Massachusetts. The items will be shipped to strategic locations overseas for soldiers to access. Southern Mass would like to thank our active-duty troops for their dedicated service to our country. In addition, we would like to thank our members for helping collect these basic items for our troops while they are deployed. For more information on how you can help or contribute items for our soldiers, contact the U.S. Armed Forces office located in Rehoboth at 508-233-7543.

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LEFT: SMCU sponsored a luncheon for veterans last November. L-R: Maureen Bertrand, SMCU Executive Vice President, Alfred Peccini, SMCU Board Member, Jo-Ann Rose, SMCU Vice President of Corporate Services and Human Resources and Joyce Cookingham, Fairhaven Council on Aging. Not pictured but also serving lunch were Charles Murphy, Sr. SMCU Board Member and Daniel Waltz, SMCU President/CEO. RIGHT: Sergeants Stezelecki and Beaudet (l) from U.S. Armed Forces office Rehoboth, MA, and Daniel Waltz, SMCU President/CEO (right) load boxes of items donated by staff and credit union members for shipment to soldiers stationed in active duty. *Submitted photos. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com*

Mass. unveils new solar rebate program

Building on the success of the Commonwealth Solar rebate programs, which have installed nearly 34 MW of solar energy throughout the Commonwealth since 2007, the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) unveiled a new rebate program to help residents finance solar hot water projects.

Beginning in early February, MassCEC will begin accepting applications for a pilot version of the new program titled Commonwealth Solar Hot Water, which will help Massachusetts residents adopt solar thermal water heating technology.

Rebates to qualifying Massachusetts residents will be awarded through a non-competitive application process for the installation of

solar hot water projects by professional, licensed contractors.

Solar hot water systems generate heat from sunlight to make hot water. Roof mounted solar "collectors" for hot water systems look very similar to solar photovoltaic (PV) panels, which generate electricity rather than hot water. A solar hot water system can be connected to a home's existing hot water tank and usually provides 50 percent to 75 percent of total household hot water needs. Some solar hot water systems can also connect with the heating system to provide space heating. Because about 20 percent of the energy a consumer uses at home goes to heating hot water, solar hot water systems can generate significant savings by

decreasing the amount of gas, oil or electricity used to heat the water.

To find out more about solar hot water, see our "Solar Hot Water Factsheet" at www.masscec.com/solarhotwater.

The rebate will amount to approximately \$1,000 per system for a typical residential solar hot water system for a four to five person household, with additional rebates available for system components manufactured in Massachusetts. When combined with other federal, state, and utility incentive programs, this rebate can cover more than half of the cost of a system. The Commonwealth Solar Hot Water program is funded with \$1 million from MassCEC's Renewable Energy Trust Fund. •••

ML's Eye on the Weather



A weekly weather report from ML Baron of the West Island Weather Station: westislandweather.com

January 12 storm could have been worse

If the January 12 storm passed just 25 miles more to the east instead of transiting right over us and into Buzzards Bay, snow totals would have been far greater than the generally 6" reported in town.

Heavy snow changed over to a rain mix as temperatures rose above freezing about 3 a.m. dropping the accumulations dramatically. The milder temps briefly reached 37 degrees before falling back later in the morning.

Local BPW plows were able to keep up with the snowfall and by daylight, most of the main roads were passable, even enough to ride a bike on the causeway. Cities and towns farther away from the rain-snow line were not so fortunate, as some snow depths were measured by the foot in CT and RI.

The barometer fell to 29.06 at 8:57 a.m., as the storm center passed overhead. The December 27th Blizzard fell to 28.66 in comparison.

The wind gusted several times into the mid 40MPH range and reached 53MPH at 1120AM. Multiple rumblings of thunder, a rare occurrence in a winter storm, could be heard during the early morning hours indicating the storm's intensity, although no lightning damage was reported.

The 2010-11 winter season is indeed off to a busy start as reported in the November 25th edition of the Neighb News. We aren't even halfway through this winter with spring a very distant 59 days away.

Complete storm details can be accessed at westislandweather.com, The Weather Review Page. <http://www.westislandweather.com/theweatherreview.htm>

Forecast

Friday: Snow: another Nor'easter?

Hi: 31° 70% Chance of Snow. Highs in the lower 30s. **Friday Night:** Lo: 13 Partly cloudy. Lows 10 to 15.

Saturday: Hi: 21° Sunny. Cold with highs in the lower 20s. **Saturday Night:** Lo: 5 ° Partly cloudy. Cold. Lows around 5 above. Highs in the lower 20s.

Sunday: Hi: 21° Lo: 5° Partly cloudy. Cold. Lows around 5 above. Highs in the lower 20s. **Sunday Night:** Lo: 10 Mostly clear. Lows around 10 above.

Monday: Hi: 29 Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 20s. **Monday Night:** Low 15

Tuesday: Partly Cloudy. High: 27 **Tuesday Night:** Rain & Snow. Low: 25

Wednesday: Overcast. High: 43 **Wednesday Night:** Mostly Cloudy. Low: 31

Thursday: Partly Cloudy. High: 32 **Thursday Night:** Mostly Cloudy. Low: 24

The Island's ocean temp is 33.5 degrees.

Scrimshaw 101

Press Release

Have you ever wanted to know more about scrimshaw, the indigenous shipboard art of 19th century whalers? Now you can —guided by one of the world's foremost authorities on scrimshaw, Stuart M. Frank, Ph.D. — at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, on Saturday, January 29 from 10:00 am to 5:00 p.m.

Scrimshaw 101 is a one-day course designed to provide an introduction for newcomers and a refresher course for seasoned collectors. This PowerPoint-illustrated seminar presented by Dr. Frank, Senior Curator, and the staff of the New Bedford Whaling Museum will include handouts and reference materials designed to provide a good working knowledge of scrimshaw and related nautical arts.

The accelerated seminar will cover how to recognize distinguishing characteristics of authentic sailors' work, the technical background on whaling methods, whaling lore, ship-rigging types, whaleboat crews, and other features useful and necessary in identifying authentic scrimshaw, marine paintings, and other nautical antiques.

Registration fee is \$50.00 (non-members \$55.00) and includes a buffet lunch and coffee breaks, all study materials, and admission to all museum galleries and exhibits. Student discounts are available.

To register, call admissions: 508-997-0046, ext. 100 or email: frontdesk@whalingmuseum.org. Registration fee \$50/Non-Members \$55.

The New Bedford Whaling Museum is the world's most comprehensive museum devoted to the global story of whales and whaling. , 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford. Accessible. Visit www.whalingmuseum.org ●●●

Fairhaven joins phone/text alert system

Press Release

The Fairhaven Police Department and the Fairhaven Fire Department have joined the Bristol-Plymouth Rapid Alert System. The Bristol-Plymouth Rapid Alert System is an automated notification system that has the ability to notify the public of an emergency in a short period of time.

The Bristol-Plymouth Rapid Alert System will be used to alert the public when an emergency situation exists.

The pre-recorded message will contain details regarding the emergency and additional instructions if applicable.

Examples include: Missing persons, escaped fugitives, hazmat situations, evacuations, drinking water contamination, bomb threats, traffic emergencies.

The system currently uses the main phone number for each house. This information was obtained lawfully utilizing the Massachusetts

911 data bank.

If you wish to add another phone number, cell phone, or if you prefer to receive messages via text, please visit this link and fill out the electronic form with the additional information: www.pcsdma.org/communicator.asp

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact either Sgt. Kevin Kobza at the Fairhaven Police Department, 508-997-7422; or Lt. Todd Correia at the Fairhaven Fire Department, 508-994-1428.

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Selectboard hears tourism survey results; approves Full Throttle

By John Garcia

Neighb News Correspondent

Fairhaven Tourism Director Chris Richard presented a preliminary report on two tourism surveys at the Fairhaven Selectboard meeting on Tuesday, January 18th. The first of the two surveys interviewed potential visitors to the town of Fairhaven, while the second sought input from local businesses. Both were conducted by the UMASS Dartmouth Center for Marketing Research.

Mr. Richards stated that the results of the former survey validated many of the tactics tried by the town's Tourism Office.

"Overall, I'm really happy with the survey results," he said.

Those tactics included the use of the Internet to advertise. Eighty percent of respondents said that they used the Internet to make travel plans. Mr. Richard noted that the Office advertises online through both its website and a page on Facebook.

He added that he would include money in his next budget to upgrade the office's computers and have high speed Internet access in order to make the Office's online work more efficient.

Vice Chairperson Michael Silvia agreed that maintaining a web presence should be a priority.

"The Internet seems in many ways the best way to reach an audience," he said.

Mr. Richard noted that the survey listed beaches as the third biggest attraction for potential tourists, behind shopping and dining. He added that this was a reason to put more effort into promoting the town's beaches.

"We're a waterfront community and that's an important thing to play up," he said.

Forty nine percent of those surveyed had local connections to the town. Mr Richard stated that this necessitated advertising local attractions not just to potential visitors, but to residents as well. He explained that when people visit Fairhaven, they will likely ask friends or family in the area what attractions they should visit.

Ninety three local businesses responded to the second survey, which asked them about their dealings with the Tourism Office. Mr.

Richard stated that the number of responses was not high enough to reach a consensus about what the local business community needs.

"How do we use that information," he said.

Mr. Silvia replied that any response at all was helpful.

"I think it it was important to see how they feel about the office," he said.

During the discussion, Mr. Richard interrupted Mr. Silvia, prompting a response.

"Sir, I have the floor here," Mr. Silvia said.

Boat Ramp Committee member Ted Lorentzen told the Board that it was important for those in the community to work together to promote the town.

"You have to get everyone to cooperate to have it work," he said.

Mr. English stated that Full Throttle was not connected to Mr. Morra's business, Stylin' Cycles. "I'm not affiliated with Joe at Stylin' Cycles by any means," he said.

Executive Secretary Jeff Osuch suggested that Mr. Richard should put together a plan drawing from both the surveys and Mr. Richard's own experiences as Tourism Director. The plan would describe how he wants to approach promoting Fairhaven in the future. The Board voted unanimously in favor having Mr. Richard draw up a plan and present it at their next meeting.

In another matter, Rick English was present to request a Motorcycle Repair License for his business Full Throttle. Full Throttle is located at 34 Holcomb Street, in a building Mr. English leases from Planning Board and Appeals Board member Joe Morra.

Mr. English stated that Full Throttle was not connected to Mr. Morra's business, Stylin' Cycles, which previously used the building.

"I'm not affiliated with Joe at Stylin' Cycles by any means," he said.

Board member Brian Bowcock

noted that Stylin' Cycles had violated three stipulations placed on the building by the Planning Board. The stipulations required that the upper floor of the building only be used as an office, that the back of the building be used for storage only, and that no repairs or painting be performed on site.

"We're putting that back in place for your license," he said. "I urge you to follow the rules and regulations as set down."

Mr. English replied that the upper floor would not be used at all. He added that the back of the building was being rented to a friend of his, who used it for storage purposes.

Victor Oliveira, an abutter to the property, told the Board that he has seen Mr. English using the building's driveway, which is located on Bridge Street. The driveway is not supposed to be used because of safety concerns. Mr. English promised not to use it anymore.

Mr. Silvia stated that he approved of Mr. English's application.

"I think you've got everything in order," he said.

The board voted unanimously in favor of approving the request.

The Board also unanimously approved a request by Sarkis Enterprises to take over Manny and Bob's at 196 Huttleston Avenue. Mr. Osuch stated that it was nice to see the building put back into use. Sarkis Enterprises owns Fairhaven Gas in Fairhaven and A&A Auto in Mattapoisett.

- In other business, the Board:
- Voted to ban synthetic marijuana from being sold as incense in the town's stores.
 - Voted to name Perry, Hicks, and Deshaies LLP a Special Municipal Employee.
 - Granted a Video Entertainment License to the Bayside Lounge.
 - Signed a waste disposal contract with Howland Disposal, ABC Disposal, and Lombard's Waste Services.
 - Signed a contract between the BPW and Wes Construction for work on the Waste Water Treatment Plant's digester.
 - Reconvened in executive session to discuss tax title issues with Town Treasurer John Nunes; wind turbines, waste water treatment, and arrangements for the film "Fairhaven" to film in the Town Hall on January 27th.

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