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## Officials practice oil spill containment skills



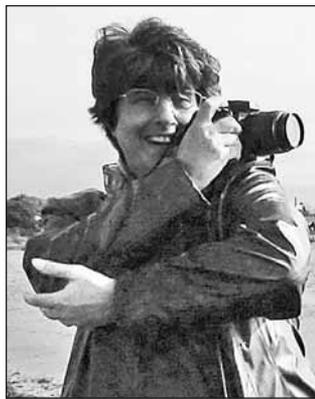
The Mass. Department of Environmental Protection and Nuka Research and Planning Group organized a Geographic Response Plan Deployment Exercise on May 11. Fire, police, and harbor officials practiced laying out booms that would be used to contain an oil spill. The exercise was originally planned for the outer harbor, using East Rodney French Boulevard in New Bedford as the deployment point, but was moved to the inner harbor, Pease Park in Fairhaven, due to windy and wet weather. TOP: The crew of the Fairhaven fire boat lays the first string of boom headed for Pope's Island. ABOVE: The Fairhaven fire crew raises the anchor to move the boom. See page 16 for story. *Photos by Heidi Winnett. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com).*

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Okay, who stole spring? Are we going to jump right into summer this year, from 50 degrees to 80 degrees? Br... it's cold out there.

We've got all kinds of good stuff for you this week. For meeting coverage, you'll find Selectboard on page 4, BPW on page 12, and Planning and School Committee on page 20. So, let's talk about School Committee.

They decided to review the public comment policy. In the course of her discussion with my reporter, the new chairperson, Pam Kuechler, said: "Our current policy allows public comment during a topic at the discretion of the chair."

Hmmm....really? So, for the last two chairpersons, since WAAAY before I had this paper, the chair could have allowed people to speak, but just did not want to? Gee, whodathunkit? You mean, it was just because they said so? Yes. It didn't take a genius to figure out that the previous chairpersons could have allowed discussion at various times in the meetings, but they just did not want to.

The public is such a nuisance at these things.

Let's hope the new chair has a little more common sense. Time alone will tell.

The Selectboard had three appointments in executive session all related to the Council on Aging or Senior Center. It's all very hush-hush, and Joe Borelli, the chair of the COA board very proudly announced to me that he's been on sabbatical or leave of absence, or something that he officially got approval from the Selectboard for, hence, he knows nothing, sees nothing, hears nothing.

Something's going on over there. The seniors have been calling me: A long absence of a key staff member, the COA board chair off to the southlands, and seniors telling me that everyone's fighting and kicking people out and telling people they can't do this or that, or whatever. It all finally gets to the Selectboard and they shove it into executive session. This is all happening just about six months after Deborah Jenkins got shoved out in another hush-hush pile of doo-doo (see 10/21/10 issue).

Until next week then,  
See ya

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In last week's letter about the Fairhaven resident walking in the 3-day walk for the cure, we accidentally left out her name. Pauline Parker is walking. To donate, visit [www.The3Day.org](http://www.The3Day.org), click "Donate," and search for her personal fundraising page.

In the editor's letter, we said "everyone selling in the

store" would have to give their Social Security Numbers to police as a result of the new bylaw on pawn shops and second-hand stores. We should have said the owner and any employees would be required to give this information. Patrons of the shops are not required to give this information.

## Fairhaven joining Click It or Ticket blitz

Fairhaven Police Dept. Press Release

As part of a nationwide effort to save lives, the Fairhaven police department, in partnership with the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's (EOPSS) Highway Safety Division (HSD), the State Police and nearly 190 other local departments, is launching a high-visibility seat belt enforcement blitz called Click It or Ticket.

The message is simple: Massachusetts drivers and passengers should always wear their seat belts or be ready to face the consequences.

This special crackdown, beginning May 23 and running through June 5, marks the first seat belt enforcement mobilization across the state this year, designed to increase seat belt use and decrease motor vehicle fatalities and injuries.

Over 180 police departments and the State Police have adopted zero-tolerance policies for seat belt violations, signaling the increasing importance of the issue.

According to the U.S. Department

of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), based on known usage, 52 percent of the passenger vehicle occupants killed in motor vehicle crashes in Massachusetts during 2009 were not wearing their seat belts at the time of the crash, three percent higher than the national average.

That's why the Fairhaven police department applied for a federal grant from EOPSS/HSD along with their national, statewide and local partners to conduct this special Click It or Ticket seat belt enforcement mobilization.

Funded by EOPSS/HSD through a federal grant, stepped-up law enforcement activities will be conducted in late May and early June. So remember, if you are pulled over for violating traffic laws, law enforcement will be checking to make sure drivers and passengers are wearing their seat belts. No more excuses. Click It or Ticket.

For more information, please visit [www.mass.gov/highwaysafety](http://www.mass.gov/highwaysafety).

## Coalition changes name

From press release materials

At its 23rd annual meeting, the Coalition for Buzzards Bay shared a long list of achievements, including an increase in membership to more than 8,000.

Members also voted to approve a name change to "Buzzards Bay Coalition" to go along with a new look and logo for the organization.

"This is a subtle name change, but one that puts our mission first in the mind of the public," announced President Mark Rasmussen, "We are the same organization doing the same important work under a slightly modified name."

The new name and logo does a few simple, but important things: It puts BUZZARDS BAY first; it's clean and simple, easy to recognize and reproduce on everything from signs to t-shirts to publications! its colors represent our foundation of a blue bay and a green watershed; it is modern and current and speaks to an organization that is very much part of today and designed for the future.

Visit [www.savebuzzardsbay.org](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org) for more information.

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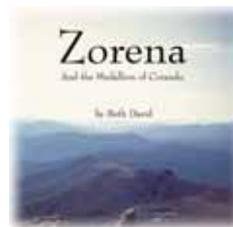
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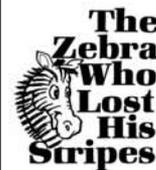
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# Selectboard increases fees for weights and measures

By Mali Lim

## Neighb News Correspondent

Just one week after appointing a new Sealer of Weights and Measures, the Fairhaven Selectboard voted unanimously to increase fees for testing at its 5/16/11 meeting, the first rate adjustment in Fairhaven since 1999. One of the first tasks the selectboard assigned to Theodore Machado, who was appointed to the position following the retirement of Frank E. Przybyszewski, was to compile a comparison chart for fees in other towns in the area.

The new rates are on par with those of New Bedford, where Mr. Machado is the Sealer for Weights and Measures. The Fairhaven position is part time.

The board also read a letter from the New Bedford City Council, informing the town of Fairhaven of the city's opposition to the use of CAD cells in the removal of PCBs in New Bedford Harbor. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is planning to bury approximately 15,000 lbs of PCBs in pits, called confined aquatic disposal (or CAD) cells, between Interstate 195 and the New Bedford-Fairhaven Bridge.

The pits, once filled with PCB-contaminated soil, would be capped with

clean sediment as part of the ongoing Superfund cleanup in the harbor.

The New Bedford City Council voted on April 14th to go on record as opposing the EPA proposal and voted to inform Mayor Scott W. Lang, state and federal environmental officials, and the Fairhaven selectboard of their objection's to the CAD cell plan.

The selectboard accepted the letter from the New Bedford City Council, but refrained from commenting on whether or not they would be issuing a similar public statement on the subject. They did acknowledge, however, that the disposal of contaminated soil was going to be problematic.

"What are the alternatives, put it on a boat and ship it somewhere else to become someone else's problem?" said selectboard Chair Michael Silvia.

The solution, the board noted, was not going to be easy.

They also accepted a letter from the state Department of Environmental Protection, congratulating the town and the Mattapoissett River Valley Water Department as a whole, for its top scores in the 2011 public water system awards program, in the community system category.

A third letter, sent by the Fisherman's Beach Association of West

Island, was also briefly discussed. The association had submitted a request to have some of the materials dredged from the causeway project deposited on the beach at the end of Fisherman's Road, if the material was suitable.

Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch agreed to contact the Army Corps of Engineers, who are conducting the dredging project, but he noted that he thought the state would give priority to depositing the materials on public lands or town-owned property to properties that were privately owned

In other matters the board

- Reappointed David S. Darmofal to the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical School Committee

- Adopted an amendment to an agreement between the town and Brown and Caldwell, contingent on a similar vote at the BPW meeting which was running concurrently with the selectboard.

- Reconvened in executive session without reconvening in open session, to discuss issues connected with Cushman Park property encroachment and several meetings with Council on Aging Director Grace Nadeau and COA members.

## FIA holds annual meeting and awards banquet

The Fairhaven Improvement Association held its annual dinner meeting at the Wamsutta Club in New Bedford on Tuesday, April 12. The FIA elected officers and presented awards four outstanding community service and property beautification.

Wayne Oliveira received the Outstanding Citizen Award



and told members, "Anyone can live in a community, but it's more important to be part of the community. That's what I have tried to live by."

Outstanding Service Awards went to Henry Hotchkiss and Ricky Goytizolo. Sivalai Thai and Sullivan Tires received beautification awards.



LEFT: Wayne Oliveira accepts his Outstanding Citizen Award from Trey Whalley, President of the Fairhaven Improvement Association at the annual dinner meeting at the Wamsutta Club on Tuesday, April 12, 2011. RIGHT: Wayne and Nierny Correia, owners of the Sivalai Thai Cuisine, located on Sconticut Neck Road, were emotionally moved as they received the FIA Beautification of Property Award. Submitted photos courtesy of Myra Lopes. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Lobster Dine-Out

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## Blessing of Bikes

Cancelled due to anticipated bad weather last week, will be held this **Sunday, 5/22**. **Sign up at 10 a.m. until 12 noon. Run leaves sharply at noon from the Fort Phoenix rear parking lot. Donation: \$15 per bike.** Proceeds benefit St. Joseph's School.

## Save the Date

### Memorial Day Events

Keep your morning open on Memorial Day, 5/30. Fairhaven will have several events in the morning, including: raising of the flag by the Boy Scouts at Ft. Phoenix, 7 a.m.; Parade, leaving from South and Main Streets at 8:30, traveling along Main Street to Riverside Cemetery. Raising of the Big Flag as the parade passes by the high school.

More details in next week's issue.

## Riverside Cem. Tour

Fairhaven's lovely Riverside Cemetery is the setting of an Office of Tourism walking tour on **Sunday, May 22 at 2:00 p.m.** It begins inside the cemetery's entrance at 274 Main Street. Fairhaven tourism director Christopher Richard will act as guide.

The cemetery was created in 1850, on land donated by Warren Delano II, grandfather of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. It is considered one of the most beautiful rural-style burial grounds in the region.

The walking tour route traces the quiet winding paths past the final resting places of some of the town's most famous residents, including the Delano family tomb designed by Richard Morris Hunt, the H.H. Rogers mausoleum designed by Charles Brigham, and the grave sites of Captain William H. Whitfield, artist William Bradford, William F. Nye, John I. Bryant, and others. At each site, the guide discusses some of the history connected with the people buried there.

Nature lovers will see a wide variety of trees such as beech, black tupelo, birch, holly, cherry, dogwood, weeping willow, ash, sugar maple and more. Those interested in tombstone art will find fine examples of monuments and early slate markers bearing carvings of angels, willow trees, urns and other traditional symbols.

The tour is free of charge and lasts about 90 minutes. Walkers are urged to wear comfortable shoes and to be prepared for some hills and uneven ground. For info, call 508-979-4085 or email Fairhaventours@aol.com.

## PTO Yard Sale

The Leroy Wood School PTO is sponsoring a Community Yard Sale on **Sat., 5/21 from 8am-2pm at 60 Sconticut Neck Road.** Purchase a Booth if you have Yard Sale Items, Large furniture to sell, Arts and Crafts, etc. \$20 pre-registration reserves your space. Sellers may begin taking their items to the Wood School lot at 7am.

There will be face painting, kids games and refreshments. This is a great fund-raising opportunity for non-profit groups and organizations! Contact Carrie Boule at beesmooch@yahoo.com or Ivey Winkler at 941-347-4472 if you are interested in purchasing booth space.

Proceeds benefit the Leroy Wood School PTO.

## Benefit Concert

The Shepherd's Pantry Benefit Concert Featuring "Final Fire" on **Saturday May 21, 7 PM, at the Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green St. Fairhaven, MA.**

Admission by donation of \$5.00 or more at the door. Doors open at 6:30 PM; [www.finalfire.net](http://www.finalfire.net)

## FBA Meeting

The new Fairhaven Business Association has installed interim officers to steer the process of organizing the new association: Debra Perrin of the Southern Mass Credit Union, acting President; Louis Balla of Northeast Maritime Institute, acting Vice President; and Diane Tomassetti of Baggins End Guest House, acting Secretary/Treasurer.

This is a wonderful opportunity for local businesses to collaborate by

way of marketing, beautification and encouragement of economic development and revitalization within the Town of Fairhaven. With many businesses invested in Fairhaven, the business association looks forward to planning new projects, working with the town and the office of tourism that will offer more opportunities reflecting Fairhaven as a destination community. Our goal is to improve the local economy.

**The next meeting will be held Tues., 5/24, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven.** Representatives from all businesses located within Fairhaven are invited to attend and participate.

For more information, contact: Debra Perrin, Southern Mass Credit Union at 508-994-9971; Lou Balla, Northeast Maritime Institute, 508-992-4025; or Diane Tomassetti of Baggins End Guest House, 508-326-2567

## Edible Art Night

Make your plans now to be at East Fairhaven Elementary School, 2 New Boston Road, Fairhaven, on June 1 when the school will hold its annual Edible Art Night contest and art show. Accessible.

Edible Art Contest is open to everyone in the community. Entrance fee is a canned good or dollar donation for the local food pantry. The artwork must be completely edible; any bought through a company will be disqualified.

For details on entering a display of edible art, contact art teacher Heather Cashman, [hcashman@fairhavenps.org](mailto:hcashman@fairhavenps.org) or call 508-979-4058.

The goal is to create a fun night that invites the public into the school to have a positive art experience by connecting the school to the community. Artworks from the year will be hung in the gymnasium for viewing to highlight the many great artists, as well as communicating how important the art program is.

## Encampment

### Save the date

On Sat. & Sun., 5/28 & 29 members of the Fairhaven Village Militia will hold a weekend encampment at Ft. Phoenix. More details in next week's issue. For information, call the Office of Tourism at 508-979-4085.

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## GNBVT looking for Vets, WWII-Vietnam

If you left school to serve in World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School may be looking for you.

GNB Voc-Tech is looking for students who left the day program at New Bedford Vocational High School to serve in the armed forces and never came back to get their high school diplomas.

Each year, GNB Voc-Tech awards honorary diplomas to veterans who left high school to join the armed forces during World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War.

World War II veterans who left New Bedford Vocational High School to go to war and failed to get their diplomas should contact Mrs. Enos at (508) 998-3321 by May 26.

This year's graduation at GNB Voc-Tech will be held on Wed., June 1.

## Aviation fun day

Fifth annual General Aviation Fun Day co-hosted by Atlantic Aviators, New Bedford Regional Pilot's Association, and New Bedford Regional Airport. This Saturday, 5/21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the New Bedford Airport will have something for everyone: flight demonstrations, K-9 unit demos, fire truck demos, antique & classic cars, raffles, aircraft displays, and much more. Admission is FREE (donations welcome). Accessible.

Proceeds of the event will benefit the Atlantic Aviators scholarship fund. Airplane, helicopter and zoo train rides require fees. For more information, visit [www.AtlanticAviators.org/funday](http://www.AtlanticAviators.org/funday)

## Grease

Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech Theatre Company presents "Grease," the best Rock & Roll Musical to hit Broadway since the 50s.

**Performances on Thurs., Fri., Sat., 5/19-21 at 7 p.m. and 5/22, Sunday matinee, 2 p.m.,** at GNBVT High School, 1121 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford. Tickets: \$12 general; Seniors, \$10; Students, \$6. All seating reserved. Call the box office, 508-998-3321, Ext. 424 for more info.

## Cat Adoption Day

Habitat for Cats is holding a Cat/Kitten Adoption Day on **Saturday May 28th, from 12:00 to 3:00 at 1322 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford.**

All cats & kittens are spayed/neutered, are up-to-date on shots, and have tested negative for feline leukemia. Adoption fee is \$100 for adult cats, and \$120 for kittens five months & younger.

Adoption application and contract are required. Pets must travel in a pet carrier. Call 508-961-2287 or visit [www.HabitatforCats.org](http://www.HabitatforCats.org).

## Golf Tourney Volunteers

Elaine L. Howland Mother & Child Center in New Bedford is holding its first Annual Golf Outing at Allendale Country Club in New Bedford on Monday, July 18th! The Mother & Child Center provides diapers and clothing for babies & parents in the Greater New Bedford area at Centre Trinity United Methodist Church on a bi-weekly basis; the center runs strictly on grants, donations, and fundraisers!

Golfers can participate for \$125/pp. Shotgun at 1:00p.m.

We are in desperate need of volunteers to help that day. For more information, please call us at 508-992-2224 & leave a message!!

## Whaling Museum Annual Meeting

The 108th Annual Meeting of the Old Dartmouth Historical Society-New Bedford Whaling Museum will take place **Friday, May 20 at 4:00 pm. in the Cook Memorial Theater, followed at 6:00 p.m.** by the opening of a new exhibit titled *Sitting in New Bedford*. Accessible.

**At 2:00 p.m. a Volunteer and Trustee Remembrance** at the Seamen's Bethel will precede the annual meeting. Family, friends and associates are invited to join the volunteer council and the board of trustees as they gather in fond remembrance of departed members.

At 4:00 the trustees and membership of the Old Dartmouth Historical Society will convene in the Museum's Cook Memorial Theater for their 108th Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting is followed at 6:00 p.m. by the opening of the Museum's latest exhibit, *Sitting in New Bedford*. Located in the Gratia Houghton Rinehart Gallery, *Sitting in New Bedford* whimsically uses eclectic collections to show the many faces, everyday and unique objects, and surprising aspects of this city's present and past.

Furniture, workbenches and unique places people "sat" are just some of the diverse mix of art and artifacts included, some never seen before. Curator Dr. Greg Galer, drawing upon pop-culture terminology, suggests the exhibit as a three dimensional "mash up." By bringing together diverse materials, both complimentary and seemingly dissonant, one finds a fascinating and fun resonance, a perfect take for the summer. The exhibit even offers opportunities to sit for your own portrait and add your face to the many in the gallery.

The day concludes with After Hours featuring live music, refreshments and cash bar from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Jacobs Family Gallery sponsored by Fiber Optic Center, Inc., Whaling City Sound, and Perfect Pour LLC.

## Sailor Series Lecture

Tuesday, May 24, at 7:30 p.m. Pre-lecture reception at 6:30 p.m. "History of the Cape Verdean/Brava Packet Trade" by Laura Pires-Hester, Ph.D. and Michael K. H. Platzer, J.D.

From the latter part of the 19th century to 1970, sailing ships owned by Cape Verdeans plied the waters between Cape Verde (Brava and Fogo) and New Bedford/Providence almost annually, carrying people and cargo back and forth. The Schooner Ernestina/ex Effie M. Morrissey was one of these last ships. The historic schooner sailed in a 41-day voyage in the summer of 1982, as a gift from newly-independent Cape Verde to the people of the United States, and is berthed in New Bedford. Laura Pires-Hester and Michael K. H. Platzer worked closely together in the national campaign led by Friends of Ernestina/Morrissey to return and repatriate the historic Schooner, launched originally in Essex, MA in 1894.

For individual lectures: \$15 for  
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members, \$20 for non-members. To reserve tickets, please call 508-997-0046 ext. 100. The Museum is fully accessible.

### Dock-U-Mentary

The Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series continues on **Friday, May 20th** with

End of the Line: Closing of America's Last Sardine Cannery, a narrated slide show featuring Markham Starr, whose photographs of the Stinson plant were featured in the July/August issue of Yankee Magazine.

Dock-U-Mentaries is a co-production of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and the

Working Waterfront Festival. Films about the working waterfront will be screened on the third Friday of each month beginning at 7:00 PM in the theater of the Corson Maritime Learning Center, located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. All programs are open to the public and presented free of charge. Accessible.

## HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

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There will be celebration, sorrow, fun and laughter all connected! For more information please contact Heather, 508-758-8017 or tritownrelay@comcast.net or Melissa at 508-897-4324. Visit: [http://relay.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLFY11NE?fr\\_id=31349&pg=entry](http://relay.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLFY11NE?fr_id=31349&pg=entry)

### Salad Supper

Salad supper on **Sat., May 21, at 5:30 p.m. at the Acushnet-Wesley United Methodist Church, 67 Main St., Acushnet.** Not accessible. Sponsored by the United Methodist Women. Cost is \$9.50 for adults and \$45.0 for children under 12.

Menu: chicken salad, seafood salad, ham salad, potato salad, pasta salad, green salad, three-bean salad, jellied salad, cole salw, rolls, beverage and dessert.

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### Theatre Camp

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Limited to 30 students entering grades 4-8. Spots will be filled on a first come/first served basis. Applications are available online by visiting [www.theatrebythesea.com](http://www.theatrebythesea.com). Registration deadline is June 17. Partial scholarships are available for those in need. Call (401) 782-3800 x18 for scholarship information. For registration information call (401) 782-TKTS (8587), stop by the box office Mon.-Sat., 10 am-4 pm, or visit [www.theatrebythesea.com](http://www.theatrebythesea.com).

### Greenlight for Girls

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Greenlight for Girls Day—SouthCoast, Giving girls a green light for science & technology! On June 11, up to 150 girls aged 11-15 from the SouthCoast Region will spend an entire Saturday exploring science and technology in fun and exciting ways.

On that day, Greenlight for Girls, in partnership with the UMass Dartmouth Kaput Center for Research and Innovation in Mathematics Education, will host its first ever Greenlight for Girls Day—SouthCoast. It will include a full complement of free, hands-on science and technology workshops led by outstanding women in their fields, including faculty and graduate students from UMD, and some very exceptional men.

UMD Chancellor Jean MacCormack will open the event introducing how the many workshops will give participating girls the opportunity to get a glimpse of how cool it is to study mathematics and science at UMD.

The free Greenlight for Girls Day—SouthCoast will be held at UMassD in the Dion building and is **open to the first 150 girls, aged 11 to 15, who**

**register at the following link: <http://www.kaputcenter.umassd.edu/events/g4g2011/>. Accessible.** Lunch is included!

Participating girls will have the opportunity to win prizes and get cool activities to work on during the summer!

### Scooper Bowl

The Jimmy Fund is looking for area schools, youth groups and other student organizations to participate in the Jimmy Fund Scooper Schools Program. Now in its sixth year, the Jimmy Fund Scooper Schools Program provides students in New England the opportunity to earn free admission for a day at the Jimmy Fund Scooper Bowl® by fundraising for the Jimmy Fund.

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Fundraising a minimum of \$250 provides free event admission for 30 students/teachers. The higher the totals, the more tickets the group will receive. The Scooper Schools Program encourages participants to get creative in their fundraising projects. Since its inception in 2006, the program has raised more than \$46,000 for the Jimmy Fund.

The Scooper Bowl® is open from noon to 8 p.m. Scooper Bowl® general admission is \$8, \$4 for children ages 3-9, and free for children under 3. For more information on the Scooper Schools Program go to [www.scooperbowl.org](http://www.scooperbowl.org) or email [scooper\\_bowl@dfci.harvard.edu](mailto:scooper_bowl@dfci.harvard.edu).

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# Recipe of the Week

## Minestrone Soup

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 Add large can stewed tomatoes chopped in blender  
 1 pkg dry onion soup  
 3 qts water  
 3 beef bouillon cubes  
 2 tsp hot wet crushed pepper  
 Cook slowly for ½ hour. Add vegetables of choice (cut green beans, frozen peas, corn, etc.) and 1 can of veg-all and ¾ cup of orzo. Cook slowly for about 25 min (until orzo is cooked) add salt, pepper if needed. Serve with grated cheese.

By Kelly Thomas

# A Little Bit of Sports

By Bob Hobbs  
 Special to the Neighb News

## FHS Softball

The Lady Blues rolled over Apponequet 15-1 in Lakeville last Monday. Courtney Girouard notched her 9th win for the 10&1 FHS 9. Kayli Moniz went 4-5. Kiyana Alfaiate, Kelsey Sovik and Courtney had three hits. Kelsey Rapoza drove in four runs with 2 hits.

## FHS Baseball

Ryan Baldwin had five strong innings but Apponequet went on to win 5-1. Billy Lessa had two hits for the Blues.

Last Thursday the Blues lost to D-R, 3-1. Billy Lessa and Jay Sarvalho were the big sticks for FHS.

## FHS Girls 2, Seekonk 1

Kelsey Perron-Sovik's walk-off base hit gave the Lady Blues a big win. Courtney Girouard pitched another super game.

## FHS Fall in 13th

Courtney Girouard pitched 13 super innings, but D-R managed a run the the 13th for a 2-1 win. On a cold and windy day both teams excelled on defense.

## FHS Lacrosse

FHS got their first win of the season, 10-2 over Cape Cod Academy. Jake Dompierre and Billy Pires had multiple goals.

## Prose on Pros

Sox still struggling, but will get better as weather warms up. Only hitter they hav is Gouzo. Pitching should get beter, if not Pedro can always make a comeback??

Sox did a number on my Yankees last weekend.

Celtics vs. Heat. The Heat was too much for aging Celtics. Perkins deal did not help. Need to get Howard from Orlando next year.



Fairhaven High School's Brittany Teixeira awats the pitch in the Apponequet game last week. Coach Kathy Silva is in third base coaching box. Photo by Bob Duarte. Special to the Neighb News.

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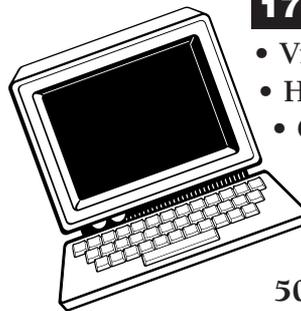
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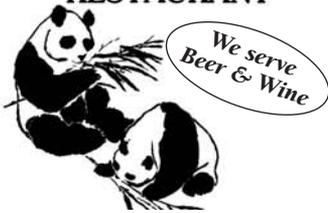
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# BPW awards leave of absence, hires summer help

By Joyce Rowley

## Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Board of Public Works had a full agenda on Monday, May 16, as they took in updates from town staff, selected an engineering firm for Taber and South Street sewer pump stations, and held an executive session on union contracts and the Town's permit for wastewater treatment and discharge (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, or NPDES). They also reviewed and voted on action items from bills to weddings at Fort Phoenix to hiring part-time summer help.

Town Planner William Roth kicked it off with bid results on the Middle Street/Main Street culvert replacement project. Mr. Roth recommended Pavao Construction, the low bidder, be awarded the contract. He also recommended that GCG & Associates stay on for engineering oversight and inspection, as they designed it.

Funding for the project will come from State Chapter 90 funds.

"This is a valuable project that will alleviate a drainage problem around Cushman Park," said Chairperson Geoffrey Haworth. "It's a worthwhile project a long time coming."

The board awarded the \$172,000 contract to Pavao Construction in a unanimous vote. GCG & Associates was awarded the engineering inspection in the amount of \$14,950, also by a unanimous vote.

Pavao Construction was also the prime contractor for Middle Street improvements. The project consisted of a full depth replacement of Middle Street with curb and sidewalk improvements. Mr. Roth said the project would be 90% complete in a couple of weeks. Topcoat would be applied in late September after the base had settled. A payment in the amount of \$22,899 for that project was approved unanimously by BPW.

In an unusual request, Mr. Matthew Paulson, a heavy equipment operator and truck driver in the Highway division asked that he be granted a six-month leave of absence. He had been accepted as a firefighter in New Bedford contingent on completing the Fire Academy. Mr. Paulson asked that he be permitted to return if things did

not work out in New Bedford.

BPW Clerk Kathleen Sturtevant said that Mr. Paulson had an excellent record, and that Mr. Charbonneau had spoken highly of him. BPW Commissioner Daniel Freitas agreed, saying that Mr. Paulson's grandfather would be proud of him.

Commissioner Steven Riley asked about the process of hiring someone for six months. He said it would be difficult on the replacement if Mr. Paulson returned. Vice-chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson shared that concern.

According to Katherine Tripp, Recording Secretary, it would be the same as hiring someone as a temporary truck driver, as the Town had done in the past. It was legal to hire someone for six months, but after that the Town either had to

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make him or permanent or let him go.

Mr. Hobson asked how long Mr. Paulson had been with the Town. Mr. Paulson responded he'd worked for the Town nine years in July. Mr. Hobson said that he would go along with the requested leave.

Mr. Haworth said that Mr. Paulson was a good operator, and in fact, was one of the best in the department. But he also wanted to know what effect it had on Mr. Paulson's civil service. Ms. Tripp said that seniority ended when Mr. Paulson went to New Bedford. If he returned, he would regain his seniority after 12 months.

Given Mr. Paulson's time with the town and service record, Mr. Haworth said that a leave of absence was warranted. However, he did not want to set a precedent or see multiple requests from other BPW staff.

The board voted 4-1 in favor of the leave of absence, with Mr. Riley

opposing.

Water Superintendent Edward Fortin presented an update on the Sciticut Neck water tank inspection. The tank was rehabilitated last year. This year, during the first year warranty inspection, loose paint was found on the interior. The tank was drained and repainted. Rockwood Corporation, the contractor for last year's rehab, will pay for repainting the tank, and extended the warranty an additional year.

Mr. Fortin also informed the BPW that the cleaning and lining of the cement water line along Route 6 from Main Street to Adam Street was put out to bid. Bids will be opened May 26 and the project will start in June.

Ms. Sturtevant asked about the water main break on Thursday, May 12. Mr. Fortin explained that the excavation for reconstruction of the intersection at Bridge Street and Alden Road broke a water main. By 9 p.m. the line was fixed and service returned. The Hampton Inn had been affected by the break.

The engineering design contract for rehabilitation of the Taber Street and South Street pump stations went to Faye, Spofford & Thorndike (FS&T) after the BPW conducted interviews with two of the three consultants who submitted proposals.

Tighe & Bond was also interviewed. Brown and Caldwell submitted a proposal but did not appear for an interview. FS&T's proposal was lowest at \$68,800.

FS&T had performed the original plans for both pump stations, according to Thomas Jenkins, who represented FS&T. He said they had a long relationship with the town going back to 1948, and had done 70 projects with Fairhaven. Ronald Porter, project engineer, presented the project schedule and design tasks.

Linda Schick, Sewer Division superintendent, said she recommended FS&T. As original project engineers for the pump stations, they owned the plans and could be up and running quickly. Also, they were low bidders.

Mr. Freitas said that he had worked with FS&T in the past as a town employee, and they did an excellent

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job. Mr. Riley questioned the need for certain work. Mr. Jenkins said that they were required to look at it as per the request for proposal, but if the work was not needed, it would not be done.

The board interviewed Tighe & Bond, which submitted a \$72,250 bid for the project. Although they came down \$4,000 in price, Ms. Schick said that she still would support FS&T as design engineer.

During their interview, Tighe & Bond representatives were asked to stay to discuss the Town's NPDES permit in executive session following the vote on the sewer pump station contract.

The board voted unanimously to award the contract to FS&T. Then, by roll call vote, went into executive session to discuss the NPDES permit.

While in executive session, they also discussed union contracts, according to Mr. Haworth.

When they returned, the board voted to hire summer help for the department. Both Mr. Hobson and Mr. Haworth gave a preference to Fairhaven residents.

"Their parents are paying taxes in this town," said Mr. Haworth.

The following teens will be hired for the full time, temporary jobs: Joshua Audette, Christopher Morris, Nathan Oliveira, Adam Roderiques, and Matthew Sobral.

In discussions and updates by board members, Mr. Riley noted that the BPW received 13 resumes for the superintendent position and asked for it to be placed on the next agenda. Board members agreed to choose their top five candidates. The board will discuss their picks at the next meeting and choose three-five to interview at a later date.

While Mr. Roth was available, BPW Vice-Chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson asked why there was not better security at the McLean's building on Union Wharf. He said that boats had been broken into and although there was a pole for security cameras, none were attached.

Mr. Roth said that the cameras were for harbor security under the Homeland Security Act. Even when installed, they would not be used for crime prevention.

In other news, the BPW approved Demetrio Costa of JLC Construction as both a drainlayer and driveway contractor.

In a matter, Mr. Hobson quizzed Mr. Fortin about why a drainlayer was needed for a water line break near a private residential house. He said a property owner on Diamond Street was upset because he had to pay \$3,000 for a drainlayer when a plumber could fix it for \$500.

Mr. Fortin said it required a professional drainlayer because the pipe ties into the Town's water supply.

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## Counselor in Training Program

In this new program teens 13-16 learn to become summer counselors. Included in this program is CPR, early education tips and job interview skills and much more. CITs will plan and run a theme day for the summer Kool Kids program, run games, assist senior counselors with projects, etc. Field trips and a pizza lunch every Friday are included. Program runs for two-week sessions. Cost/session \$200. Must be at least 13; no exceptions

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# Oil spill drill helps officials hone skills

By Beth David  
Editor

Fire, police and harbor officials from Fairhaven and New Bedford engaged in an exercise deploying oil containment booms on Wednesday May 11 in New Bedford Harbor.

The Geographic Response Plan Deployment Exercise was originally scheduled for the outer harbor, deploying from Davy's Locker, but due to windy and wet weather, was moved to the inner harbor. Boats left from the Pease Park boat ramp in Fairhaven.

The task was to deploy 600 to 800 feet of cascaded boom to surround a mock oil spill. The New Bedford and Fairhaven Fire Departments, the US Coast Guard, MassDEP, Fairhaven Harbormaster/Shellfish Department, New Bedford Port Security, and New Bedford Harbor Development Commission participated in the drill.

The drill provided first responders



ABOVE: The New Bedford Fire boat lays out and anchors a 400-foot section of containment boom in the NB inner harbor on May 11 during an exercise organized by the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection and Nuka Research & Planning Group. The exercise gave first responders hands-on experience using equipment that would be used to contain an oil spill. BELOW: New Bedford firefighters wash down the boom after the drill. Photos by Heidi Winnett. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

a hands-on opportunity for towing, setting and anchoring booms.

When the drill ended first responders hosed off equipment and were debriefed in a classroom.

Fairhaven and New Bedford both own oil spill prevention and response trailers. Inside each trailer are booms, anchors, lines, and buoys.

The buoys were towed from Pease Park to Pope's Island. The first set of boom was attached on land at Pope's Island, second set was approximately

75 feet in the harbor and the third and largest set of 400 feet of boom was set closest to Crow Island.

Teams rotated, and all hands could get the chance to move and set up sections of boom in the harbor.

Vessels used in the drill were: Fairhaven harbor vessels, 23' Carolina, 25' Boston Whaler; Fairhaven Fire vessels, 25', 16'; New Bedford fire vessel, 29' US Marine; New Bedford Harbormaster vessel; New Bedford Port Security Vessel 27' Whaler. ●●●

## Electrical fire at Our Lady's Haven sets off smoke alarm

At 8:50 am on Sunday, 5/15, fire alarm box 571 at Our Lady's Haven Nursing Home sounded at Fairhaven fire headquarters.

Two Engines and a Ladder Truck responded to the call. On arrival firefighters found a smoke condition in a patient room on the second floor of the Nursing Home.

The fire originated in an electrical light ballast which dropped onto some combustibles. An alert staff member, Elba Olan, saw the fire and attempted to put it out with an extinguisher. The fire was extinguished quickly, smoke was vented, and patients were allowed to occupy the area again according to Firefighter Wayne Oliveira, Public Information Officer for the fire Dept.

No injuries were reported, and firefighters were on scene for approximately 45 minutes. Damage

was confined to the room of origin.

According to patients on the floor, staff and residents alike stayed calm while residents were moved to a central area away from the smoke.

"They handled it beautifully," said Mrs. Fortin, whose room is near the room that had the fire. "Everyone was calm."

"Everyone worked as a team," said LPN Karolyn Dunham, who helped transport residents from the unit. She said the frequent drills the facility holds made it easy for staff to know what to do.

"It worked," said Ms. Dunham.

Administrator Michael Medeiros said the damage was confined to one room and no one was injured. A professional cleaning company was called to clean and remove the smoke odor.



The door to a room that had an electrical fire is cordoned off at Our Lady's Haven in Fairhaven on Sunday, 5/15. No one was injured in the fire, and damage was confined to the one room. Photo by Beth David.

# Car crash demo focuses on drunk driving, seatbelt use

The Fairhaven fire and police departments staged a mock car crash at Fairhaven High School on Thursday, 5/12, to highlight the dangers of drunk driving and not wearing seatbelts.

Doug Braley, Seth Baumgartner, and Amelia Katan used their acting

skills to portray a convincing scene, resulting in a medflight and a fatality. A dummy was used to show how an unbelted passenger can go through the windshield.

Firefighters used the "jaws of life" to extricate a passenger. Mr. Braley, who portrayed the driver, wore "Fatal

Vision" glasses that mimic the sight a drunk person has. He was then given a field sobriety test by police officers.

Below is a first-hand account of the event by Ms. Katan, who portrayed a back seat passenger injured in the accident.

*By Amelia Katan*

## Special to the Neighb News

Well Doug (Braley), Seth (Baumgartner) and I put on our best prom clothes to have corn-syrup-blood dribbled on our faces.

We maneuvered into the banged up car (Seth was freaked out because it was the same type as his own car).

As we were waiting for the students to come out we were joking and laughing, with fake smoke coming out of the hood. But once we settled down it was easy to fall into a more somber mood. With broken glass and beer cans surrounding me I wasn't sure how the other students would react to this, as it's the first time Fairhaven has done anything like this.

I heard the officers setting the scene, and once there was a pause I let out my best Jekyll and Hyde blood curdling scream.

Doug stumbled out of the car "drunk" and Seth was mostly immobile from his "injuries." I surprised even myself when I started crying. I kept the noise up hoping to truly convey the horror of the scene.

The officers and firefighters responded to the scene and used the jaws of life to pry my door open. A neck brace was put on me and as the adults around me took the scenario

seriously I could feel the adrenaline kick in. I realized I was shaking when they pulled me onto the stretcher and kept screaming.

They took my vital signs and even put an oxygen mask on me. I couldn't see anything except the faces over me but I heard the helicopter land.

Seth and I had done rock-paper-scissors-shoe earlier to determine who got to go in the medflight. As the winner, I was super excited.

As they carried me across the football field the sound of the helicopter got louder, and it definitely got windier. When I was under the blades I dropped all pretext of acting and focused on



ABOVE: Fairhaven police officer Daniel Dorgan gives a field sobriety test to Fairhaven High School senior Doug Braley, who portrayed the driver in a car crash demonstration at FHS on May 12, designed to show students the dangers of drunk driving and of riding without wearing a seat belt. BELOW: the body of the dummy that was not wearing a seat belt is taken away by a hearse. Photos by Heidi Winnett. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

taking deep breaths because the experience reached a whole new level of intensity at that point.

They slid me in and the two flight nurses got in behind me. I was wrapped in multiple blankets and strapped really securely. I chit-chatted with the medical attendants until they got the okay to unstrap me and

help me out (still in a prom dress).

I came back to the scene in time to see the hearse drive up to collect the dummy who was our fatality. I was laughing and having a grand time at this point, but then I looked at my friends on the other side of the police barrier. The impact was obvious.

I saw my friends close to tears. You could see in their faces that feeling when your stomach is in knots from the uncomfortableness of watching your friends act grievously injured. It must have been like watching a dramatization of your worst nightmare.

I think this project was extremely successful and positive, and is a very important initiative organized by Principal Kohler and Officer Riggs. The high school, police department, and fire department came together, and the enormity of the work they put in was obvious.

I hope it happens every year! ●●●



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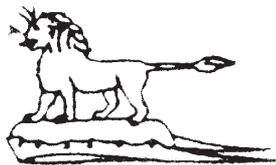
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# Planning Board receives two new lot divisions

By Anne Fenton

## Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Planning Board approved two "Form A" lot divisions at its meeting on May 10.

The board unanimously approved both Form A submissions as "Approval Not Required" (ANR) for division of lots that do not constitute a subdivision within the meaning of the Subdivision Control Law.

Lots must have sufficient frontage along an accepted street and meet the minimum square footage requirement. William Roth, Director of Planning and Economic Development presented both submissions. All members in attendance signed both plans. Members Peter Nopper and Joseph Morra were absent.

The first Form A petition was for Lauren Francis, who plans to divide Lot 1, on Map 29/Smugglers Road on Scoticut Neck Road, into two parcels. Both parcels are in a Rural Residential (RR) zone requiring 140' of frontage and a minimum lot size of

30,000 square feet.

Lot 1 consists of 164.173' frontage and 13.9 acres and Lot 2 has 140.1' of frontage and 30,380 square feet.

There are two easements for access to gas and sewer lines for potential future extension for the subdivision of Lot 1 with a 10' easement for a potential gas line along the north line. A second easement is for drainage.

The second Form A submission for a lot line adjustment for Lots 5 and 6, Map 20, at 146 Sycamore Street. Brian Murphy, from Thompson Farland, represented the land owner Gilbert Carreiro. Lot 6 will be gaining area and the house located at 148 Sycamore Street on Lot 5 for a total of 122.5' frontage on Sycamore Street and 1.2 acres. Lot 5 will retain 10.7 acres and the 133.59' frontage remains the same. The lots are in a Single Residence (RA) zoning requiring a 100' frontage and 15,000 sf.

Mr. Carreiro is currently in a Purchase and Sale agreement with the

Buzzards Bay Coalition (formerly the Coalition for Buzzards Bay) for an open space acquisition of Lot 5.

The proposed River Walk Trail is in the vicinity and Fairhaven owns all the lots along the Acushnet River.

In another matter, Chairperson Wayne Hayward asked the board members to familiarize themselves with Chapters 316, Planning Board Procedures, and 306, Fee Schedules, for discussion at a future meeting.

Mr. Roth said that the fees were reviewed in 2009 and adjusted to be comparable to the fees in other communities. He said he did not feel that surrounding communities would be increasing their fees now due to the state of the economy.

Mr. Hayward asked what the fees were for the evening's two petitions and Mr. Roth informed the board that the total fees were \$240 each. Prior to 2009 the same fees would have been \$25 each, which Mr. Roth said would not cover the printing and mailing costs.

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## School Committee Reviews Public Comment Policy

By Joyce Rowley

## Neighb News Correspondent

At its May 11 meeting the Fairhaven School Committee took up the issue of when and how much public comment it will allow during its business meetings, according to Chairperson Pamea Kuechler. The issue came up repeatedly during the this spring's election.

Ms. Kuechler said that the matter was discussed and voted to the Policy Subcommittee. Committee member Brian Monroe said he would submit policies from other schools in the state for the Policy Subcommittee to review.

"It may be a policy change or it may be simply a procedural change to our agenda," said Ms. Kuechler. "Our current policy allows public comment during a topic at the discretion of the chair."

At least two residents would like to be able to discuss topics that are not on the agenda to begin dialogue or get responses to questions. Diane Hahn and Michelle Furtado offered comment during the normal public comment at the beginning of the meeting.

"No one wants to go to a meeting

unless there's something they feel strongly about," Ms. Furtado said in a phone interview.

She suggested that the School Committee set up a system for taking in requests to speak off-topic at the beginning of the meeting. That way, the Committee could read the

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Our current policy allows public comment during a topic at the discretion of the chair [Chairperson Pamela Kuechler]

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requests and decide if they are appropriate for the meeting that night or whether they should be put on the next agenda.

The Committee could also then direct the resident to make an appointment with the appropriate District staff for a confidential matter.

Ms. Hahn said that it would help if

the agenda items were listed with full descriptions. She said that currently it seems like they are listed in code and it is difficult to determine what will be discussed.

Ms. Furtado said that there had been a change lately that she hadn't seen since she began attending meetings more than a year ago.

"I learned more in the past four meetings about how the system operates than the whole year and a half," she said, adding that people are not clogging the agenda, and that more openness would help demonstrate there is nothing secretive about the Committee.

"It seems like people are more willing to make adjustments or changes," Ms. Furtado said.

Ms. Kuechler, School Committee member David Gonsalves and Superintendent Robert Baldwin comprise the Policy Subcommittee.

Ms. Kuechler said she anticipated the subcommittee would meet before the next regular School Committee meeting and return with a recommendation. When a final decision is made, it will be posted on the website.

# Middle School students strut their stuff

## Press Release

On Friday, April 29th, the “stars” were out in Fairhaven! The Hastings Middle School PTO and Southern Mass Credit Union proudly presented the second annual “HMS’s Got Talent” to an auditorium filled with proud parents, excited friends and a supportive community.

The evening was hosted by the dynamic duo of Doug Braley and Seth Baumgartner who provided a witty banter enjoyed by all. Kelly DiBiasio sand the Star Spangled Banner.

This year’s talent included: Ash-lee McElrath-Dance, Morgan Pederson,

Ballet; Hailey Simon, Piano; Samantha Couto, Signing; Kevin Furtado, Magic; Maria Teixeira, Irish Step Dance; Stephanie Beaudoin and Ms. Pegg, Duet; Frank Consiglio, Gymnastics; Kennedy Ryan and Leah Major, Dance; Madisyn Silvia and Samantha Couto, Duet; Jaime Jackson, Singing; Mackenzie Shurtleff and Amanda Jones, Dance; Brooke Douglass, Singing; Madeline McLaughlin, Violin; Serena Lopes, Singing; Lauren Pederson, Ballet; Marissa Vasques and Emma Cadieux, Duet; Zoe Foster and Destiny Evans, Flag Twirling; Hannah Abrantes, Gymnastics; CJ Howland,

Dance; and “The Gleeks,” Singing.

The panel of judges for the evening were: Fairhaven Fire Chief Tim Francis, SMCU President Dan Waltz, Fun 107 Radio Announcer Scott Reiniche, Fairhaven personality Natalie Hemingway, WBSM Radio Show Host Pete Braley, and Fairhaven police Detective Pamela Bourgault.

After a tallying of points for each contestant the winners of the talent show were: Brooke Douglass, third Place; Hannah Abrantes, second place; and Madeline McLaughlin, first place. Congratulations to all of this year’s contestants and the winners.



ABOVE LEFT, L-R: And the winners are....Brooke Douglas, third place; Hannah Abrantes, second place; Madeline Mc Laughlin, first place. ABOVE RIGHT: Kevin Furtado amazes the crowd with his magic. BELOW LEFT, L-R: The “dynamic duo,” Fairhaven High School students Seth Baumgartner and Doug Braley emceed the event. BELOW RIGHT: Frank Consiglio does a flip during his gymnastics demonstration. *Photos by Heidi Winnett. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)*



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## Small Quake 9 Miles Off West Island a Routine Event

Two small earthquakes were detected in Buzzards Bay Sunday night, 5/15/11, at 8:39 p.m.

The US Geological Survey (USGS) that monitors earthquake activity around the world recorded a minor 2.1 magnitude quake about 2.5 miles below the surface, a few hundred yards off Nashawena Island that's part of the Elizabeth Islands chain. A

second, smaller 1.3 magnitude quake moved the seismograph needle a few minutes later.

Most of these small quakes cannot be felt or heard but register on sensitive tremor instruments.

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### Cultural Council

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Wed., 5/25, FHS Library, 6:30

### Selectboard

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

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	May 2011	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	19	1005	2231	0342*	1523*
Friday	20	1057	2323	0427*	1610
Saturday	21	1150	----	0510	1658
Sunday	22	0015	1243	0553	1749
Monday	23	0107	1335	0638	1848
Tuesday	24	0159	1427	0730	2012
Wednesday	25	0250	1520	0826	2144
Thursday	26	0344	1612	0919	2238
Friday	27	0438	1704	1006	2320
Saturday	28	0529	1752	1049	2400
Sunday	29	0616	1835	1131	----
Monday	30	0659	1914	0041	1213
Tuesday	31	0740	1952	0123	1254

\*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft  
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# NALC Stamp Out Hunger totals 6,880 pounds from Fairhaven

This letter of thanks goes out to all the Fairhaven residents who donated non-perishable food towards the 19th annual "Stamp Out Hunger" National food drive for the needy.

On Saturday May 14th, 2011, Fairhaven letter carriers and volunteer helpers, picked up donated food along their routes which totaled 6,880 pounds. This food was left around mailboxes and on porches to help fill the shelves at the Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet and the Damien Place Pantry in Wareham.

Nationally, all 50 states and U.S. jurisdictions participated in this annual food drive to help the less fortunate, which totaled over 71 million pounds last year.

The Fairhaven residents who participated in this yearly venture showed the community's compassion for the less fortunate.

A very special thank you, once

again, to the dedicated volunteers who helped out on that day as well as The Standard-Times, The Advocate and The Fairhaven Neighborhood News newspapers for the much needed publicity.

Also, I would like to thank all of the donors who gave monetary donations towards the 20 mile "Walk for Hunger" held in Boston on May 1st. The Interact Club from the Fairhaven High



ABOVE: Gerry Payette hefts a box of cans onto the truck donated by Skip's Marine for the annual National Association of Letter Carrier's food drive on 5/14/11, while Jerry's grandson, Jacob Castelo, helps empty a mail truck at the Post Office Annex in Fairhaven. BELOW: Lucille Harris and Del Moreau move boxes out of the way as more are slid down the board on the stairs at the Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet. Fairhaven postal customers donated 6,880 pounds of food to the NALC food drive this year, an increase of 1,100 pounds from 2010. Food donations are accepted year round in the bin in the Millicent Library in Fairhaven, Walnut Street entrance. Tax deductible donations may be sent to Shepherd's Pantry, PO Box 760, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Visit [www.shepherds-pantry.org](http://www.shepherds-pantry.org). Photos by Beth David. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)



School, under the guidance of Lisa Sylvia, walked to help out the less fortunate and amassed a total of \$1,087.00. This money will eventually find its way back to the Sheperd's Pantry as part of a grant to help its many volunteers help

the area's needy.

And finally, the Millicent Library, located in Fairhaven, will continue all year long, to accept non-perishable food donations dropped off in its lobby on the Walnut Street side. These donations, which amount to thousands of pounds in the course of the year, will help fill the shelves of the Shepherd's Pantry, hosted by the Long Plain United Methodist Church at 1215 Main St. Acushnet.

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For more information contact Monika Whalley 508 992 5697 or monikawhalley@hotmail.com

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In Scouts I have learned many things. One thing I have learned is

how to carve with a knife. The way we learned was by carving a bar of soap. We have learned how to fold and properly discard the American flag.

Our leader, Bob Dorgan, has also taught us how to tie all different kinds of knots. I have learned so much already in Scouts, and I can't wait to learn more.

My pack and I have done a lot together. We have been to the Fairhaven Fire station and were able to witness what they do to keep us all

My favorite is camping at Camp Cachelot in Carver, Mass. This year will be my first time going to a week long overnight summer camp. I am so excited to go fishing, swimming, hiking, etc.

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